

For Your Diaries : 2016

11 December, *Inspirare* Christmas Concert

7.30pm Sunday 11 December at St Andrews on the Terrace. Tickets available online through Eventfinder - \$25/\$30. Wellington's newest choral ensemble, will be presenting their second concert, "Tidings of Joy". Our holiday concert will feature Catherine Norton at the piano, 2 trumpets, carol sing-a-longs, and *Allissime*, a girls choir from Marsden Collegiate in Karori. Come and fill your hearts and souls with the magic and traditions of the holiday season as *Inspirare* presents "Tidings of Joy!"

14 December, Carols with the Angels

Our annual Carols with the Angels will be held on Wednesday 14th December, 7.30pm at St John's Presbyterian Church, corner Willis and Dixon St. Come and sing your favourite carols, with our friends the Salvation Army Band, and hear the Choir and Young Angel Voices.

15 December, Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Christmas Celebration

Wellington extends a warm invitation to everyone to join them for Mass and supper on Thursday 15th of December at 7:30pm in Connolly Hall Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind the Sacred Heart Cathedral). Please bring some food to share! Celebrant: Fr Peter Ewart For more info contact John Taylor (04) 389-8915, 021-107-8538, jnjtaylor@paradise.net.nz

16 December, Advent Meditations

A 20-minute following midday Mass in the Parish Hall.

17 December, Palliser Viols concert at Futuna Chapel

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19 December, Pastoral Area Reconciliation Rite II

7pm Sacred Heart Cathedral

23 December, Advent Meditations

A 20-minute following midday Mass in the Parish Hall.

24 December, Christmas Eve

Reconciliation: 10.30am-11am & 4-5pm
In the Presbytery above the Parish Hall

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St Mary of the Angels is a diverse community which seeks to praise and thank God in a place of calm and beauty and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington

MASS TIMES

Sunday

7am St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall
9am Sacred Heart Cathedral
12pm St John's Presbyterian Church
5pm St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria

Monday to Friday

St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall
7:30am, 12:05pm & 5:15pm

Saturday

11am St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall
11am Mass 4th Saturday of each month

ADORATION

St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall

Monday to Friday 6:45am - 7:30am
Friday 11:00am - 12:00pm

RECONCILIATION

St Mary of the Angels Presbytery

Monday to Thursday 11:30am - 12:00pm
12:30pm - 1:00pm
4:30pm - 5:00pm

Friday

11:00am - 12:00pm
12:30pm - 1:00pm
4:30pm - 5:00pm

Saturday

10:30am - 11:00am
4:00pm - 5:00pm

Parish Priest

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Fr Kevin Conroy SM

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11 December 2016, 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A

Act of Consecration of the Archdiocese to Mary

The feast of Mary, the Immaculate Conception, 8 December, is also the day Wellingtonians traditionally pray to Mary to protect them from earthquakes. In 1855, Wellington experienced a severe earthquake at magnitude 8.2 that rocked the south part of the North Island. Bishop Viard decided to consecrate the Archdiocese of Wellington to the patronage of Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception asking for her protection in time of earthquakes. Every year since then, on 8 December, the day of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are invited to pray the 'Act of Consecration', to protect the city from further earthquakes.

Cardinal John has asked that this prayer be prayed in all Parishes this weekend. At this time in our history we are very aware of the need for Mary's protection throughout the Archdiocese. We will pray this prayer at all Masses this weekend.

Wellington City Council Heritage Grant

Many of you would have seen from Friday's Dompost of the grant of \$100,000 by the Wellington City Council to St Mary of the Angels for the re-installment of the Maxwell Fernie Organ and the cork tiles in the Church. This was a very generous grant and we are very grateful to the those City Councillors who supported our application.

There is a considerable amount of effort which goes into preparing these applications and I sincerely thank all those involved in helping secure this important funding grant.

Carols with the Angels

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Father Barry Scannell s.m.
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Is 35:1-6. 10
God himself will come and save us.

Second Reading James 5:7-10
You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

Gospel Reading Matthew 11:2-11
Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Is 7:10-14
Psalm 23
Second Reading Rom 1:1-7
Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-24

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,670



Responsorial Psalm 145

R. Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R**

It is the lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R**



Ecce De-us noster ve-ni- et et salvandos nos.

Behold our God will come and save us.

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal

Envelopes are available at all Masses for Archbishop John's Christmas Appeal. This year's appeal will support the Lay Pastoral Leaders Fund, International Priests serving and training in the Archdiocese and Catholic Social Services. Following the recent earthquakes in the Marlborough/Kaikoura region, as well as severe flooding in parts of the Archdiocese, there are extra demands on the resources of Catholic Social Services. Your generosity will enable them to reach out to those in most need.

Prayer for Seismic Strengthening Work

Gracious God, Creator of the Universe, you made us in your own image and likeness.

You gave us wisdom and understanding, grateful hearts and creative minds.

We pray that our beautiful Church will be strengthened against the peril of earthquake through the generosity of parishioners, the community of Wellington and people throughout New Zealand.

We ask, Lord, that you abundantly bless those who have already donated funds, skill and expertise to this project.

May St Mary of the Angels Church be a symbol of a unified community that will gather to praise and thank you.

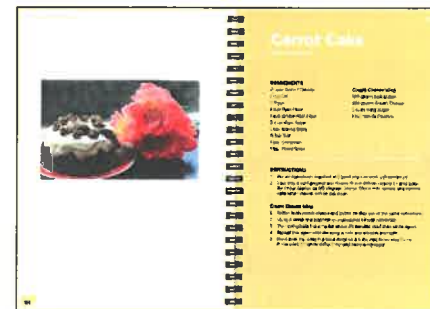
Mary our Mother, pray for us.

Seismic Strengthening Cook Book Fundraiser

Over the past year three of our parishioners have been compiling a cook book of favourite family recipes from within the parish.

Recipes for Restoration is available at all Masses this week. The basic cost of the book is \$30. This price covers the cost of printing and makes a small contribution to the seismic strengthening fund. However, we invite you to pay what you can for the book with the assurance that all funds go toward the seismic strengthening.

This book is a 'must have' for every parishioner's kitchen, and a great gift for others for Christmas.



We need parishioners to help sell these books. Please consider taking some copies and asking your friends to buy them and that way you will be helping with the restoration of the Church.

St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Group (SMAYACs)

The SMAYACs welcome all students and young adults in the Parish to join them in their upcoming events:

Thursday 15th December - Prayer Group: following 5.15pm Mass in SMOA Parish Hall. Afterward we go downtown for something to eat. For more info contact: smayacs@gmail.com or search for St Mary of the Angels Young Adults on Facebook.

30 December - 8 January, Hearts Aflame Summer Camp: A ten day Catholic summer school that is open to young adults aged 18 to 35. It is a place of learning about the Catholic faith, with daily lectures and teaching sessions on official Church teaching and Catholic spirituality. Previous Hearts Aflame summer schools have covered: moral theology, philosophy, apologetics, sexuality, pro-life issues, prayer, Scripture, Church history, marriage, vocations, Theology of the Body, Eucharistic theology, lives of the Saints, Divine Mercy, bio-ethics, true feminism, the role of the laity, covenantal theology, liturgy – Visit heartsaflame.org.nz for more info and to register.

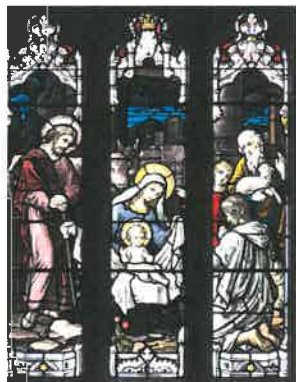
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Palliser Viols is: Lisa Beech, Sophia Acheson, treble viols; Jane Brown, Robert Oliver, tenor viols; Imogen Granwal, bass viol.

The Christmas and Holiday timetable will be available at all Masses today. Please take a copy so that you will know when and where Masses are over the holiday period, or visit our website: www.smoa.org.nz



St Mary of the Angels Christmas Cards

St Mary of the Angels Christmas Cards are now available for purchase either after Mass on Sunday or from the Parish Office.

A6 \$15 for a pack of 12
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Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Fr Paddy Kinsella sm,
Anniversaries: Su-Yen Bok, James Coyle, Daniel McKone, Maurice O'Brien, Janina Knapp, Fr George Duggan sm
Prayers for the Sick: Melda Townsley, Don Hayes, Jenni Rowell, Jeanette Parker, Teresa Jeong, Dr Peter Brooke, Clem Cull, Fr Fred Bliss sm, Maureen Ayling, Richard Wright, Losalia Leo, Maureen McDonald, Patricia Smyth, John Foden, Ron McDonald, Joanna Veltman, Imelda Reeve, Jan Tuinman, Kathleen Phelan, John Mora, Maria Kim, Leo Buchanan, Carol Aldridge
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