

## For Your Diaries : 2017

### March, "Silence" movie in cinemas now (R16)

This film tells the story of two Christian missionaries who face the ultimate test of faith when they travel to Japan in search of their missing mentor at a time when Christianity was outlawed and their presence forbidden. The celebrated director, Martin Scorsese's 28-year journey to bring Shusaku Endo's 1966 acclaimed novel to life will be in theatres this Lenten season.

### 7, 14 & 21 March, Spirituality Seminar with Fr Eddie Condra

7.30—9pm on March 7, 14 and 21. Held at SS Peter and Paul Church hall, Knights Rd, Lower Hutt. To register email [tepunatapu@gmail.com](mailto:tepunatapu@gmail.com) or call Megan 04 477 6827

### 16 March, Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington

Come along and join us on Thursday 16th of March 2017 at 7:30pm for fellowship and prayer in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral). Speaker: Michael Powell on DVD about "Following Jesus". Want to know more? Ring John Taylor (04) 389-8915 or 021-107-8538 or email: [ijnjtaylor@paradise.net.nz](mailto:ijnjtaylor@paradise.net.nz)

### 18 March, Dove Wellington

Inviting all women to our meeting from 1.15pm to 3pm on Saturday 18 March at Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Wellington. Our guest speaker this month is Father John Rea; who will be speaking into our scripture for the year: Genesis 3:8-9. We look forward to seeing you there. Please contact Shura Price for any queries on (04) 389 9938.

### 18 & 19 or 22 & 23 March, Engaged Encounter Weekend

Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. Weekends in March are 18-19 March, 22-23.

### 21 March, Public Lecture: Sr Gail Worcelo 'In the Spirit of Laudato Si'

Come and hear Sister Gail Worcelo speak - 'In the Spirit of Laudato Si', the latest encyclical of Pope Francis ushering in a new 'moment of grace' for our world today. 4.30 - 7.30pm Te Wahanga Atawhai Mercy Centre, 15 Guildford Tce, Thorndon. RSVP Vaughan Smith, Sisters of Mercy, Thorndon 04 831 0300 or [office@mercy.org.nz](mailto:office@mercy.org.nz). Light refreshments available. Contributions as koha on entry gratefully received.

### 9 April, Explore Mercy Day

A time to explore a possible calling from God to become a Sister of Mercy. Single women are invited to attend an event at Mercy Centre, Thorndon, lunch included. Bookings are necessary. Please contact Sister Stephanie on 819 8312 or [skit2@xtra.co.nz](mailto:skit2@xtra.co.nz). Come along and bring a friend.

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# The Angelus

## St Mary of the Angels Parish

Church and Presbytery  
17 Boulcott Street  
Wellington Central  
Telephone: 04 473 8074  
Parish website: [www.smoa.org.nz](http://www.smoa.org.nz)

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

Fr Barry Scannell SM  
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#### Assistant Priest

Fr Joe Savesi SM

#### Adult Education

Fr Kevin Conroy SM

#### Pastoral Worker

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## 12 March 2017, 2nd Sunday of Lent - Year A

### Planned Giving & Donations

Planned Giving envelopes for the next financial year are available at all Masses today. The envelopes are labelled alphabetically by surname and can be found in the entrance foyer of each Church after Mass today, and from the Parish Office during the week. Please collect your envelopes as it will save us the cost of postage.

As we come to the end of the tax year (31 March) it is a good time to review your financial commitment to the Parish. Any lump sum given before 31 March can be claimed in the current tax year. A tax rebate of 33.3% may be claimed on all your contributions. Tax receipts will be issued in April for the 2016/2017 financial year.

If you are not part of the Planned Giving programme you are very welcome to contribute to the Parish in this way. There are two ways to contribute to the Parish through the Planned Giving Programme;

- Direct Credit
- Planned Giving Envelopes

We really need the generosity and support of all parishioners at this time. For more information or to become a Planned Giver, please contact the Parish Office or see a member of the Pastoral Team after Mass.

### Fundraising Gala Dinner

The fundraising Gala dinner in the Church on Friday 3 March was very successful. Those who attended enjoyed a superb banquet supplied by Simply Food. The ticket price and proceeds from the auction certainly helped our fundraising efforts. While the final figure is not yet available it is almost certain that we raised approximately \$100,000 for the seismic strengthening fund. We need to continue our fundraising efforts to raise the \$800,000 needed to complete the project. There are many things not associated with the seismic strengthening that we need to find money for: things such as:

- re-instatement of the Maxwell Fernie Organ;
- re-instatement of the grounds including planting and irrigation;
- new carpet for the sanctuary, sacristy and confessionals;
- reinstatement of the Crypt and Choir room

Father Barry Scannell s.m.  
Parish Priest



### This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Gen 12:1-4  
*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

**Second Reading** 2 Tim 1:8-10  
*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 17:1-9  
*His face shone like the sun.*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Exodus 17:3-7  
**Psalm** 94  
**Second Reading** Rom 5:1-2, 5-8  
**Gospel Reading** John 4:5-42

### Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,536



### Pastoral Area 2017 First Sacraments Programme

Registrations are now being taken for the children's first sacramental programme (Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion) for our Pastoral Area. Registration forms are available at the Catholic primary schools within the Wellington Central Parish area as well as the Sacred Heart Cathedral foyer and St Mary of the Angels Parish Office or at Mass.

To be eligible your child should be 8+ years of age before 1 November 2017 and already be baptized. Enrolments close on Friday 3 March 2017.



### Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Brother Ed Jones sm, Joy Murphy, Joanna Veltman, Teeny Van Geyn

**Anniversaries:** Fr Chris Penders AA, Phil Busby, Trevor Randall, Frederick Brennan, Donald Duerr, Coralie Leyland, Rita Kirwan, Baldo Sutich, Margaret McNeill, Denis Boyd, Deidre Sweeney

**Prayers for the Sick:** Veronica Heather, Mary Crompton, Jenni Rowell, Jeanette Parker, Teresa Jeong, Dr Peter Brooke, Clem Cull, Fr Kevin O'Donoghue sm, Maureen Ayling, Richard Wright, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, John Foden, Imelda Reeve, Jan Tuinman, Kathleen Phelan, John Mora, Maria Kim, Leo Buchanan, Carol Aldridge



Please remember these and any others in the Parish who are ill. If you know of anyone confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact Sister Frances at the Parish Office.

### Responsorial Psalm 32

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

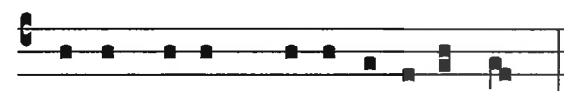
The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R**



Fi- at mi-se-ri-cordi- a tu- a super nos:



quemadmodum spe-ra-vimus in te.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in thee.

### Young Angel Voices

The Young Angel Voices singing group meets each Thursday at 4.30pm in the Community room at St Mary of the Angels Presbytery. Information is available in the foyer of the Parish Hall. Children learn lots of fun songs, to read music and to produce their voices. All are welcome and there is no audition.

### 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.

### Pope Francis' 2017 Lenten Message - Part 2: Sin Blinds Us

The parable is unsparing in its description of the contradictions associated with the rich man (cf. v. 19). Unlike poor Lazarus, he does not have a name; he is simply called "a rich man". His opulence was seen in his extravagant and expensive robes. Purple cloth was even more precious than silver and gold, and was thus reserved to divinities (cf. Jer 10:9) and kings (cf. Jg 8:26), while fine linen gave one an almost sacred character. The man was clearly ostentatious about his wealth, and in the habit of displaying it daily: "He feasted sumptuously every day" (v. 19). In him we can catch a dramatic glimpse of the corruption of sin, which progresses in three successive stages: love of money, vanity and pride (cf. Homily, 20 September 2013).

The Apostle Paul tells us that "the love of money is the root of all evils" (1 Tim 6:10). It is the main cause of corruption and a source of envy, strife and suspicion. Money can come to dominate us, even to the point of becoming a tyrannical idol (cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 55). Instead of being an instrument at our service for doing good and showing solidarity towards others, money can chain us and the entire world to a selfish logic that leaves no room for love and hinders peace.

The parable then shows that the rich man's greed makes him vain. His personality finds expression in appearances, in showing others what he can do. But his appearance masks an interior emptiness. His life is a prisoner to outward appearances, to the most superficial and fleeting aspects of existence (cf. *ibid.*, 62).

The lowest rung of this moral degradation is pride. The rich man dresses like a king and acts like a god, forgetting that he is merely mortal. For those corrupted by love of riches, nothing exists beyond their own ego. Those around them do not come into their line of sight. The result of attachment to money is a sort of blindness. The rich man does not see the poor man who is starving, hurting, lying at his door.

Looking at this character, we can understand why the Gospel so bluntly condemns the love of money: "No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or be attached to the first and despise the second. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money" (Mt 6:24).

(continued next week)



### Lenten Appeal

Giving Packs for the Caritas Lenten Appeal are available today. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a Single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the Parish Offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly. A Freepost envelope is available for this option. Cash must not be sent through the post. Thank you for your generosity.

### St Pats College Old Boys Association AGM (Town & Stream Old Boys)

Would like to invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting which will be held in the staff room of St Patrick's College Wellington, Evans Bay Parade, Wellington on Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 6pm. Mass in the Chapel will commence at 5.30pm. The AGM will be followed by refreshments and a chance for attendees to catch up with other Old Boys.

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