

## For Your Diaries : 2016

### 18 December, Big Carol Sing

6pm-7.30pm The Big Carol Sing is a community event for the entire family. Accompanied by the Salvation Army's Wellington Citadel Band, the audience will get to sing many of the world's best known and loved carols. There will also be Christmas music to entertain from the band, soprano vocalist Olivia Sheat and Anon Vocal Ensemble. Mixed in with the traditional carols will be Christmas readings and a Christmas message to remind everyone of the true meaning of Christmas. This is a must-do event on Wellington's Christmas calendar... and it's free! A collection will be taken on the night to support The Salvation Army's work with Wellington families in need this Christmas. Free entry at the St James Theatre, 77-87 Courtenay Place, Wellington

### 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.

### Holy Trinity Parish (Miramar, Kilbirnie and Seatoun) Pastoral Youth Worker

We are looking for a dynamic, vibrant and energetic individual to work with our youth on their journey of faith and be part of the new Parish Vision. Reporting to the Parish Priest and working alongside the Parish Council, this is a part time position (20 hours per week) but the possibility exists for the hours to be extended in the future.

Holy Trinity Parish supports the living wage and will provide remuneration for this position in line with this principle. A copy of the job description can be downloaded from our website [www.holytrinity.parish.nz](http://www.holytrinity.parish.nz) and candidates will be provided a current organisational chart when interviewed. Send through your CV with a covering letter to [holytrinity.wgtn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:holytrinity.wgtn@xtra.co.nz) or PO Box 15-256 Wellington 6243 Attn: Fr Ephrem Tigga

Applications close 10th February 2017

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# The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish

Church and Presbytery  
17 Boulcott Street  
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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  
[smoapp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoapp@xtra.co.nz)

### Assistant Priest

Fr Joe Savesi SM

### Adult Education

Fr Kevin Conroy SM

Pastoral Worker  
Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

### Director of Music

Robert Oliver  
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### Parish Accountant

Jeanette Temelo  
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### Parish Office

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## 18 December 2016, 4th Sunday of Advent

### Parish Ministry Team for 2017

The Society of Mary has announced the Marist shifts for 2017. There are some changes at St Mary of the Angels and the Parish Team for next year is:

Parish Priest: **Father Barry Scannell sm**  
Assistant Priests: **Father Joe Savesi sm**  
**Father Kevin Conroy sm**  
**Father John Allardyce sm**

Father Michael Young sm who has been on sabbatical leave in recent months is shifting from St Mary of the Angels to the Marist Community in Thorndon. He will be working in the spirituality ministry. However, the community residence is being renovated and while that happens during the first half of next year Father Michael will go to St Patrick's in Sydney to help in the Parish. We will have a farewell for him before he leaves in mid-January.

Father Kevin Conroy is originally from Wellington and since his ordination in 1987 his appointments as a Marist have taken him near and far. After teaching at St Bede's College he served three years in the Cook Islands before being appointed Rector of the Marist Seminary in Auckland in 2005. In 2012 he was sent to be novice master at the Marist International English speaking novitiate in the Philippines to form Marist candidates from all corners of the globe. This year he has been on sabbatical leave to assist with his transition to parish ministry.

Father John Allardyce will join the community at the end of January. Father John has been part of the spirituality ministry based in Thorndon. He has been helping here with Masses at St Mary of the Angels over the past few months so many of you will already know him.

We welcome Father Kevin and Father John to the Parish Ministry Team at St Mary of the Angels.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.  
Parish Priest

**This Week's Readings**

**First Reading** Is 7:10-14  
*The virgin will conceive.*

**Second Reading** Rom 1:1-7  
*Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.*

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 1:18-24  
*Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.*

**Next Week's Readings**

**First Reading** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
**Psalm** 127  
**Second Reading** Col 3:12-21  
**Gospel Reading** Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

**Responsorial Psalm 23**

**R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. **R**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. **R**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and a reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R**



Intro- i-bit Rex gloriae! ipse est Rex glo-ri- ae.

*Let the Lord enter! He is the King of Glory.*

**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.

**Last Sunday's Collection**

Total: \$5,150



**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  
DLE \$15 for a pack of 12

**Mass has been offered for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Paddy Kinsella sm, Clarinda Tavares

**Anniversaries:** Su-Yen Bok, Phyllis Clifford, Kura Turner, Fr George Duggan sm, Janina Knapp, Maurice O'Brien, Daniel McKone

**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

*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.*



**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.

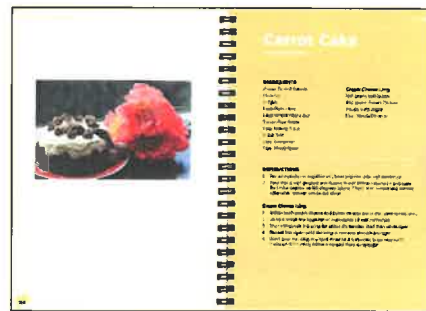
Mary our Mother, pray for us.

**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.



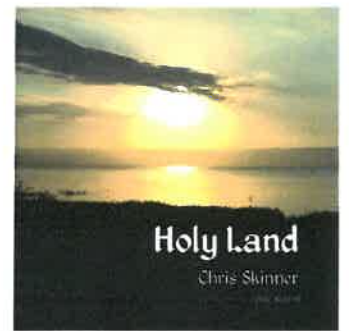
We need parishioners to help sell these books. Please consider taking some copies and asking your friends to buy them and that way you will be helping with the restoration of the Church.

**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](http://heartsaflame.org.nz) for more info and to register.

**Holy Land Album by Father Chris Skinner**

Chris is a Marist Priest from New Zealand living in Auckland. He is presently involved in the formation of Marist priests/brothers at the Marist Seminary. Previously his work included teaching, work with youth at risk, school chaplaincy and pastoral work at an inner city parish. He has recorded 'Amazing Grace' for the first time to honour his late Mothers memory. The album comprises 2 Discs. The 10 new songs on Disc 1 connect with the pilgrimage tour he led to Jordan and Israel in June 2016 and the 30 day retreat he began at St Beunos in Wales. For more information including song titles please visit his website [www.chrisskinner.org.nz](http://www.chrisskinner.org.nz)



The album is available for purchase through the Parish office for \$30.

*The Christmas and Holiday timetable is 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](http://www.smoa.org.nz)*

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