

For Your Diaries : 2016

20 March Futuna Chapel Open Day

Fortuna Chapel is holding an open day on Sunday 20th March. The programme runs from 11am-4.30pm.

22 March, Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be held at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Tuesday 22 March at 7.30pm. At this Mass the sacred oils will be blessed for the coming year. All welcome.

23 March, Helen's Story

7.30pm Lighthouse Theatre, 52 Beach St Petone. Fundraiser for the Te Omanga Hospice. See poster in foyer. For tickets phone 569 0689 or email events@teomanga.org.nz or. (\$25)

3 April, Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations - St Teresa's

Devotion, including Exposition and Benediction, to be held in St Teresa's chapel at 2.30pm to 3.30pm followed by refreshments in church foyer. In preparation of the celebration of this Feast day we will commence the Novena after the 3pm service on Good Friday. All welcome to join us.

3 April, Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations - St Francis de Sales

2pm- 5pm. St Francis de Sales, Island Bay, Wellington. Led by Fr David Dowling and Fr Francis D'Souza. Profound teachings, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration, Prayer, Reflection, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Holy Mass followed by light refreshments and Fellowship. All are welcome. For program details, visit: www.CentreForDivineMercy.org or call: Therese 0226 452 862

6 April, Sacramental Programme - 1st Parents Session

The first parents session for the 2016 Sacraments Programme will take place at 7.30pm at St Thomas More Parish, 36 Worcester St.

16 April, Copyright Workshop for Liturgical Ministry and Finance

10am-11.30am Saturday 16 April at Plimmerton Parish Hall. A workshop for musicians, liturgy teams, PowerPoint editors and those administering payment for copyright licensing. The presentation will present an initiative that may offer all a way to solve the copyright nightmare and provide access to a range of resources for musicians.

21 & 28 April, 5 & 12 May, Praying with Icons Talk Series

Praying with Icons is a series of four talks throughout April (21 & 28) and May (5 & 12) given by Fr John Allardyce, SM. 7.30pm - 9pm at Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon. For further information and/or to register please contact Fr Brian Cummings sm at bgcummings@xtra.co.nz or phone 04 212 4691.

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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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20 March 2016, Palm Sunday, Year C

Fundraising for Seismic Strengthening of Church

A sincere thank you to those who have generously responded in the past week to the fundraising effort for the Church. As outlined in my presentation last Sunday, we still need \$2.5 million to ensure that work can continue and be completed so that we can be back in the Church by Easter 2017.

This requires an extraordinary level of response from all of us. It is no use thinking that we can leave it to others. As individuals and families we need to respond in whatever way we can to this challenging fundraising effort. As one visitor from Christchurch said during the Mass at St John's last week:

"I encourage all of you here to ensure that what has happened to us in Christchurch doesn't happen to St Mary of the Angels. You have a chance which we never had to save our beautiful Catholic Cathedral. It was proven in Christchurch that buildings that had been earthquake strengthened remained intact. Make sure what happened to us doesn't happen to your beautiful Church."

If you donate before 31 March you will be able to claim on your 2015/2016 tax return.

Please prayerfully reflect on what each of us can do to ensure that the seismic strengthening work continues and that we can return to our Church as soon as possible.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned Giving envelopes for the next financial year are now available. The envelopes are labelled alphabetically by surname and can be found in the entrance foyer of each Church after Mass on Sundays, and in the entrance to the St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall during the week. Please collect your envelopes as it will save us the cost of postage.

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 of all parishioners at this time of real financial challenge. For more information or to become a Planned Giver, please contact the Parish Office.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7
I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11
He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel Reading Luke 22:14 - 23:56

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm 117

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Reading John 20:1-9

Last Sunday's Collection

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|-------------------------|----------------|
| Total | \$4,988 |
| Parish Expenses | \$1,596 |
| Support of House | \$3,392 |



First Sacraments Programme

The First Sacraments programme for Parishes of the Central Pastoral Area (Cathedral, Otari and St Mary of the Angels) will begin shortly. Throughout the course of this year the children will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Communion.

The first parents meeting will be held at St Thomas More Parish (36 Worcester St), 7.30pm on Wednesday 6 April.

The programme for Confirmation will begin on Sunday 01 May at 10.45am at St Teresa's Parish, Karori.

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office. To be eligible, children must be 8 years of age or older before 1st November 2016, and have already been baptised.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Anastasia Di Leva

Anniversaries: Doris Decruz, Aileen Gallagher, Fr Chris Penders AA, Phil Busby, Trevor Randall, Frederick Brennan, Donald Duerr, Coralie Leyland, Rita Kirwan, Baldo Sutich

Prayers for the Sick: Maureen Ayling, Denis O'Neill, Im Seon Ao, Paul Barber, Bill Prior, Richard Wright, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, Maureen McDonald, John Foden, Joanna Veltman, Imelda Reeve, Jan Tuinman, Kathleen Phelan, Jeanette Parker



Please remember in your prayers, these and the other sick of the Parish. If you know of anyone who is confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact Sister Frances at the Parish Office.

Responsorial Psalm 21

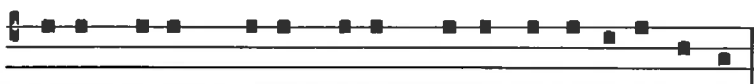
R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: let him release him if this is his friend'. **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet,
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**



De-us me-us, De-us me-us, qua-re me de-re-liqui-sti?

O my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Confirmation Programme for Adults

In April we will be holding a Confirmation Program for those 18 years of age and over, who have not been Confirmed. This will comprise of 4 one hour sessions on Tuesday evenings, commencing on Tuesday 12th April at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Registration forms are available on the tables at all Masses. Please complete the form and return to the Parish Office. For further enquiries please contact Fr Joe Savesi or one of the Pastoral Team.

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.

Caritas Challenge 2016

One day of Difference for a life time of change

Challenge 2000 in partnership with CARITAS is holding a 24 hour non-stop youth fundraising formation event to build solidarity with those living in poverty or injustices. The focus this year is on improving the lives and livelihoods of the poor and marginalised people in Cambodia.

The event offers hands on experience that is fun, informative and interactive. We stay overnight in homemade shelters, have group activities and workshops, listen to guest speakers about their experiences in Cambodia and have plenty of time to meet different people from throughout the Wellington Region.

When: Friday 1 April - Saturday 2 April. **Where:** Back yard at Challenge 2000, 27 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville. **Who:** For all young people, year 7 to year 13. University students, young workers and Challenge staff provide supervision and support. Registrations close on Tuesday 29th March 2016.

For more information or to register contact Courtney on (04)477 0045 or Nicole or 021655697. This is an important event that makes a difference - make Lent meaningful. Please donate to CARITAS by sponsoring our young people.

St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Group (SMAYACs)

If you are a new or returning student or young adult to Wellington, you are very welcome to join the St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Group.

Upcoming Events:

TONIGHT, Sunday 20 March - Theology on Tap
With guest speaker: Cardinal John Dew. This week St Mary of the Angels Young Adults group is hosting John Dew who will speak on his experience of one year as a Cardinal. Cardinal John will speak briefly and there will be plenty of time for Q&A. All ages are very welcome to attend. 6.30-7.30pm, Hotel Bristol (upstairs function room) 131 Cuba Street.

We also meet regularly on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month following the 5.15pm Mass in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for a time of prayer or Adoration. And, if you would like to join our 5pm Music group you are also very welcome!

Caritas Lenten Appeal

Cyclone Winston has had a devastating effect on Fiji. Caritas' strong relationship with the Archdiocese of Suva and the Marist Rural Training Centre in Tavenui will enable them to meet the needs of some of the affected communities. Please support the Caritas Lent Appeal (envelopes available at all Masses) or go online at www.caritas.org.nz to donate to the Fiji fund or phone Caritas on 0800 221 022.

The Rising Tide: The Ripple Effect

The Archdiocesan Young Church Ministries team invites all young adults to The Rising Tide: The Ripple Effect at St Joseph's, Mount Victoria, Monday 21 March. Doors open at 6.30pm and event starts a 7pm. Discussion will be based on how we actively participate in God's mercy. For more information contact Emily Bruce 496 1701 e.bruce@wn.catholic.org.nz

Easter Timetables

Easter timetables are available at all Masses today and on our website. Please take a copy of the timetable home with you so you know when and where services will be held over Holy Week.

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