

This Week's Readings

First Reading 2 Sam 5:1-3
They anointed David king of Israel.

Second Reading Col 1:12-20
He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Gospel Reading Luke 23:35-43
Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Is 2:1-5

Psalm 121

Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

Gospel Reading Matthew 24:37-44

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,748



Planned Giving

If you would like to join the St Mary of the Angels Planned Giving Scheme please contact the Parish Office. A tax rebate of 33.3% may be claimed on all your contributions.

Columban Calendars

2017 Columban Calendars are available for purchase from the Parish Office for \$12 each. All proceeds go toward supporting St Columban's Mission Society.



Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Jozef Glowacz

Anniversaries: Leslie Thomas Jones, Romola Sullivan, Peter O'Meeghan, Denise Sutich, Joan Welch, Shona Rippon, Catherine O'Regan, Brendan Kirwan, James O'Neill, Joan O'Shea, Grace Smith, Nora Johnson, Melva Gould, Michael McMullen, Fr Peter Kiley sm, Veronica Rigby

Prayers for the Sick: Melda Townsley, Don Hayes, Jenni Rowell, Jeanette Parker, Teresa Jeong, Dr Peter Brooke, Patricia McGreevy, 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.



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.

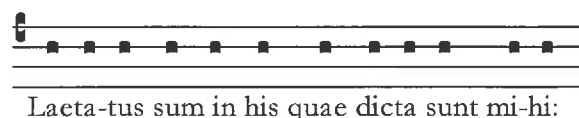
Responsorial Psalm 121

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

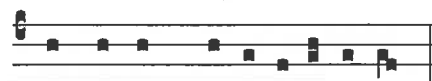
I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within you gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **R**

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **R**



Laeta-tus sum in his quae dicta sunt mi-hi:



in domum Domi-ni i-bimus.

*I rejoiced at the things that were said to me:
we shall go into the house of the Lord.*

Engaged Encounter

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Registrations close 11th November Venue: Presbytery, 301
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or contact Kate & Simon Olsen 801 6192,
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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.



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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The Archdiocesan Young Church Ministries team

invites all young adults to **The Rising Tide: Waiting on the Lord** God promises us freedom, but then why do we struggle so much? Why is God silent?

And what is God asking us to do anyway? Join us for an evening of discussion where we will explore the space of waiting and how do we stay attentive to God, when doubts set in. Monday 21st November, doors open at 6.30 pm and event starts at 7.00pm. Held at the Catholic Centre, 22-30 Hill street, Thorndon. For more information contact Emily Bruce 496 1701 e.bruce@wn.catholic.org.nz

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 17th November - 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.

Sunday, 27 November - Theology on Tap: 6.30pm at the Arborist, 166 Willis St. This month, our speaker is Jack Leason. Jack is the Chief Organiser of the new young-adult Catholic Worker House based at Victoria University. Jack will talk about his plan for the house, and how he hopes to reach out to university students in Wellington. We will also discuss how we, as an inner city parish can be involved. This is our last Theology on Tap for 2016, so it will be great if we have a large turnout. Everyone is welcome, and bar snacks will be provided.

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.

November - Remembrance Book

During the month of November there will be a Remembrance Book in the Parish Hall for Holy Souls. You are invited to write the names of any Holy Souls in the book, and they will be prayed for at every Mass celebrated in our Chapel. The book is on a small table at the entrance to the Chapel.

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22 November, Holy Hour at the Cathedral

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 22 November beginning at 7.30pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, times of silence and concluding with Benediction followed by supper. All are welcome.

23 November, Healing Service with Fr John Rea

Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service at St Bernadette's Church, 194 Naenae Rd, Naenae on Wednesday 23 November beginning at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. Please bring all those who need Jesus' healing.

24 November, Remembrance Mass for Deceased Parishioners

The Annual Remembrance Mass will be celebrated in the St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall on Thursday 24th November, at 5.15pm. You are all very welcome to attend and pray for your deceased loved ones. Mass will be followed by a cup of tea

25 November, Prayer Vigil for the Unborn

Prayer Vigil for the Unborn Friday 25th November 6pm to 8pm at St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett St., Newtown. Starts with Mass followed by Exposition & Rosary Procession to Wellington Hospital. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available immediately after Mass. Ends with supper.

27 November, Sisters of Mercy open 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, Wellington on Sunday 27 November from 11.45am – 5pm, lunch included. Bookings are necessary. Please contact Sister Stephanie on 04-8198312 or skit2@xtra.co.nz. Come along and bring a friend!

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10 December, Book Launch

All are invited to join Cardinal John Dew for a unique book launch at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Wellington on Saturday 10 December at 7pm. The book, "There is a time for..." edited by Fr James Lyons, has over 40 contributors, encouraging prayer around everyday happenings, annoyances, successes, disappointments, losses, celebrations...

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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*

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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

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20 November 2016, Feast of Christ the King

The Visitation

Following the Seddon earthquakes in July 2013 and the closure of our Church I read a book called *The Visitation*. It is not about Mary's journey to visit her cousin Elizabeth but a book about the history of seismic activity in New Zealand and includes the Wellington earthquakes of 1842 and 1848 (which basically destroyed most of the brick buildings in the settlement) and the major Wairarapa quake of 1855 which severely impacted Wellington.

The Visitation happened again in the early hours of last Monday morning. All of us knew that this quake was not one of the smaller jolts that we experience from time to time but an event which continued for much longer and with great ferocity. It has had enormous implications with workplaces closed, people forced from their apartment buildings and much damage inside people's homes.

There is also the fear of further seismic activity and the prediction by the experts of aftershocks which may be as strong as the magnitude 7.8 we experienced last Sunday evening.

It is a timely reminder for us to remember our early settlers also went through a time of seismic activity. After the 1855 earthquake Bishop Viard placed Wellington under the protection of Mary. Each year we pray this prayer asking for the protection of Mary over our city. We will pray this prayer again at all Masses today.

Thank you to so many who have contacted us to ask about how the Church fared in the earthquake. I am pleased to report that there is absolutely no damage. The structural work is almost completed except for the towers and there is no doubt that the work carried out by our building contractors, LT McGuinness Ltd., over the past two years has ensured that our Church stood up well. We thank God for their tremendous efforts and skill in strengthening our Church.

November - Masses for Holy Souls

If you would like a special Mass said for those who have died, please write the name of the person(s) on the Mass intention envelope provided on the table at the entrance to the Hall/Chapel, place a Mass Stipend inside and give it to one of the priests, Sister Frances or hand it into the Parish Office.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.
Parish Priest