

For Your Diaries : 2016

25 October, Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 25 October beginning at 7.30 pm 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.

29 October, Cathedral Parish Pilgrimage to Mount St Cemetery

Meet at the Catholic Cathedral at 3pm. We expect we will be back to the Cathedral by approximately 4.30-4.45pm. Afternoon tea will be provided at the Cathedral and some may wish to stay on for the 5.30pm Mass. RSVP to: cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz

30 October, The Friends of St Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust AGM

The 2016 Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 30th October at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

28 - 30 October, The Lazarus Experience Retreat

A weekend retreat based on Catholic teaching and designed to heal those suffering from a marriage break up. For further information or to register visit: www.wn.catholic.org.nz/lazarus

1 November, Vespers for All Saints

All are invited to celebrate Vespers for All Saints at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria on Tuesday 1st November at 7.30pm.

6 November, Carmelites Open Afternoon

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites extends a warm invitation to anyone interested in their spirituality and way of life to join them for an open afternoon at the Marist Centre, 88 Hobson St, on Sunday 6 November at 2pm. We will be celebrating the recent canonisation of St Elizabeth of the Trinity a young Carmelite nun of the 20th century. Contact Mary Heffernan 577-2835 or heffam@actrix.gen.nz for more info.

7 November, Public Lecture: Activism Despair, and the Practice of Hope

All are invited to join Rev. Dr Rebeca Dudley for a free public lecture on Monday 7th November at 7pm at St John's in the City (corner Willis and Dixon Sts). See poster in the Parish Hall for more information.

24 November, Remembrance Mass

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.

26-27 November - Engaged Encounter

Registrations close 11th November. Held at Presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington.

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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

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23 October 2016, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Face of Mercy

I share a story which encompasses what Pope Francis was asking of us when he called the 'Year of Mercy'. Recently I celebrated a Requiem Mass for a 93 year old man whom I met just a couple of weeks before he died.

The gentleman came from Ireland to New Zealand in 1957. He landed in Auckland but eventually came down to Wellington which was where he called home. He worked in the city for some years before being offered a job with the Ministry of Works on the power schemes around Lake Taupo. He lived in the workers huts, never married and eventually returned to Wellington some 25 years ago in retirement.

It was about this time that a couple picked Michael up from the street where he had fallen and injured himself. Since then Chris and Lorna have cared for Michael and ensured that he was looked after and loved until the day he died. Chris visited Michael twice each day helping him with his lunch and dinner.

Chris and Lorna arranged the funeral and although they are not Catholic, they knew the importance of Michael's faith and called me in his last days so that he could receive the sacraments of the Church. Michael also received Holy Communion each week from a Special Minister during last two years in hospital care.

Chris and Lorna also kept contact with his two elderly sisters in Ireland, keeping them updated on Michael's condition and passing on letters they wrote to him. They had not seen their brother since he left home in 1957 and were too frail to travel for the funeral. However, Chris and Lorna will send them photographs of the Requiem Mass and Michael's grave at Makara.

I feel very humble when I reflect on what Chris and Lorna did over the past 25 years for Michael. Their love and care of him encompasses fully what Pope Francis was asking of us during this Year of Mercy. Some months ago we read of the very public story of Jim Grant who died alone in his flat and was not discovered for some weeks. I wonder if Michael's situation could have been like that if it had not been for the generosity and love of Chris and Lorna. They certainly fulfilled that command of Christ to:

"love one another as I have loved you"

Father Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19
The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

Second Reading 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18
All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

Gospel Reading Luke 18:9-14
The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Wis 11:22 - 12:2
Psalm 144
Second Reading 2 Thess 1:11 - 2:2
Gospel Reading Luke 19:1-10

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,761



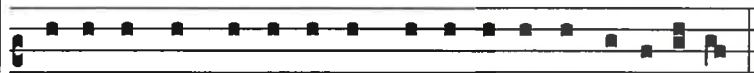
Responsorial Psalm 32

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **R**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the should of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R**



Iste pauper clama-vit, et Domi-nus ex-audi-vit e-um.

This poor man called, and the Lord heard him.

Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday! Pope Francis, in his World Mission Sunday Message for 2016, invites us all "not to close your hearts within your own particular concerns, but to open them to all humanity".

On this 90th World Mission Sunday we marvel at what happens beyond our homes, our neighbourhood, our region and realise that God's Mission includes the undying efforts and dedication that is alive in territories of the earth where millions of the "least of my brothers and sisters" live. The Mission of Jesus is alive! Give generously to the missionary work in the young churches in developing countries. Your gifts bring life.

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 Young Adults Group (SMAYACs)

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

Sunday 30th October - Theology on Tap: 6.30pm at the Arborist, 166 Willis St. This month our speaker is Mgr Gerard Burns, Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Wellington. Mgr Gerard will speak on his role as Vicar-General and also his pastoral care for Maori including being Parish Priest of Te Ngākau Tapu in Porirua. This promises to be an interesting talk given Mgr Gerard's diverse background including spending time in parish ministry in South America. Everyone is welcome and free bar snacks are provided!

Thursday 3rd November - Adoration: 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.

The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

The five Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary are devoted to the final suffering and death of Jesus. We accompany him on his slow, agonising journey from its beginning to the moment of his death. Each of the four gospel writers report the Passion.

The First Sorrowful Mystery - The Agony in the Garden | Pray for the forgiveness of your sins. Mt 26:36-46
After his last Supper with his disciples Jesus went with some of them into a quiet, familiar garden in Gethsemane to pray. During his prayer, he was filled with dread and, when he found that his friends had fallen asleep, he was overcome with deep fear and a sense of loneliness. It was here that Judas identified him to the arresting soldiers - and the road to Calvary became inevitable.

The Second Sorrowful Mystery - The Scourging at the Pillar | Pray for victims of injustice. Mk 15:6-15
Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor in Jerusalem, seemed incapable of deciding how to handle Jesus with justice. He was unsure that Jesus deserved punishment but was plagued by pressures from the priests and people, and from his wife who pleaded that Jesus be set free. He could find no fault with Jesus, but despite his doubts, and in an effort to placate the local authorities, he ordered that Jesus be scourged.

The Third Sorrowful Mystery - The Crowning with Thorns | Pray for patience in adversity. Jn 19:1-7
Pilate had asked Jesus if he were King of the Jews. Jesus turned the question back on the governor in a way that Pilate interpreted as affirmative. He then presented Jesus to the people, mockingly adorned as a king, in a purple robe with a crown of thorns on his head. It was degrading, humiliating, painful. And Pilate gave him to the authorities to crucify.

The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery - The Carrying of the Cross | Pray for the courage which comes with faith. Lk 23:26-32
Crucifixion was a common method of execution and sometimes an important prisoner was forced to endure additional ignominy and indignity when he was forced to carry his own cross to the place where he was to die. Jesus made his slow, painful 'Via Dolorosa' (sorrowful road) and was aided by a visitor from North Africa who was ordered to help Jesus. (This climb to Calvary is commemorated by the Catholic practice of the Way of the Cross - fourteen "stations" of the Via Dolorosa portrayed in every Catholic church.) As Jesus moved towards his execution he proclaimed some awesome predictions.

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery - The Crucifixion | Pray for perseverance and the grace to forgive those who wrong you. Lk 23:33-46
This was a most agonising and prolonged way to die. Yet Jesus spoke seven times from the cross. He instructed St John (the only disciple with him) to care for his mother and he forgave his executioners and one of the thieves crucified nearby. And just by watching him, a Roman centurion was moved to acknowledge Christ's true status as God's son.

The Catholic Enquiry Centre

The Catholic Enquiry Centre is where you will find information about the Catholic Faith.
Fr Allan Jones: info@catholicenquiry.org.nz
04 385 8518 | www.catholicenquiry.org.nz

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Michael O'Loughlin, Mary Price, Roger Cotter, Ken Scadden, Paul Neazor, Paul Barber

Anniversaries: Ann Ross, Colin Hoopert, Bryan Outtrim, Fr Peter Bradley sm, Maria Doriguzzi, Hannah McGuigan, Kathleen Cosgrave, Desmond Ashe, Lawrence Keegan, Olive Va'a, Monica McAuley, Stephen Reidy

Prayers for the Sick: Don Hayes, Jenni Rowell, Joseph Glowazc, 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, Joanna Veltman, Imelda Reeve, Jan Tuinman, Kathleen Phelan.



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.

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