

## For Your Diaries : 2016

**25 January, Wellington Anniversary Day.** Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Hall at 9am

### 25 January, Wellington Pasifika Festival

12 noon–6pm at Waitangi Park. Experience the sights, sounds and flavours of the wider Pacific right here in Wellington. There will be delicious food to buy, free family-friendly activities, and performances by traditional and contemporary Pacific artists – including headliner Che Fu – led by MCs the Laughing Samoans.

**4 February, Thursday. Wildflowers Information Evening.** 7.30pm. Greenstone Doors, 15 Dudley Street Lower Hutt.

The Information Evening about life after an abortion. For those close to someone who is affected, it may help to understand the complexity of this experience. Take home packs containing resources will be provided. For more information contact Wendy on 0272549222 or [info@greenstonedoors.co.nz](mailto:info@greenstonedoors.co.nz)

### 14 February, St Valentine's Day Mass

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill St,

### 16 February, Archdiocese Catholic Schools Commissioning Mass

You are warmly invited to join with teachers and support staff in Catholic schools to celebrate Eucharist and to give support as they are commissioned and blessed in our ministry. 5.30pm Tuesday 16 February at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street.

### February 2016, Lent Processors Required

Caritas has 3 short term, full time, roles available to process Lent donations in its Wellington office between 15 February 2016 and 8 April 2016. Training will be provided. Core hours will be weekdays 9am-5pm. The hourly rate will be \$17.82 per hour. The ideal candidate will have: good attention to detail; a professional telephone manner, good numerical abilities and a general knowledge of Microsoft Windows. Please send your cv to [caritas@caritas.org.nz](mailto:caritas@caritas.org.nz), and include your phone number and email address.

### 18-20 March 2016, Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A retreat weekend for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. An opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. All enquiries are strictly confidential. Contact Wendy Hill [rvnzretreats@gmail.com](mailto:rvnzretreats@gmail.com) or 027 2549222 or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz)

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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  
[smoapp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoapp@xtra.co.nz)

#### Assistant Priest

Fr Carl Telford SM

#### Adult Education

Fr Michael Young SM

#### Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

#### Director of Music

Robert Oliver  
[robert.oliver@paradise.net.nz](mailto:robert.oliver@paradise.net.nz)

#### Parish Accountant

Jeanette Temelo  
[smoamanager@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoamanager@xtra.co.nz)

#### Parish Office

[smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz)

## 24 January 2016, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### Farewell

This weekend we say farewell to Valerie and Tony Forster who joined our Parish after coming to Wellington three years ago. They have been faithful and committed parishioners at the 9am Mass each Sunday.

Although proudly Scottish, Valerie and Tony came from and will return to their family home in Monmouth east Wales.

They came to New Zealand in February 2013 to assist in the Government's response following the Pike River mine disaster. Tony's background as a chartered mining engineer and experienced regulator was invaluable in the safety of all concerned following that terrible tragedy. I know that Tony has not only excelled in his professional capacity but has become a valued and close friend to many of the families affected by Pike River. His caring and sensitive nature has been a great comfort to those families.

We thank Valerie and Tony for their faith commitment in our Parish community over the past three years. I know they have enjoyed their time in New Zealand but with new grand-children they want to be closer to their family.

May God bless you both as you return to Wales and we hope that one day you will come back again to see us in our strengthened St Mary of the Angels Church.

### Public Holiday

Mass will be celebrated tomorrow Monday 25 January (Wellington Anniversary Day) at 9am in the Parish Hall.

The week-day timetable returns to normal next week following the holiday period with three Masses each weekday at:  
7.30am, 12.05pm, 5.15pm

### Waitangi Day

The annual Waitangi Day Mass for the Archdiocese will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 9am. Cardinal John will be the celebrant. St Mary of the Angels Parish is responsible for preparing the liturgy so I hope many parishioners will attend this very important Mass.

*Father Barry Scannell s.m.*  
Parish Priest



### This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10  
*They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read.*

**Second Reading:** Corinthians 12:12-30  
*Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

**Gospel:** Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

**Psalm:** Ps 70

**Second Reading:** Corinthians 12:31-13:13

**Gospel:** Luke 4:21-30

### Responsorial Psalm 18

**R** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.  
 The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
 The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**  
 The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.  
 The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**  
 The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
 The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**  
 May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **R.**

### 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.

### Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,520
Parish Expenses	\$3,215
Support of House	\$1,305



### St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Group - 2016

The St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Group invites all new and returning young adults (and young at heart) to join them for what promises to be an exciting year ahead.

Contact James (jeboyle01@outlook.com) Jane (janeellis535@gmail.com) or Sarah (pintosarahann@gmail.com) if you would like more information, or come along to one of the upcoming events:

**Friday 29th January - Mass and Friday Drink** - Meet at 5.15pm Mass in the Hall and then head down to General Practitioner Bar (known as the GP, on the corner of Willis St and Manners St) for a drink afterwards.

**Sunday 28th February - Theology on Tap** (more info to come) . . .

### Mass has been offered for:

#### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Helen McKone, Brian McKeown, Sr Margaret Mary Murphy, Fr Bryan Montgomery sm, Lois Palentine, Sheila Mahony, Margaret Heister, John O'Brien, Fr Brian O'Connell sm, Mary Hutchins, Edward Haughey, Gordon Ashbridge, Margaret Baxter, Alan Shapleski, William Lyons, Veronica Reynolds, Paddy Darroch, Joan McGrath, Marianna Grinskis

**Prayers for the Sick:** Ricky McDonald, Bill Prior, Peter Aston, Richard Wright, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, Maureen McDonald, John Foden, Joanna Veltman, Imelda Reeve, Jan Tuinman, Kath Simes, 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.*

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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 Choir Call for new members for 2016

The St Mary of the Angels Choir warmly invites new singers to join us in 2016 - all voice types are welcome and there is no audition! The choir sings Gregorian chant and choral music at the 12pm Mass each Sunday.

The choir annual workshop, which kick-starts each year, will take place on Saturday 30th January at St Patrick's College, Kilbirnie from 9.30am - 5pm. New members are encouraged to come to this free workshop which involves singing and choral techniques, beginners music theory, and many cups of tea. Choir director, Robert Oliver will lead this relaxed and fun day of singing. Bring your own lunch.

If you are interested in joining the choir or attending the workshop please contact:

Robert Oliver  
 Director of Music, :  
 ph. 934 2296  
 email: robert.oliver@paradise.net.nz.

### Submission to Parliament's Inquiry into Suicide and Euthanasia

This weekend is the last chance to write submissions to Parliament's inquiry into suicide and euthanasia. (The closing date is 1 February but letters should be posted no later than **Tuesday 26 January**.)

**Every single submission counts!** The two opposing sides – pro-euthanasia and anti-euthanasia – are reported to be running neck-and-neck. Both camps are fully aware of how important this 'vote' is – because if and when David Seymour's euthanasia bill is drawn from the Private Members Ballot, MPs will look carefully at these results. If the majority is in favour of euthanasia now, it will make it very hard to oppose the bill later.

Letters can also be submitted via an online form at [suicideinquiry.nz/submit-online/](http://suicideinquiry.nz/submit-online/). To make a submission either go to the website above or write a short letter. A 'letter' can be as short as one sentence, such as 'I don't want assisted suicide and euthanasia to be legalised', ideally with a reason or a story.

**It is at times like these that we should remember Edmund Burke's famous words: 'All that is necessary for evil to flourish is for good men to do nothing.'**

### St Valentine's Day

Cardinal John Dew invites you to a Celebration of Marriage on St Valentines Day at **7pm on Sunday 14th February 2016, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill St, Wellington**. Mass, followed by a celebratory drink with Cardinal John. Make it a romantic night out together, or make up a party of family and friends!

For more information contact Catholic Centre on 04 496 1719 or email [t.halliday@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:t.halliday@wn.catholic.org.nz)

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