

For Your Diaries : 2017

Today 26 March, SMAYACs Paekakariki Enscarpment Trip
Meeting at Pukerua Bay train station at 10.30am, and taking the 10:50am train to Paekakariki, make sure you're there on time! The walk will take about 3 hours. You will need a packed lunch, a drink, good walking shoes, clothing for wet & windy conditions and money for your train fare. We can pick people up from the Cathedral after the 9am mass or anywhere else on the way. If you are keen to come along contact Hans on 021 0278 0387.

28 March, Holy Hour

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

8 April, The Salvation Army International Staff Songsters

The Salvation Army in New Zealand is host to the Army's premier choir in the international arena, the International Staff Songsters. 7.00 pm Wellington City Corps, 92 Vivian Street. Prices Adult: \$25.00, Seniors/Students: \$20.00, Children (13 years and under): Free of charge, Door sales only. Phone 04 801 9278 or email wellingtoncity_corps@nzf.salvationarmy.org.

9 April, Explore Mercy 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, lunch included. Bookings are necessary. Please contact Sister Stephanie on 819 8312 or skit2@xtra.co.nz. Come along and bring a friend.

22 & 23 April, Engaged Encounter Weekend

Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married.

10-14 July, "Companions on the Journey"

Non Residential Guided retreat held at Pā Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon. 9.30am-4pm each day. Cost is \$200. For more information or to register contact Fr Brian Cummings sm, 04 212 4691, 021 703 580 or email bgcummins@xtra.co.nz

August & September, Winter Film Series "Called Beyond Ourselves"

2 seasons available, every Monday or Thursday night for 5 weeks 7.00pm-9.30pm. Monday 7,14,21,28 August & 4 September or Thursday 10, 17, 24, 31 August & 7 September. Pā Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon. Kōha entry fee. For more information or to register contact Fr Brian Cummings sm, 04 212 4691, 021 703 580 or email bgcummins@xtra.co.nz

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Parish website: 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

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Fr Kevin Conroy SM

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Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

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26 March 2017, 4th Sunday of Lent - Year A

Seismic Strengthening Donations

If you wish to make a donation to the Seismic Strengthening Fund and receive a tax refund in this financial year you will need to make the donation in the coming week i.e. by 31 March. We still require approximately \$800,000 to meet the shortfall between what has been raised and the final cost. Our fundraising continues even though we are planning to reopen the Church for our Easter ceremonies.

There are many things which are not part of the seismic strengthening work but are necessary in order to re-open the Church. These are:

- re-installment of the Maxwell Fernie Organ \$78,000
- new sound system \$40,000
- new carpet in confessionals and sacristy \$15,000

In addition there are major works which will not be possible at this stage. The reinstatement of the Crypt and the Choir Room, the reinstatement of the lawn and gardens, the installation of security lighting around the Church and the renewal of the carpet in the Sanctuary. These items will have to wait until finance is available.

Thank you for your generosity over the past 3 years which has enabled us to preserve our beautiful Church. There is however, much more to achieve before the work is totally completed and unfortunately it all depends on our ability to pay for it.

Planned Giving

Planned Giving envelopes for the next financial year are available at all Masses today. The envelopes are labelled alphabetically by surname and can be found in the entrance foyer of each Church after Mass today, and from the Parish Office during the week. Please collect your envelopes as it will save us the cost of postage.

As we come to the end of the tax year (31 March) it is a good time to review your financial commitment to the Parish. Any lump sum given before 31 March can be claimed in the current tax year. A tax rebate of 33.3% may be claimed on all your contributions. Tax receipts will be issued in April for the 2016/2017 financial year.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading 1 Sam 16:1. 6-7. 10-13
In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

Second Reading Eph 5:8-14
Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Reading John 9:1-41
The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Ezek 37:12-14
Psalm 129
Second Reading Rom 8:8-11
Gospel Reading John 11:1-45

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,645



Engaged Encounter

Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. Weekends in 2017 are 22-23 July and 11-12 November. Registrations close 2 weeks before. Presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori. For details go to the website at www.ceewellington.org.nz or phone Kate & Simon Olsen: (04) 801 6192, or email simonolsen@gmail.com

Accommodation Needed For Refugee Family

Lovely refugee family (mother with son and daughter) searching for 3 bedroom home to rent in our Parish area. Excellent reference available from St Joseph's parish. Please contact Amanda Calder on 4757994 or Francis Fanning on 3810900 if you can help.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Betty Barnao, Fr Pat McCullough, Brother Ed Jones sm

Anniversaries: Father Michael Tomasi sm, Joan Smart, Mavis Henderson-Newport, Anita Rae

Prayers for the Sick: Veronica Heather, Mary Crompton, Jenni Rowell, Jeanette Parker, Teresa Jeong, Dr Peter Brooke, Clem Cull, Fr Kevin O'Donoghue sm, Maureen Ayling, Richard Wright, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, John Foden, Imelda Reeve, Jan Tuinman, Kathleen Phelan, John Mora, Maria Kim, 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.

Responsorial Psalm 22

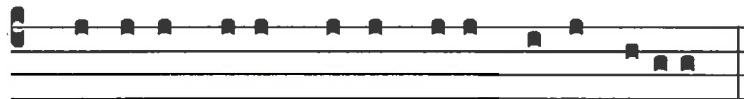
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**



Dóminus regit me, et nihil mi-hi dé-erit:

The Lord ruleth me, and I shall want nothing.

SMAYAC Paekakariki Enscarpment Trip

The St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Enscarpment trip to Paekakariki is today after the 9am mass. See the back for further details.

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.

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday (9th April) there will be no 9am Mass. We will join with the Cathedral Parish at 10am for a combined Mass which takes the place of our 9am Mass and the Cathedral's 10.30am Mass. This will be a wonderful way in which to thank the Cathedral Parish for their generosity to us since our Church closed on 21 July 2013.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

On Holy Thursday the Cathedral Parish will join us for the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Cardinal John will be the celebrant and it will be the first Mass celebrated in the Church following the seismic strengthening work.

Easter Timetable

The Easter timetable will be available next week. A copy will be included in the Angelus and it will also be on our website: smoa.org.nz

Lenten Reflections from Pope Francis: The Sacraments, Prayer, Fasting & Serving the Poor

As we enter the 4th week of Lent, we should take time to reflect on how we are going with our spiritual preparations for Easter. Can I do more? Who do I serve?

Take part in the sacraments

"Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we bear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ." – Pope Francis, Lenten Message, 2015

Prayer

"In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could harden our hearts, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of God's boundless love, to taste his tenderness. Lent is a time of prayer, of more intense prayer, more prolonged, more assiduous, more able to take on the needs of the brethren; intercessory prayer, to intercede before God for the many situations of poverty and suffering." – Pope Francis, Homily, March 5, 2014

Fasting

"We must be careful not to practice a formal fast, or one which in truth 'satisfies' us because it makes us feel good about ourselves. Fasting makes sense if it questions our security, and if it also leads to some benefit for others, if it helps us to cultivate the style of the Good Samaritan, who bends down to his brother in need and takes care of him." – Pope Francis, Homily, March 5, 2014

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Almsgiving & Serving the Poor

"Today gratuitousness is often not part of daily life where everything is bought and sold. Everything is calculated and measured. Almsgiving helps us to experience giving freely, which leads to freedom from the obsession of possessing, from the fear of losing what we have, from the sadness of one who does not wish to share his wealth with others." – Pope Francis, Homily, March 5, 2014

"In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution. When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing." – Lenten Message, 2014

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