

For Your Diaries : 2016

29 March, Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 29 March beginning at 7.30pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, times of silence and conclude with Benediction followed by supper.

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 022 6452 862

6 April, Sacramental Programme - 1st Parent Session

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

10 April, A celebration of New Zealand music for cello & piano

Joseph Spooner (cello) and Kathryn Mosley (piano) present a celebration of New Zealand music for cello and piano, including works by Alfred Hill, Arnold Trowell, and Christopher Norton. 10th April, 3:30pm St John's in the City corner of Willis and Dixon Streets, Wellington. Admission free and refreshments supplied (suggested donation \$20).

16 April, Bach Choir Concert

The title of the Bach Choir's first concert for 2016 comes from Parry's anthem "Hear my words, ye people", a work for choir, soloists and organ which finishes with his own hymn tune "Laudate Dominum" (O praise ye the Lord). The programme also includes music by Purcell, Mozart and James Whitbourn. 7pm Saturday 16 April St Peter's on Willis St. Tickets \$30/\$20 or \$10 tertiary students with ID. Eventfinder/choir members door sales. www.bachchoirwellington.org.nz

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.

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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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27 March 2016, Easter Sunday, Year C

Resurrection - A Sign of Hope!

We celebrate today the high point of our Catholic Faith – the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have journeyed with him this Holy Week through his suffering and death on the Cross, into the tomb and today we rise with him to new life. The resurrection provides us with great hope. So often the circumstances of our lives threaten to overwhelm this frail human nature of ours – but Christ's victory over death always allows us to believe that things can and will get better. We need to be people of the resurrection, people who celebrate life.

Another reason for great hope on this Resurrection Day is that next Easter we hope to be back in our Church. If we can raise the necessary funds for the seismic work to continue then there is every reason to believe that in Easter 2017 we can celebrate our own Easter ceremonies at St Mary of the Angels.

However, if that is to become a reality, it requires a response from everyone.

Think and pray about what each us can do to ensure that happens. If you make a donation before 31 March 2015 (next Thursday) you will be able to claim a tax rebate for your donation in the 2015/2016 tax year.

Thank you to those who have so generously responded following my presentation two weeks ago. However, we need more people to 'put their hand up' so that next year our Easter Sunday will truly be a 'resurrection' in more ways than one.

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.

Daylight Saving

Next Sunday 3 April is Daylight Saving. Clocks are turned backward 1 hour.

Father Barry Scannell s.m. (Parish Priest)

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43
We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4
Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel Reading John 20:1-9

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 117

Second Reading Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,211



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 parent 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: Delia Williams, 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 117

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**



Alle-lu-ia, Alle-lu-ia, Alle-lu-ia.

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.

Easter Timetable

Easter Monday: Mass at 9am in the Parish Hall
Normal timetable resumes on Tuesday 29th March

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)

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:

Life in the Spirit Seminar Series

Wednesdays 7.30pm-9pm: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May, & 1st, 8th June (six weeks total)

St Thomas More Church in Wilton

A great opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus. As Pope Francis states in *Evangelii Gaudium*: "I invite all Christians everywhere to a renewed encounter with Jesus Christ."

Music Group:

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!

Pope Francis' Message for the Easter Triduum

"Dear Brothers and Sisters: As we celebrate the Paschal Triduum in this Holy Year of Mercy, we are invited in a special way to contemplate the revelation of God's infinite mercy in the events of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.

[On] Holy Thursday, Jesus gives himself to us as food and, in the washing of feet, teaches us the need to serve others.

On Good Friday, in the mystery of Christ's death on the cross, we contemplate that undying divine love which embraces all mankind and summons us in turn to love one another in the power of the Spirit.

Holy Saturday, the day of God's silence, invites us not only to solidarity with all who are abandoned and alone, but also to trust in that faithful love which turns death into life.

These, then, are days which speak to us powerfully of God's love and mercy. In one of her visions, Julian of Norwich hears the Lord say that he rejoices eternally because he was able to suffer for our sake out of love. Let us prepare then to celebrate the coming days with gratitude for this great mystery of God's mercy, poured out for us on the cross of our salvation."

Pope Francis
23rd March 2016



William-Adolphe Bouguereau (1825-1905)
Le saintes femmes au tombeau (1890)

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