

For Your Diaries : 2016

27 December, Advent Carols Service

7.30pm at St John's Presbyterian Church. St Mary of the Angels and St John's Presbyterian Church come together for a Carol Service led by the choir's of the two congregations. Please bring a plate of food for a shared supper.

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. Everyone is welcome, and bar snacks will be provided.

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!

2 December, Advent Meditations

A 20-minute following midday Mass in the Parish Hall.

9 December, Advent Meditations

A 20-minute following midday Mass in the Parish Hall.

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...

14 December, Carols with the Angels

Our annual Carols with the Angels will be held on Wednesday 16 December, 7.30pm at St John's Presbyterian Church, corner Willis and Dixon St.

16 December, Advent Meditations

A 20-minute following midday Mass in the Parish Hall.

17 December, Palliser Viols concert at Futuna Chapel

Palliser Viols are giving an end of year concert in Futuna Chapel on Saturday 17th December, at 4pm. The repertoire includes dances and fantasias by Philips, Ward, Dering, Jenkins, Lawes, Ferrabosco, & Brade for 5-part viol consort. The stunning acoustic and ambience of Futuna Chapel is perfect for the sound of viols. The concert will last for about an hour. Tickets at the door: \$25 (\$15 students)

23 December, Advent Meditations

A 20-minute following midday Mass in the Parish Hall.

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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 November 2016, 1st Sunday of Advent Year A

Combined Advent Carol Service

Tonight 7.30pm, at St John's Presbyterian Church

Tonight at 7.30pm, St Mary of the Angels and St John's Presbyterian Church come together for a Carol Service led by the choir's of the two congregations.

St John's has been so generous to us over the past three years. It is very important for us to show our appreciation and I hope that a large number of St Mary of the Angels parishioners attend this Carol Service. We need to thank the St John's community for their wonderful generosity and what better way to do that than to worship with them in preparation for Christmas.

Please show our appreciation by attending tonight's Carol Service and please bring a plate of food for a shared supper.

Recipes for Restoration

Seismic Strengthening Cook Book Fundraiser

Over the past year three of our parishioners have been compiling a cook book of favourite family recipes from within the parish. We are pleased to announce that the cook book - **Recipes for Restoration** - is back from the printers and ready to sell as a fundraiser for our seismic strengthening work.

I extend my thanks to Terry Dodson, Christine Valdez and Robert Bok who have worked so hard in putting this book together, and to everyone who contributed a recipe. The book looks fantastic and while I haven't had time to trial the 100+ recipes printed, they all sound delicious.

Recipes for Restoration will be available at all Masses next week. The basic cost of the book is \$30. This price covers the cost of printing and makes a small contribution to the seismic strengthening fund. However, we invite you to pay what you can for the book with the assurance that all funds go toward the seismic strengthening.

This book is a 'must have' for every parishioner's kitchen, and a great gift for others for Christmas.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.
Parish Priest



This Week's Readings

First Reading Is 2:1-5
The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

Second Reading Rom 13:11-14
The time has come, our salvation is near.

Gospel Reading Matthew 24:37-44
Stay awake, you must be ready.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Is 11:1-10
Psalm 71
Second Reading Rom 15:4-9
Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12

Responsorial Psalm 121

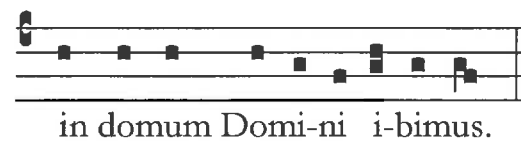
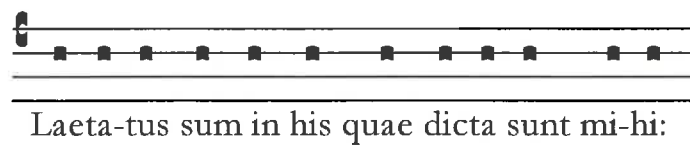
R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

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

It is there that the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the Lord.
 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**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
 'Peace be to your homes!
 May peace reign in your walls,
 in your palaces, peace!'. **R**

For love of my brethren and friends
 I say: 'Peace upon you!'
 For the love of the house of the Lord
 I will ask for your good. **R**



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

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.

Palliser Viols End of Year Concert

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Palliser Viols is:
 Lisa Beech, Sophia Acheson, treble viols;
 Jane Brown, Robert Oliver, tenor viols;
 Imogen Granwal, bass viol.



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.



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:

TONIGHT! 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.

Thursday 1st December - 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.

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.

Friday Advent Mediations

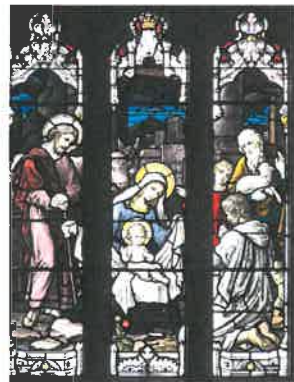
After midday Mass each Friday throughout this Advent season, singers from our choir will lead a 20-minute meditation with prayers and chant. This prayerful time of reflection proclaims the Great 'O' Antiphons, the prophet Isaiah's foretelling of the coming of Christ. All are most welcome.



HOPE

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,406



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.

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Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Catherine Heatley, Jozef Glowacz

Anniversaries: Su-Yen Bok, Zilla Gini, Romola Sullivan, Peter O'Meehan, 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.

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