

28TH MARCH 2010 : PALM SUNDAY

Celebration of Holy Week

Holy Week begins today with the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem. As we prepare to process into the Church today with our Palm branches we will hear the following words:

“During the past five weeks we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. United with Christ in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life”.

We have hopefully prepared well for the most important week of the Christian year. However, there are still many opportunities this week to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in our Church.

On the tables at the entrances to the Church there is a beautiful booklet **‘Spend an Hour with Christ this Easter....’** which Suzanne O'Rourke from the Liturgy Committee has prepared. Take one and give it to a friend and encourage them to join us for the Easter liturgies.

Welcoming our New Catholics

At the Easter Vigil next Saturday night 5 catechumens and candidates will be welcomed into our Parish family through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. I hope that many parishioners will come and witness the initiation of these new members into our Parish. The Vigil begins at 8pm.

After the Easter Vigil everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for Supper. We would be very grateful if you are able to provide a plate of suitable food to share. Please contact the Office if you are able to help. That will help us to ascertain how much food we will need to buy so that we can properly celebrate with our new Catholics and also to thank all who have worked so hard to prepare our Easter liturgies.

Father Barry Scannell sm

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries Mariantonia Aprea, Amy Brown, Michael O'Callaghan, Bert & Hilda Edwards.

Special Intentions 4

Prayers for the Sick Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Patricia Smyth, Cecilia Dickson, Mary Egan, Da Van Luyn, Des Cartright, Dulcie Campbell, Harrie Bode, Oinah Macpherson, Peter Tawhaki, Nomaza Sidima-Jacob, Kath Cosgrave, Ron Blair,

Peter Gilbert, Joan O'Neill, Paul Carr, Mary Jarvis, Victor Stairs, Maria Kasperowicz, Marie McWilliams, Paul Rajan, Angela Hong, Eileen Gallagher.

St Mary of the Angels Young Adults' Group

A group for 18-35s and the young at heart - come and share faith, fellowship and friendship.

Events

Theology on Tap: Last Sunday of every Month. Hear a range of great speakers providing insights on various aspects of our faith and other issues. Suggestions for topics/speakers welcome. Please note March 28 Theology on Tap will be held at the Catholic Centre following the WYD Palm Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7pm (talk to start around 8.40pm). Tomas from the Focolare movement will be talking to us about the Theology of Unity.

Youth Masses: Second Sunday of every month. The next Youth Mass is on the 11 April - please contact us if you would like to be involved in any way!

Holy Hour: Third Thursday of every month 6 - 7pm. An hour of adoration led by young people of the parish and elsewhere.

Bible Study: All are welcome to join a small group of young adults who meet to discuss the Gospel for the following Sunday or join in some form of spiritual reflection. **Every Tuesday 8 - 9 pm** in the Crypt (below the Church).

We welcome newcomers to the group, your ideas and your comments. Contact us at smayacs@gmail.com or through Vicky Wall 0273274895 or Anna Fleming 0274637008. Join our facebook group "St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Group". Being Young, Catholic, Together.

Communio

The next meeting of the Communio Philosophy - Theology discussion group is to be at 7.15pm on **Sunday April 11th** in the Board Room of the Presbytery. Item for discussion: Joy and the Cross by Hans von Balthasar. Any enquiries to Mary and Leo Buchanan at 384 4760 or leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz



We are delighted to announce that the first Maxwell Fernie Organ Scholarship has been awarded and will be officially presented by the Hon Chris Finlayson, the Minister for Arts, and Attorney General at St Mary of the Angels on **Sunday 25 April 2010 at 7pm.**