

28 NOVEMBER 2010 : 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

Carol Service with St John's Presbytery Church

Our annual Carol Service with St John's Presbyterian Church will be held tonight in our Church at 7.30pm. This year it is the turn of St Mary of the Angels to host this event. We have had a very close relationship with St John's in Willis Street for over 150 years and the annual Carol service is a very important ecumenical event for both our Churches.

I ask parishioners to make a special effort to be here tonight. It is important that we have a good number of parishioners to host our visitors. Could you please bring a plate of food for supper and leave it in the Hall.

Revised Roman Missal

Today we introduce the changes that have come about as a result of the Revision of the Roman Missal. The changes at this stage are only to the People's responses. Further changes will be introduced throughout 2011 with the revised translation of the Eucharistic Prayers, prefaces and other prayers said at Mass. The lectionary with its cycle of weekday and Sunday readings remains unchanged. (Please read letter from the Bishops on inside page.)

The changes will be shown on the data projector screen at all Masses today. A special Missalette has been produced but there are not enough copies to give one to each parishioner. These Missalettes will be left in the Church for those attending Weekday Masses.

Thank You

Today is the last official day for our organist Donald Nicholson. We have been so fortunate to have such an outstanding person as Donald as organist at St Mary of the Angels for the past three years.

Thank you Donald for your dedication and commitment during your time with us and we wish you all of God's blessings as you leave us and continue to use the great talent that God has given you. We will watch with interest and know that you will achieve great things in the future. Thank you again for all that you had done for St Mary of the Angels.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.
Parish Priest

Wednesday 15 December 7.30 pm Carols with the Angels

At St. Mary of the Angels. This annual event is jointly organised by the Friends of St. Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust and the St. Mary of the Angels' Choir. Veteran broadcaster Ian Johnstone is again generously contributing his skills as host. The Wellington Citadel Salvation Army Band also returns and our Maxwell Fernie Organ will of course be a major feature. The programme will include Fr. Chris Skinner SM singing carols from his Christmas Carols collection and items from the St. Mary of the Angels' Choir (including our new 'Young Angel Voices' junior choir).

There will be a collection during the evening going towards meeting the costs of our presbytery building's earthquake strengthening and refurbishment.

During the evening children will be invited to come forward to place small gifts under the Christmas tree. Adults are also invited to place a gift if they do not have children present. Gifts should notate on the outside whether for a boy or girl and the age range of the gift. The St. Vincent de Paul Society will distribute these gifts to needy families in the wider community.

'Carols with the Angels' is open to everyone and promises to be an enjoyable and spiritual Christmas event. Seats are available on a first come basis so please be early. We look forward to welcoming everyone to this wonderful Christmas occasion.

SMAYACS - St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Catholics

Theology on Tap This month's Theology on tap talk will be given by John Kleinsman who is at present studying towards his PhD in moral theology. He will be talking to us about euthanasia and morality in general. This will be a really in-depth and meaty discussion so please come along if you are interested or curious!. The talk will be held on the 3rd floor of Hotel Bristol today on **28 November** from 6.30 - 7.30pm. All the young or young at heart are invited to come along!

Food collection for the Soup Kitchen (5 December)
The young people meet every second Sunday to collect veges from the vege market for a very grateful soup kitchen in the City. If you would like to join us on Sunday 5 December, please meet on the Church steps at 1.10pm.

We welcome newcomers to the group, your ideas and your comments. Contact us at smayacs@gmail.com, join our facebook group "St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Group" or just come along to one of our events.