

For Your Diaries : 2018

5 April, Young Adults & Students

Join us at 6pm in the Church for prayer and reflection. We will then head out for dinner together at the Capital Market.

8 April, Father Barry's Farewell

There will be a farewell for Fr Barry after the 11am Mass. If you wish to contribute towards a gift from the parish to Fr Barry please pass it either to Fr Kevin, Sr Frances, or to the Parish Office.

9 April, Greenstone Doors

On the 2nd Monday of every month, there is a short Prayer Evening at Greenstone Doors, 15 Dudley St, Lower Hutt at 7pm. This is an opportunity to pray for the work of the Trust, the clients and the volunteers.

9 April- 14 April, Church Closing

The Church will be closed for scheduled work in the Sanctuary. Weekday Masses will be held in the Hall and Reconciliation in the Presbytery.

12 April, Inner Peace in Divine Love

The retreat is open to all and will be held at the Church of St Peter and Paul, 37 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville from 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Over five evenings from over five Thursday evenings, 12 April until 10 May. To book or for further information contact Sarah Dench on 04 389 1038, 021 0814 4424 or email sarahdench@yahoo.com

19 April, Pentecost Liturgical Workshop

An interactive workshop, with Fr Patrick Bridgman, Archdiocesan Liturgy Advisor. Fr Patrick will help us unpack Pentecost seeking ways to be truly culturally inclusive within our liturgies and gatherings. Workshops are open to all, 6.45pm-9pm at the Catholic Centre. Please register with Ann Williams before Friday 13 April by emailing a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

21 April, Working Bee

With the completion of the scheduled work in the Sanctuary by 14 April we are having a working bee on 21 April. Please come along at 9am to help with the cleaning of the Church. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work.

26 April, Modern Slavery, Trafficking & Exploitation in NZ

Dr. Rebecca Miller and Peter Devoy from the Ministry of Immigration will be speaking on modern day slavery in New Zealand and what we can do to help in the fight against it. Held in St. Anne's Hall, Emmett St, Newtown at 7.30pm. Gold coin donation.

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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

1 April 2018, Easter Sunday

Let us Rejoice and be Glad

We have shared this season of Lent together and with fresh joy and hope we go forward, drawing on God's strength and tender mercy, to encourage others. Let us go together on the journey God calls us to.

It is about one year since our beautiful church was re-dedicated. It is a blessing to be able to ponder the great mysteries of our Faith in such a sacred space. We have much to be grateful for including the leadership by Father Barry Scannell of the mammoth project to seismically strengthen the Church.

The Easter season that follows Lent is a time to rejoice and be glad and as we eventually move into Ordinary Time the idea is to continue to rejoice and be glad since the Risen Christ is with us every day.

We Extend a Welcome

Part of our Easter joy stems from the way God has touched the lives of, **Holly Sinclair, Erica Willoughby, Anne Phillips, Guy Wayne, and Isabella Jorna**. These people have been journeying through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and were welcomed into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Holly was a Catechumen and was baptised, received First Communion and Confirmation. Erica, Anne, Guy and Isabella were Candidates and have received First Communion and Confirmation.

This is just part of their journey. They need our continued support and invitations to be involved in the parish and they need to step out into the deep and say yes to those opportunities that a faith community based on Jesus Christ such as St Mary of the Angels calls us to.

I sincerely thank the R.C.I.A. team of Kathryn MacIver, Jane Ellis, Father Joe Savesi and the sponsors for leading the programme. I would like to particularly thank Kathryn for giving ten years to this good work. Her generosity is appreciated.

Father Barry's Farewell

Fr Barry's farewell will be after the 11am Mass next Sunday 8 April, concluding his the 10 years of service to the Church, nine of those as our Parish Priest. If you wish to contribute towards a gift from the Parish to Fr Barry I invite you to pass it either to Fr Kevin, Sr Frances, or to the Parish Office.

Church Closing

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Father Kevin Conroy s.m.,
Parish Priest

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MASSES

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm

Monday to Friday 7:30am, 12:05pm, & 5:15pm

Saturday 11am

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday 11am Mass with
Sacrament of Anointing

ADORATION

Monday to Friday 6:45am-7:30am

Friday 11am-noon

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Thursday 11:30am-noon
12:30pm-1:00pm
4:30pm-5:00pm

Friday 11:00am-noon
12:30pm-1:00pm
4:30pm-5:00pm

Saturday 10:30am-11:00am
4:00pm-5:00pm

Easter Sunday Readings

Mass of the Day

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 John 20:1-9
The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Psalm: Psalm 117

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,848

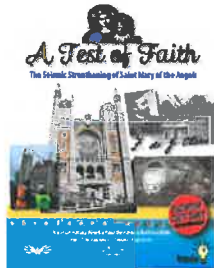


Thank You

A sincere thank you to those who have generously responded to the request in last week's Angelus for donations to complete the work on the Church and grounds. A total of \$36,123 has been raised towards the final total of \$156,552.

A Test of Faith

Those who attended the premiere launch of the documentary 'A Test of Faith' were treated to a wonderful insight into the construction work that has taken place over the past four years with the seismic strengthening of the Church. If you would like to see this amazing documentary you can purchase a DVD at Mass today or from the Parish Office. The cost is \$30 and all proceeds go to the Seismic Strengthening Fund.



Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Fr Brian Quin sm, Patricia Tuisaula

Anniversaries: Fr Mark Beban sm, Fr Jim Beban sm, Margaret Hyland, Gerard O'Brien

Prayers for the Sick: Leonie Arnold, James Ramsay, Nancy Grealish, Mary Anne Merrin, Mary Rose Keller, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Margaret Such, Bryce Toimata, Colleen Kennedy, Gil Lescher, Mary Crompton, Jenni Rowell, Teresa Jeong, Dr Peter Brooke, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, John Foden, Jan Tuinman, John Mora, Maria Kim, Maureen McDonald



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 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.

Home Needed for Lovely Refugee Family

We are desperately searching for a 4 bedroom place for a lovely refugee family of six to rent anywhere in Wellington. The family have been renting a parish house in Mount Victoria on a temporary basis until another refugee family arrives from Afghanistan in 4 weeks. The family arrived in May 2017 and two of the children have been attending Wellington High School and one attending Aro Valley School. They have been paying \$300 a week and can probably afford \$350 a week. If you can help in any way please contact Amanda Calder, Chairperson at the Refugee Family Reunification Trust on 04 475 7994 or email acalder@xtra.co.nz

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 after Mass today, and from the Parish Office during the week. Please ensure that the number on your new envelopes are the same as the number allocated to you from last year. Please collect your envelopes as it will save us the cost of postage.

Coming to the end of the tax year (31 March) is a good time to review your financial commitment to the Parish. 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

For more information or to become a Planned Giver, please contact the Parish Office or see a member of the Pastoral Team after Mass.

Modern Slavery, Trafficking & Exploitation in NZ

Many of us have learnt of William Wilberforce who in the 19th Century led the crusade towards abolishing slavery. Still, to this day 45 million people around the world are victims to modern day slavery with New Zealand only just last year making its first successful prosecution for human trafficking and exploitation. Dr. Rebecca Miller and Peter Devoy from the Ministry of Immigration will be speaking on modern slavery in New Zealand and what we can do in the fight against it. Held on the 26 April in St. Anne's Hall, Emmett St, Newtown at 7.30pm. Gold coin donation.

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Altar Servers

We need Altar Servers for the 9am, 11am and 5pm Masses. If you are interested please contact the Parish office or ring Margaret Clark on 479 2820.

Young Adults & Students

The SMAYAC's monthly adoration is restarting this Thursday 5 April at 6pm in the Church. Join us for an hour of prayer and reflection. We will then head out for dinner together to the Capital Market.

XLT (eXaLT) Youth Worship Night

Join the XLT youth group on Friday 13 April for Relevant Worship, Adoration and fellowship. St Anne's Hall, Emmett St, Newtown from 7pm to 9pm. Come with your friends! Open to Year 9 - 13 students and young adults.

Inner Peace in Divine Love

An Ignatian First Spiritual Exercise retreat in daily life based on a programme developed by Australian, Michael Hanson SJ. Participants will meet weekly to pray and share in small groups their experience of prayer. The retreat is open to all and will be held at the Church of St Peter and Paul, 37 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville over five Thursday evenings - 12, 19, 26 April, 3 & 10 May, 7.30-9.30pm. To book or for further information contact Sarah Dench on 04 389 1038, 021 0814 4424 or email sarahdench@yahoo.com



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