

For Your Diaries : 2018

4 March, Newtown Fair

The annual Newtown Festival Street Fair is being held from 9.30am on Riddiford Street. Please come along and purchase a book for \$30 to continue to support the fundraising efforts of our seismic strengthening project.

8 March, Becoming a Foster Parent Information Evening

This event will be held at the Open Home Foundation, Level 2, Jag Legal Building, 119 Queens Drive, Lower Hutt from 6pm - 7.30pm. To RSVP please email Angela, Practice Manager - Angela.Reiher@ohf.org.nz, Brigid, Social Worker - Brigid.Devcich@ohf.org.nz or call 04 566 3990. www.ohf.org.nz

15 March, Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

Come along and join us at 7.30pm for fellowship and prayer in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon. If you want to know more contact Steve Ready on 04 970 7715 or 027 356 9555 or email scjready@gmail.com

23 March, Camerata - Haydn In the Church

Join us for a short and reviving concert. Admission by koha, from 7pm - 8pm in St Mary of the Angels Church. The musicians include professional performers, tertiary music students and amateurs.

23-25 March 2018 Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A weekend of spiritual and emotional healing for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. All enquiries strictly confidential. Contact Wendy Hill 027 254 9222 or rvnzretreats@gmail.com



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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

4 March 2018, 3rd Sunday Of Lent - Year B

One Scoop or Two?

...In his description of hell, Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool?

More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, "the root of all evil" (1 Tim 6:10). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments. All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own "certainties": the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbour who does not live up to our expectations.

Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God's plan, were created to sing His praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death... [from, Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2018, Vatican]

But if I want a two-scoop ice cream, one scoop vanilla and one scoop licorice I clearly still need money. Armed with my eftpos card I can seal the deal. That is the way our economic system works. Problems arise if "deal making" is transferred from the social to the spiritual life. Thinking that we can make deals with God is a major obstacle to spiritual development. The spiritual life with God is not about making a deal but a relationship involving love. From this experience of God's love, a person is moved to relating with charity to others, self and creation.

Father Barry's Farewell

After 10 years here at St Mary of the Angels and nine of those years serving as Parish Priest it is approaching the time to farewell Fr Barry. There will be a farewell for him after the 11am Mass on Sunday 8 April. If you wish to contribute towards a gift from the parish to Fr Barry I invite you to pass it either to myself, Sr Frances, or to the parish office.

Lenten Donations

The money raised during Lent will be used by Caritas to support development and emergency relief overseas, as well as working for justice for those people who have the most urgent need around the world and at home in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Donations received by Caritas in the envelopes by 31 March will be sent a receipt for the 2017/18 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1 will be sent a receipt for the 2018/19 tax year.

Envelopes can be collected from the tables at the two main entrances to the church.

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MASSES

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

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

Saturday 11am

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday 11am Mass with
Sacrament of Anointing

ADORATION

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

Friday 11am-noon

RECONCILIATION

Monday to 11:30am-noon
Thursday 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

This Week's Readings

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17
The Law was given through Moses.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel John 2:13-25
Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23
Psalm: 136
Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel: John 3:14-21

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,318



Cancelling of 5.15 pm Mass

Due to St Mary of the Angels helping to host the New Zealand Festival the 5.15pm Mass will be cancelled on the following days:

- Tuesday 6 March
- Friday 9 March
- Tuesday 13 March

Groups using the church on those days will begin setting up and practising from 1.00pm.



Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Jan Horan, Imelda Reeve

Anniversaries: Aileen Gallagher, Fr Chris Penders AA, Phil Busby, Trevor Randall, Merle Barnett, Frederick Brennan, Donald Duerr

Prayers for the Sick: 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 18

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

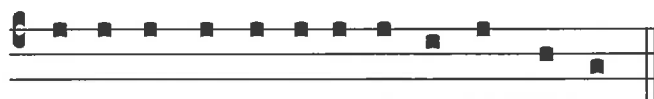
The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **R.**



Domi-ne, verba vi-tae aeternae ha-bes.

Lord, you have the words of eternal life.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A retreat weekend for those whose lives have been touched by abortion from 23 - 25 March 2018. This is an opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. All enquiries are strictly confidential. Contact Wendy Hill at rvnzretreats@gmail.com, phone 027 254 9222 or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz

Prayer for Life

Loving God,

Inspire in us a deepening respect for life and the human dignity of every person.

Guide and strengthen us in caring, especially for the vulnerable, for those with disabilities, for those who are sick, lonely or depressed.

Help us to value the elderly.

Encourage us in enabling people with disabilities to live their lives to the full.

Support and empower all those working to protect life, especially against euthanasia and assisted suicide.

We make this prayer with full confidence in your guidance, compassion and love.

Amen.

RCIA Program

The RCIA Programme for the catechumens and candidates desiring to be received into the Catholic faith community at Easter is at the important stage now of deep discernment and decision on their part, as well as the facilitators, as to their readiness and preparedness to make this commitment of faith. As the parish community, please continue to pray for **Helen Tsang, Holly Sinclair, Erica Willoughby, Anne Phillips, Guy Wayne, Jason Chappell and Isabella Jorna.**

Over the coming weeks they will participate in the "Scrutinies." There are three "Scrutinies" and these will take place at the Sunday parish masses:

2nd Scrutiny- 4th Sunday of Lent, 11 March, 11am Mass

3rd Scrutiny- 5th Sunday of Lent, 18 March, 5pm Mass.

Newtown Festival

The annual Newtown Festival Street Fair is being held on Sunday 4 March from 9.30am on Riddiford St. Terry Dodson will be selling the famous St Mary of the Angels cookbook, 'Recipes for Restoration'. Please come along and continue to support the fundraising efforts of our seismic strengthening project.

Altar Servers

Men, Woman, Boys and Girls

We need Altar Servers for the 9am, 11am and 5pm Masses. If you are interested please contact the Parish office or ring Margaret Clark 4792 820.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

Come along and join us on Thursday 15 March at 7:30pm for fellowship and prayer in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral). Fr Kevin Connors will be speaking, breaking open the Joshua theme for 2018 on "Stay Connected to Christ". If you want to know more contact Steve Ready on 04 970 7715 or 027 356 9555 or email scjready@gmail.com

Becoming a Foster Parent

The Open Home Foundation are looking for caring people who are willing to open up their heart and home to care for a child for a weekend, a week or longer. The Open Home Foundation is a network of Christian Foster families set up as an alternative for children and young people placed in Department of Social Welfare care. They are holding an information evening for anyone who is interested in knowing more about becoming a Foster Parent. This event will be held at the Open Home Foundation, Level 2, Jag Legal Building, 119 Queens Drive, Lower Hutt on Thursday 8 March from 6pm - 7.30pm. There will be a short presentation followed by a question and answer session. To RSVP please email Angela, Practice Manager - Angela.Reiher@ohf.org.nz, Brigid, Social Worker - Brigid.Devcich@ohf.org.nz or call 04 566 3990. Visit the website www.ohf.org.nz

Camerata - Haydn In the Church

Join us for a short and reviving concert of early Haydn and sumptuous Dvorak pieces for a small chamber orchestra. On Friday 23 March from 7pm - 8pm in St Mary of the Angels Church. Admission by koha, to fundraise for our ongoing seismic strengthening project - all are welcome, regardless of means. The musicians include professional performers, tertiary music students and amateurs. Camerata seeks to make beautiful classical music accessible to all.

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