

For Your Diaries : 2018

8 April, Father Barry's Farewell

There will be a farewell for Fr Barry after the 11am Mass today. Please join us at Area function centre across the road on O'Reily Avenue.

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

Held at the Church of St Peter and Paul, 37 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville from 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Five evenings, 12 April - 10 May. 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. Workshops are open to all, 6.45pm-9pm at the Catholic Centre. Please register before Friday 13 April by emailing a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

19 April, Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington

Come along and join us on at 7.30pm for fellowship and prayer in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon.

21-22 April, SMAYAC's Tramping Trip

We've booked the Haurangi hut in the Rimutaka ranges. Trip is suitable for beginners to tramping. Get in touch with us through our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/SMOAYoungAdults or contact the Parish Office.

21 April, Working Bee

With the completion of the scheduled work upon us 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.

21 April, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

We are meeting on at 1:15pm in Connolly Hall, Guilford Tce, Thorndon. All women welcome.

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. Held in St. Anne's Hall, Emmett St, Newtown at 7.30pm. Gold coin donation.

May, Living in Colour

An 8 week programme offering gentle support to women hurting after an abortion experience. The next programme starts in early May and will run from 11am to 1pm. For more info or to register txt or call Lurene on 022 193 0546.

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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

8 April 2018, 2nd Sunday of Easter

The Journey Through the Season of Easter

We have renewed our baptism promises, still damp on our foreheads is the freshly blessed water, and the paschal candle in the sanctuary is alight, a beacon reminding us that the risen Christ is present bringing light where there is darkness.

The Season of Easter is 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday and is really one great feast day. This could be interpreted as a time for pavlova and Easter eggs for 50 days but a more fruitful strategy would be to commit to periods of silence to punctuate the Season and thereby ponder this greatest of feasts. *"Only in silence can the Word of God find a home in us, as it did in Mary, the woman of the Word and, inseparably, woman of silence."* [Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, Vatican, 2010, No.66]

Within the Season of Easter there are celebrations that help us to ponder the mysteries of our Faith. On 9 April is the Annunciation of the Lord. On 25 April there is ANZAC Day and in the context of Mass we are invited to recall the sacrifice of so many in war and the hope that the Resurrection brings to tragedy. On 26 April we celebrate the Feast of the evangelist Saint Mark who helped spread the Word of God. On 28 April is the Feast of the Marist and proto-martyr of the Pacific Ocean, Saint Peter Chanel, a religious priest who gave his whole being to introducing Christ to the people of Futuna. We have the Apostles Saints Philip and James on 3 May and the Apostle Saint Matthias on 14 May. On 13 May we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, a prerequisite for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon earth which we celebrate on Pentecost Sunday, 20 May, enabling the continuing presence of the Risen Christ in our midst.

The Easter Season is packed with signs of God's love for us. In silent times over the Easter Season may these signs find a home within us and may we thereby drink more deeply and daily from the bottomless well that is the Word.

Father Barry's Farewell

Fr Barry's farewell will be after the 11am Mass today, concluding his 10 years of service to the Church, nine of those as our Parish Priest. Please joining us in Area function centre on O'Reily Avenue.

Church Closing

The church will be closed from Monday 9 April until Saturday 14 April for scheduled work in the sanctuary. Weekday Masses will be held in the hall and Reconciliation in the presbytery. **There will be no car parking available in the car park for this period.**

Father Kevin Conroy s.m.,
Parish Priest

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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 Acts 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Gospel John 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm: 4

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$6,883

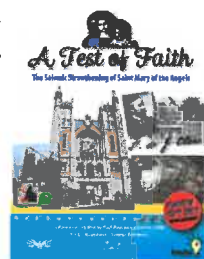


Morning Tea Following 9am Mass

Following the completion of the work, morning tea will now be in the Crypt

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: Lucie Halberstam

Anniversaries: Birja Nand, Leo Connolly, Katherine Butler, Sandra Southon

Prayers for the Sick: Nancy Grealish, Mary Rose Keller, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Colleen Kennedy, Gil Lescher, Mary Crompton, Teresa Jeong, 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. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord 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.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected

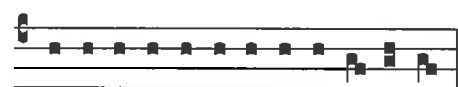
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad. **R.**



Alle-lu-ia, Alle-lu-ia, Alle-lu-ia.

Thank You

A sincere thank you to those who have generously responded to the request in the Angelus for donations to complete the work on the Church and grounds. A total of \$107,353 has been raised towards the final total of \$156,552.

Home Needed for 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

Open your Heart, Open your Home

Change the world one life at a time. We at Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children, are looking for people in the greater Wellington area who love children and young people and don't ever give up. That's it. We can help with the rest! If you have a room (or two!) and can provide a safe, loving home then you can make a difference. We need people from all walks of life to care for children and teenagers. This is your opportunity to create positive outcomes for our tamariki in a practical way. There are many types of care from temporary and respite right through to permanent and we'll support you in which ever role you choose. To know more phone Doug Fauchelle, Caregiver Social Work Supervisor on 04-917-1140

National Catholic Men's Event - MAX18NZ

This event offers a unique opportunity to deepen an understanding of God's call and challenge within our lives. It will be held at Kings College, Auckland over the weekend of 28/30 September, 2018. See flyer on display at the church entrance and also www.max18nz for more information. MAX = Men Alive for Christ.

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

SMAYAC's Tramping Trip

You're invited to come tramping on the 21-22 April. We've booked the Haurangi hut in the Rimutaka ranges, the track is fairly easy, so this trip is suitable for beginners to tramping. The hut's capacity is 10 people, so spots are limited and will be on a first-come-first served basis. So register and pay quickly to confirm your spot. If you are interested in coming get in touch with us through our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/SMOAYoungAdults or contact the Parish Office and we will forward you the form to register.

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.

Living in Colour

An eight week programme which offers gentle support and help to women hurting after an abortion experience. Even if the abortion happened years ago there are benefits from taking this journey with others who understand the burden. The next programme starts in early May and will run from 11am to 1pm. For more information or to register txt or call Lurene on 022 193 0546. (Sponsored by Family Life International NZ)

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington

Come along and join us on Thursday 19 April at 7.30pm for fellowship and prayer in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon. Fr Peter Ewart, Joshua chaplain, will be speaking on the sequel to "Stay Connected to Christ" entitled "The Holy Spirit working in my life more than I realise". If you want to know more contact Steve Ready on 04 970 7715, 027 356 9555 or email scjready@gmail.com

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

We are meeting on Saturday 21 April at 1:15pm in Connolly Hall, Guilford Tce, Thorndon. Sr Marie Gore will be speaking on the Holy Spirit with baptism in the Holy Spirit. All women welcome. Contact Shura on 021 072 4042, email shuraprice@hotmail.com.

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