

For Your Diaries : 2018

9 July, Healing Service

In the Sacred Heart Cathedral beginning at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

9 July, Greenstone Doors Prayer Evening

On the second Monday of every month Greenstone Doors holds a prayer evening at 15 Dudley Street, Lower Hutt at 7pm. Anyone is free to join us.

10 July, Organ Recital

Come and listen to David at Old St Pauls on Tuesday 10 July at 12.15pm - 1pm.

10 July, Come To The River Men's Support Group

Held at 7pm in a room underneath North Porirua Baptist Church, Whitby Village, Discovery Drive. Held every two weeks.

12 July, Adoration—Postponed to this Week

Join us in the Church from 6-7pm. We will then go to dinner afterwards.

16 July, Non-Residential Guided Retreat

Pā Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon.

Fr Brian Cummings sm on 04 212 4691; 021 703 580 or brcummings@xtra.co.nz

16 July, Seminar on Modern Slavery, Trafficking & Exploitation

Koha. Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Knights Rd, Lower Hutt, 7.30pm-9pm

19 July, Joshua Monthly Meeting

At 7.30pm in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon.

21 July, Kapatiran Prayer Fellowship

Saturdays from 1pm at St Bernadette's Church Hall, 194 Naenae Rd, Lower Hutt.

27-29 July, Dove Women's Retreat Weekend

At Willow Park Christian Camp, Eastern Beach, Auckland. www.dove.org.nz

23 July, Joshua One-Day Retreat

Between 8.30am and 5pm at Home of Compassion, Island Bay

3-5 August, Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

All enquiries strictly confidential. Wendy Hill 0272549222; rvnzretreats@gmail.com

5 August, Youth Development and Sacramental Programme

At 4pm at the Marist Challenge Centre, 1 Wanaka Street, Johnsonville.

10-12 August, Young Adults Ski Trip

Leaving Wellington Friday afternoon and returning to Wellington on Sunday. If you are interested please email smayacs@gmail.com.

24-26 August, Society of Mary Information & Prayer Weekend

Information at www.maristseminary.org.nz or facebook.com/marists. Email Fr Pat Breeze SM at vocations@smnz.org.nz

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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 July 2018, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Danger of the Familiar

In Mark 6:1-6 the people of Jesus' home town were astonished and Jesus himself was amazed. It seems that when Jesus called into his hometown things did not go very smoothly. Before visiting Nazareth there had been evidence of Jesus' power in other districts: revelations, healings and exorcisms. From these examples of God's presence and power people in those parts were astonished and amazed and came to faith.

Things were different in Nazareth. In Nazareth people were astonished and took steps to reject Jesus. This man Jesus they thought they knew so well should be making tables, working with stone and leather, not speaking wisdom, curing the sick and casting out demons. In their minds they had boxed him in to being just as he was when he lived among them. The people seemed to have the belief that God only works through special people, learned people or official people. Mary's and Joseph's son was simply not eligible.

What they failed to realise is that one of their own sons, Jesus of Nazareth, had a close relationship with God the Father. Jesus relied on his Father.

The struggle Jesus experienced in Nazareth helps us with our own struggle. The second reading for today, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 sheds some light for us.

In this reading St Paul writes about, "... a thorn in the flesh," that helps him from getting too proud. Whether this was a physical ailment or a speech impediment, it is not certain. It seems that it was a chronic condition, painful. Every person has a thorn in the flesh, whether it be physical, psychological or spiritual.

What Paul learns is that God's grace is sufficient for him and God's power is made perfect in weakness. Whatever is the thorn in the flesh that each of us has, God's grace is sufficient for us. Somehow the weakness of the Cross is a revelation of God's power. Our suffering can force us to rely on God. The tendency, however, is to rely on my own ego.

While the people of Nazareth could not put it into words what they were witnessing in Jesus, it unsettled them. What had happened is that one of their own was totally relying on God.

Confirmation

We would like to congratulate Odette Strachan, Poppy Strachan and Nicholas Teh from our Parish for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation today.

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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: Ezekiel 2:2-5
The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6
A prophet is despised only in his own country

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14
Psalm: 84
Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,860



N.B. The Angelus will show mistakes in our staffing until the current print-run is used up.

Our Pastoral Team for 2018 is:

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Conroy SM.
Assistant Priests: Fr Joe Savesi SM, Fr Peter McAfee SM.
In Residence: Fr Brian Wysocki SM
Pastoral Assistant: Sr Frances Gibbs CSB.
Music Director - Robert Oliver chant4robert@gmail.com

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A weekend of spiritual and emotional healing for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. 3-5 August 2018. All enquiries strictly confidential. Contact Wendy Hill 027 254 9222 or rvnzretreats@gmail.com



Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased Wilma Schwarz
Anniversaries: Fr Peter Wall, Maureen Ayling, Ngavaine Goodwin, Gillian Wills, Fr Gerard Mills sm, David Lemon, Rt Hon Bill Young, Peter Hansen
Prayers for the Sick: James Rata, Miriam Wilkins, Barbara Stairs, Victor Stairs, Brendan Gilmore, Nancy Grealish, Mary Rose Keller, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, 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 122

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. **R.**

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us mercy. **R.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. **R.**



Ocu-li nostri ad Domi-num donec mi-se-re- a-tur nostri.
Our eyes are unto the Lord until He have mercy on us.

Apostleship of the Sea

Today the Catholic Church with all other Churches in New Zealand and around the world remembers and prays for all seafarers. Seafarers are far from family, they endure unsafe working conditions and paid low wages because of isolation from authorities. Lonely, unloved and treated badly, they are for us the suffering Christ. Please pray for them in mass. Take a brochure available in the Church if interested in this apostolate, Stella Maris or Apostleship of the Sea, contact Fr Jeff Drane sm on 027 492 0250. Please visit the website www.aos.org.nz

Joshua Wellington

Inviting all men to the following events:

- **One-Day Retreat** on Saturday 28 July between 8.30am and 5pm at Home of Compassion, Island Bay. The theme will be "Jesus, Our Strength" with Fr Neil Vaney sm as the Retreat Leader. Bring some lunch to share.
- **Monthly Meeting** on Thursday 19 July at 7.30pm in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral). If you want to know more please call Steve Ready on 027 356 9555 or e-mail scjready@gmail.com

Organ Recital

Our organist, David Trott, is performing a recital during the lunchtime series. Come along and listen to David at Old St Pauls on Tuesday 10 July at 12.15pm - 1pm.

Healing Service

Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service in the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Monday 9 July beginning at 7.30 pm. Fr John has just returned from Western Australia where he has witnessed many healings. Come and hear fresh testimonies of how God heals today. Please bring all those who need Jesus' healing. All are welcome. Come with expectant faith.

Youth Development and Sacramental Programme

The Challenge 2000 Youth Ministry team will be running an Odyssey Programme for young people aged 13 and over. Odyssey is a personal and faith development programme and provides a space for young people to learn from each other and discuss the issues that face them today. It's also an opportunity for those who are interested, to prepare for and receive sacraments they have previously missed out on. Our first gathering will be at 4pm on Sunday 5 August at the Marist Challenge Centre, 1 Wanaka Street, Johnsonville. We also need enthusiastic youth leaders who are Year 13 and over to help lead this programme with other young people,. For more information and to register as a leader or participant contact Anna Hoskins on 027 842 1280; annahoskins@challenge2000.org.nz or Aaron Itinteang at aaronitinteang@challenge2000.org.nz

Greenstone Doors Prayer Evening

On the second Monday of every month Greenstone Doors holds a prayer evening at 15 Dudley Street, Lower Hutt at 7pm. Anyone is free to join us. If you are unable to join us, please feel free to pray wherever you may be at this time.

Adoration—Postponed to this Week

Join us in the Church for an hour of prayer and reflection in front of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 12 July from 6-7pm. We will then go somewhere for dinner afterwards.

Young Adults Ski Trip

The Young Adults group are planning on taking a ski trip to Ohakune on 10-12 August. It will be a two night stay leaving Wellington Friday afternoon by carpooling, skiing/snowboarding on Saturday and returning to Wellington on Sunday. For those not wanting to ski or snowboard there are other activities such as rock climbing, bike trails or hot pools. A rough estimate of costs is \$275 for two nights. This includes \$50 petrol contribution, \$100 for accommodation costs and \$125 for ski field day pass (\$165 for experienced) the price includes rental of basic equipment (skis, boots and poles). This does not include meals clothing and additional rental equipment (clothing, helmet and goggles) are available at an additional cost. If you are interested please email smayacs@gmail.com. If you are a willing licensed driver with a car we would love to hear from you.

Non-Residential Retreat

Held at Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre on 16-20 July. For further information, please contact Fr Brian Cummings, SM at bgcumplings@xtra.co.nz or on 021 703 580.

Rosary

The Rosary is recited on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays at 11.30am. On Fridays the Rosary is prayed after the 12.05pm Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Society of Mary Priests and Brothers

Communities of men committed to lives of prayer and service, disciples of Jesus inspired by the example of His mother Mary, sharing the mission of the Church locally and internationally. If you know someone who might consider life as a Marist priest or brother there is an information and prayer weekend 24-26 August. Information at www.maristseminary.org.nz or facebook.com/marists. Email Fr Pat Breeze SM at vocations@smnz.org.nz

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