

For Your Diaries : 2018

10 December, Antimodernism

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10-14 December, Young Catholic Leader Programme

Five day, live-in, leadership and faith formation programme for next year's Year 13 students. Please contact the Parish Office for information.

11 December, Charismatic Mass Naenae

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13 December, Course for Young Adults- 'Believe'

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15 December, Working Bee

We are planning a working bee for jobs both inside and outside the Church between 8.30am and 10.30am. Many hands make light work.

16 December. Bach Choir of Wellington

Held at 2pm in St Mary of the Angels Church. General Admission \$33 or Concession/Student/Unwaged is \$28.

Parishioner Seeking Accommodation

A mature female PhD student is looking for rental accommodation near St Mary of Angels or anywhere near Pipitea campus. Her preference would be with a Catholic family or an elderly couple or elderly lady. She would want to cook independently. Contact parish office please.

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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

9 December 2018, 2nd Sunday of Advent

*You have laid on me, O Christ, a spell of longing,
you have charmed me with the eros all divine:
consume, therefore, my sins with immaterial fire;
be pleased to fill me with your sweet delights.
Then I shall magnify your advent in the past
And the one we still await with joy.
O Gracious God.*

St John Chrysostom of Antioch CE 347-407

We each have personal power and we each have freewill to use for good or for bad. As Christians we are meant to be mediations of the powerful divine Word to the world.

In Luke 3:1-2 we hear about some very powerful people – Tiberius Caesar the emperor, Pontius Pilate the governor, Herod, Philip and Lysanias each a powerful leader in his own right and the high priests, Annas and Caiaphas. These represent the Roman and Jewish political leadership and religious establishment.

In an ideal world they should be mediations of God's power on earth. In our Gospel today, we see that the Word of God has bypassed them all. It seems that the Word of God does not stop at palaces or the temple.

Instead, it searches out John, a priest's son who is also a prophet, cousin of Jesus, and finds him in the desert. The desert is a place of purification and inner scrutiny, far from the halls of power.

Advent is a precious opportunity to create a desert inside myself, in the sense of consciously seeking purification from what clutters and pollutes my mind my heart and courageously go through a process of inner scrutiny.

Prepare a way for the Lord. (Luke 3:4b)

Working Bee

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*Father Kevin Conroy sm
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 6:30am-7:20am
Friday

Friday 11am-Noon

RECONCILIATION

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

Friday 11:00am-11:50pm
12:30pm-1:00pm
4:30pm-5:00pm

Saturday 10:30am-10:55am
4:00pm-5:00pm

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11
Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6
All people shall see the salvation of God.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18
Psalm: Isa 12:2-6
Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,683



Columban Calendars

2019 Columban Calendars are available for purchase for \$12 each.

Calendars are selling fast so please purchase yours from the Parish Office before we run out.

All proceeds go toward supporting St Columbans Mission Society.



Antimodernism

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Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Alfredo Reyes Jr, Frederick Cureg
Anniversaries: James Coyle, Daniel McKone, Maurice O'Brien, Janina Knopp, Teresa Vital
Prayers for the Sick: Peter Aldridge, Tony Crawley, Kerry Barber, John Adams, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Bea Stewart, Barbara Stairs, Victor Stairs, Brendan Gilmore, Nancy Grealish, Mary Rose Keller, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, 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.



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Responsorial Psalm 125

R The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**
The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**
Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**
They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Magni-fi-ca-vit Domi-nus fa-ce-re no-bis-cum:
facti sumus laetentes.

The Lord hath done these things for us: we are become joyful.

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St Mary of the Angels Christmas Cards

St Mary of the Angels Christmas Cards are now available for purchase either after Mass on Sunday or from the Parish Office.
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St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal:

Every Christmas there is a real need for children's gifts and food for families. Cash donations, are really appreciated & may be left in our box at the foot of the Statue of St Vincent de Paul, at the back of the Church. God's Blessings to all from Vinnies.

Carols with the Angels

Our annual Carol Service with the Salvation Army Band, the Choir, the Korean Community Choir, Young Angel Voices, and all your favourite Carols, hosted by Cynthia Morahan. This will be celebrated on Wednesday 19 December at 7.30pm. Please come along to enjoy this special event in our church.

Bach Choir of Wellington

Held at 2pm on Sunday 16 December in St Mary of the Angels Church. The Bach Choir presents choral music from the 16th to 20th Centuries in honour of St Cecilia, patron Saint of musicians: Hymn to St. Cecilia, Benjamin Britten; Messe Solennelle de Sainte-Cécile (St Cecilia Mass), Gounod; and music by William Byrd, Handel, Johannes Jeep and Gerald Finzi. The Choir will be joined by Nicola Holt (soprano), Jamie Young (tenor), Daniel O'Connor (baritone) and Douglas Mews (organ), under the direction of Shawn Michael Condon. Tickets available from Eventfinda, choir members, and at the door on the day. General Admission \$33 or Concession/Student/Unwaged is \$28.

Advent Meditations

At 12.30pm each Friday in Advent, a small group from the choir will lead the singing in midday Prayer. The music includes the 'O' Antiphons for Advent. The liturgy follows midday Mass and lasts for 15 minutes.

Course for Young Adults- 'Believe'

Calling all Young Adults 18-35 years. . The next Believe session is this Thursday 13 December starting at 6pm in the hall and followed with supper. We will be discussing: "What does the Church really teach about death, judgment, Heaven, and Hell? It's time to separate the myths from the reality. Come and join us, all are welcome.

Young Adult Catholic Community House

The Wellington Young Adult Catholic Community House - Mary's Mantle- is presenting to you the opportunity to live in community next year. Living in the grand old presbytery in the peaceful suburb of Seatoun we are a community of young Catholics seeking to live out our faith in a greater way. We do this through committing to daily prayer, shared meals and community nights of fun, teachings and Mass, and we encourage and support one another (as families do) to seek Christ and to grow in holiness in our jobs and lives. Our place is home to all young Catholics and therefore we also strive to offer hospitality to all who pass by! If living out your faith in community sparks your interest, consider if God may be inviting you to join us! If you are interested in finding out more (and you're between the ages of 18 - 35) please get in touch with Chante Cooper, Damon Maclachlan, Sophie Hale, or Catherine Monastra or give Isabella a call to chat about all things 'community!' - on 0210539664. To all our Young Adult Catholic family, our place belongs to you too... our home is your home! If you are in Wellington, come stay with us, pray with us or share a meal!

Advent Action

Life is very tough for many of those we serve in the Wellington, Porirua and Hutt Valley region. On 23 December 2018 we will be delivering 120 hampers filled with fresh produce, meat, and gifts that our children and young people really need and will enjoy. If you would like to sponsor a child, young person or family and make a direct difference, then please donate to Challenge 2000, ANZ, 01-0519-0057660-00 and reference **Advent Action**. Alternatively, you could drop items off to our premises at 1 Wanaka Street Johnsonville or call Megan on 04 477 6827 and we will come and collect them! Thank you in anticipation.

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