

## For Your Diaries : 2018

### 13 May, Bach Choir

The concert will be in the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3pm.

### 15 May, St Vincent de Paul

The next St. Vincent de Paul meeting is at 6pm in the Crypt.

### 17 May, Joshua Men's Fellowship Wellington

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

### 17 May, Studying our Faith

Here is an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic Faith. The hour-long sessions begin 17 May at 6pm. in the parish hall.

### 19 May, Bonfire – Princess Bay Beach

Go to facebook.com/SMOAYoungAdults/ for details

### 19 May, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

The next Dove meeting is at 1.15pm in Connolly hall, Guilford Tce. Thorndon.

### 19 May, Vigil for the Unborn

At St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. Starts at 10am with Mass, ending at 12pm.

### 19 & 20 May, Michael Mangan Workshops

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### 20 May, Annual Combined Pentecost Service

Come along at 7.30pm to St John's in the City for his traditional Mass, (corner Willis and Dixon Streets) to be a part of this special event .

### 11 June, Pa Maria Winter Film Series

The first season of the film series "Called to Be Blessed" - *Reflections on the Beatitudes*. For further info and/or to register please contact Fr Brian Cummings SM, 04 212 4691 or 021 703 580 or email bgcummings@xtra.co.nz

### 5 June, Life in the Spirit Seminar

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### 19 June, Suzanne Aubert's Birthday Celebration

Mass will be celebrated at 6pm in St Anne's Church, Newtown.

### 16 July, Non-Residential Guided Retreat

"The Pilgrim" will be held at Pā Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon. Contact Fr Brian Cummings sm on 04 212 4691, 021 703 580 or email bgcummings@xtra.co.nz

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# The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish

Church and Presbytery:

17 Boulcott Street,

Wellington Central

Telephone: 473 8074

Parish website: [www.smoa.org.nz](http://www.smoa.org.nz)

*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*

## 13 May 2018, The Ascension of the Lord

### The Ascension and Christian Unity – Go and Teach all People my Gospel (Mt 28:19)

Gone are the days in Aotearoa New Zealand when Catholics and Christians from other denominations hardly mixed. I remember while as a student at St Teresa's School, Karori walking home from the bus stop and my heart sinking if I had to navigate my way through a group of boys from the local state school. In my early formative years, the reality was very different from John 17:20-26 where Jesus prays for those who believe in him that they be **one** just as the Father and Jesus are one. Life has changed greatly since those days in the 1960s with one positive development being the growth in the ecumenical movement.

The Resurrected Jesus had to Ascend to the Father in order for the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to be sent by the Father, to teach us everything and remind us of all the Jesus had said. (John 14:25-26) The ecumenical movement is truly a work of the Holy Spirit who is slowly bringing unity to the believers of Jesus Christ. And it is slow for after all, although Christians share so much in common there is much that divides us. The power of the Holy Spirit, prayer, dialogue, mutual respect, faith and patience are needed in abundance to bring about unity in Christ.

From 13–20 May we are invited to pray for Christian unity. At each Sunday Mass we will be praying the Prayer for Christian Unity and you are invited to pray the prayer at home as well. Also, at this time of the year we have the opportunity to participate in the traditional combined **Pentecost service on the 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at St John's in the City**, corner Willis and Dixon Streets. This service will bring together Christians from the faith communities of St Peter's Anglican Church, St John's Presbyterian Church and ourselves for a time of prayer, reflection and song.

### Prayer for Christian Unity Week

*As people of the new covenant, sealed in the blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ we turn to you, O God, for renewed strength to more faithfully witness the unity of your family. We seek the healing touch of your mercy, O Loving God, glorious in your power, that we might walk with greater trust the way of peace. Help us to put aside the differences that do not matter, while honouring the diversity that blesses your all-embracing love. Move us forward, hand in hand, that your covenant of peace might be the cause of unity for your people and the whole world. In the name of Jesus, who prayed that all might be one. Amen - (Fr James B Lyons)*

Father Kevin Conroy s.m.  
Parish Priest

### Parish Priest

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Fr Joe Saveni SM

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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 1:1-11  
*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1:17-23  
*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

**Gospel** Mark 16:15-20  
*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11  
**Psalm:** 103  
**Second Reading:** Galatians 5:16-25  
**Gospel:** John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

### Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,783



### Tax Receipts

Planned giving receipts for the tax year ending 31 March 2018 are available at the back of the Church at all Masses today. Please collect your envelopes as it will save us the cost of postage. If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or email [smoa.office@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoa.office@xtra.co.nz)

### 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 \$118,199 has been raised towards the final total of \$156,552. Once we have raised sufficient money to pay all the bills our focus will be the ongoing maintenance programme for the church.

### Mass has been offered for:

**Anniversaries:** John Smith  
**Prayers for the Sick:** Morgan Price, Brendan Gilmore, Fr David Dowling, 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.*



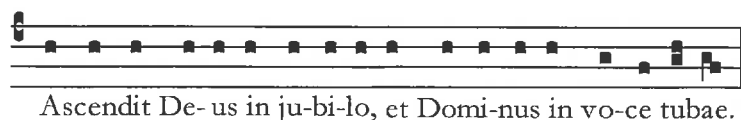
### Responsorial Psalm 46

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**



*God is ascended with jubilee: and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.*



### Annual Combined Pentecost Service

We are having the traditional combined Pentecost Service with St John's in the City Church and St Peter's Church on May 20. Come along at 7.30pm to St John's in the City, (corner Willis and Dixon Streets) to be a part of this special event. This service will bring together Christians from the faith communities in our Churches for a time of prayer, reflection and song.

### Pa Maria Winter Film Series

"Called to Be Blessed" - *Reflections on the Beatitudes*

- Season 1: Mondays 11,18,25 June & 2 & 9 July
  - Season 2: Mondays 13, 20, 27 August & 3 & 10 September
  - Season 3: Thursdays 16, 23, 30 August & 6 & 13 September
- For further information and/or to register please contact Fr Brian Cummings SM: phone (04) 212 4691 or 021 703 580 or email [bgcummings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bgcummings@xtra.co.nz)

### Vigil for the Unborn

Come-Pray-Sacrifice for the Unborn and a Culture of Life in New Zealand. On Saturday 19 May at St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. Starts at 10 am with Mass, ending at 12pm. For more information contact Family Life International on 04 237 8343.

### Michael Mangan Workshops

- *Family Friendly Liturgies* on Saturday 19 May, 2.15pm-4.30pm at Ss Peter and Paul's Church Lower Hutt
  - *The Purpose and place of music in the liturgy*, Sunday 20 May, 1.45pm-4pm at St Theresa's, Plimmerton.
- Michael Mangan is an Australian composer, teacher and music liturgist. Please register with Ann Williams by Monday 14 May, specifying which workshops you are attending by emailing [a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz). All are welcome.

### Life in the Spirit Seminar

This seminar will be conducted at the Church of Sts Peter and Paul, Lower Hutt on seven consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning on 5 June until 17 July (except for the 4th week, Monday 25 June). Do you want to encounter Jesus on a deeper level? Come and be blessed. Further information on the poster on the notice board.

### St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next St. Vincent de Paul meeting is on Tuesday 15 May at 6pm in the Crypt. We aim to serve Christ by helping the needy in the community. New members most welcome.

### Young Adults' Events

**Bonfire – Princess Bay Beach, Saturday 19 May**  
 Go to [facebook.com/SMOAYoungAdults/](https://facebook.com/SMOAYoungAdults/) for details.  
**Studying our Faith-** Here is an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic Faith. The hour-long sessions begin **Thursday 17 May** at 6pm. in the parish hall.

### Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

The next Dove meeting is on Saturday 19 May at 1.15pm in Connolly hall, Guilford Tce, Thorndon. Shura Price, President of Dove Wellington, will be speaking on "My journey guided by the Holy Spirit". All women welcome for fellowship. For enquires contact Shura Price on 04 3899938.

### Joshua Men's Fellowship Wellington

Come along and join us on Thursday 17 May at 7.30pm for fellowship and prayer in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon. We will be talking about what you would like to see happen at the monthly Joshua meetings. Ring Steve Ready on 04 970-7715, 027-356-9555 or email [scjready@gmail.com](mailto:scjready@gmail.com) for info.

### Non-Residential Guided Retreat

"The Pilgrim" guided retreat will be held 16-20 July with another later in the year on 12-16 November at Pā Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon. For further information and/or to register please contact Fr Brian Cummings sm on 04 212 4691, 021 703 580 or email [bgcummings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bgcummings@xtra.co.nz)

### Housing Sought for Refugee Families

Rental housing is needed urgently for two Wellington families: a family of eight and a family of six. Both are in temporary living situations right now, while a number of agencies are urgently seeking permanent homes for them. Can you help find an affordable rental home? If you can assist please contact [l.beech@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:l.beech@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz)

### Suzanne Aubert's Birthday Celebration

The Sisters of Compassion and the Catholic Parish of Wellington South invite you to celebrate the 183<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Suzanne Aubert's birthday. Mass will be celebrated at 6pm on Tuesday 19 June 2018 at St Anne's Church, Newtown. Hospitality will follow in the church hall following Mass.

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