

For Your Diaries : 2018

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22 February, Holy Thursday Workshop

A Holy Thursday workshop is being held at the Cafeteria on the 1st floor of the Catholic Centre, 22-30 Hill Street, Wellington from 7pm-9pm. Rsvp to a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz before 15 February.

25 February, First Sacrament Programme Enrolments Close

Please contact the Parish Office at smoa.office@xtra.co.nz or 04 473 8074 for more information or to enroll your child before this date.

28 February, Teaching Night

Hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Gordon Copeland will be speaking on the theme 'The Gift of Wisdom'. 7:30pm in St Anne's Hall, Emmett St, Newtown. Everyone is welcome!

2 March, Charity Concert for Lifeline Aotearoa

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4 March, Newtown Fair

The annual Newtown Festival Street Fair is being held from 9.30am on Riddiford Street. Terry Dodson will be selling the famous St Mary of the Angels cookbook, 'Recipes for Restoration'. Please come along and purchase a book for \$30 to continue to support the fundraising efforts of our seismic strengthening project.

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 Parish

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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

18 February 2018, 1st Sunday Of Lent - Year B

Lent, A Reality Check

A little boy came home from school on Ash Wednesday where they had celebrated an Ash Wednesday service. He went into his room to change his clothes. When he came out he asked his mother, "Is it true we come from dust?" "Yes dear," replied mother. "Is it true that when we die we go back to the dust?" "Yes dear, that's right." The little boy ran into his room and came out all excited, "Mum, I just looked under my bed. There's heaps of dust there. There must be many people either coming or going!"

It is easy to live life thinking that life as we know it will go on forever. The truth is that not only will each of us die and our bodies will become dust but that we are invited to eternal life with God. Another truth is that this new Kingdom with God has begun to partially show itself.

Jesus Christ was tempted by the devil not to proclaim God's Kingdom. The devil tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread for his personal convenience. Jesus said no. At another time, Jesus multiplied loaves of bread not for himself but for others; an action fitting for the new Kingdom. The devil tested Jesus by offering him all the kingdoms of the earth. Jesus said no. Instead, Jesus received all power in heaven and earth, but not by him seeking it, but only when it was given by God. Jesus refused to be de-railed from following the Father's will. Jesus came through the scene of the temptation in the desert as the Son of God who completely serves God's will.

Perhaps as you received ashes on your forehead on Ash Wednesday you heard the words, 'Repent and believe the Gospel.' Repentance to the Gospel means commitment to the new Kingdom – by the way we are present to others and the way we serve them, by relieving hunger and poverty, by having Christ-like attitudes to the vulnerable.

Returning to dust is just part of the story. The Mass is ended, go and proclaim the Gospel by word and deed.

Euthanasia Bill

It is our final opportunity to submit our views on the Assisted Suicide Bill. We do not have a lot of time with the closing date set at this coming Tuesday 20 February. It is an opportunity to promote the dignity of human life in its most vulnerable forms. Information and links on how to easily enter your submissions are on the tables at the main entrances to the church. For more information go to www.nathaniel.org.nz

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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 **Genesis** **9:8-15**
I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Second Reading **1 Peter** **3:18-22**
The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Gospel **Mark** **1:12-15**
He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: **Genesis** **22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18**
Psalm: **115**
Second Reading: **Romans** **8:31-34**
Gospel: **Mark** **9:2-10**

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,184



Rite of Election

The Rite of Election for our candidates and catechumens on the RCIA program will take place during the 5pm mass. Please continue to pray for Helen Tsang, Holly Sinclair, Erica Willoughby, Anne Phillips, Guy Wayne, Jason Chappell and Isabella Jorna as they continue on their spiritual journey towards being received into the Catholic community at Easter.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Richard Wright

Anniversaries: Fr Ken Scully sm, Rt Hon Sir Ian McKay, Richard Bruynel, Marivac Del Rosario, William Leo

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, Imelda Reeve, 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 24

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.
 Lord, teach me your paths.
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
 for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
 and the love you have shown from of old.
 In your love remember me,
 because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
 He shows the path to those who stray,
 he guides the humble in the right path;
 he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**



Uni-versae vi- ae Domi-ni, mi-se-ri-cordi- a et ve-ri-tas.-

All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth.

Assistance with the Newtown Fair

Terry Dodson is holding a stall at the Newtown Fair on Sunday 4 March from 9.30am to sell our famous 'Recipes for Restoration' cookbooks. Terry needs someone to help with selling books for an hour. If you are able to help please contact Terry on 021 844 113 or email berneyterrydodson@outlook.co.nz. The proceeds will go towards our continued Seismic Strengthening project.

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.

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Projector Operators

We are in desperate need of Projector Operators to help out with our 5.00pm Mass on Sundays. You will be trained in operating the laptop and projector, no experience necessary. If you are able to support us in this important service please contact Sister Frances of the Parish Office.

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 27 February
Thursday 1 March
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.

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

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Sacraments Programme for Children

Children from St Mary of the Angels who are Year 4 and above are encouraged to join the First Sacraments programme if they have not received First Reconciliation, Confirmation or First Holy Communion. Enrolments for the programme are due by Sunday 25 February 2018. Please contact the Parish Office at smoa.office@xtra.co.nz or 04 473 8074 for more information or to enrol your child.

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