

For Your Diaries : 2018

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23 March, Camerata - Haydn In the Church

Join us for a short and reviving concert. Admission by koha, from 7pm - 8pm in St Mary of the Angels Church. The musicians include professional performers, tertiary music students and amateurs.

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

24 March, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Inviting all women to our meeting at 1.15pm in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon. For more information contact Shura on 021 072 4042

26 March, Working Bee

Please come along to help with the cleaving of the Church in preparation for Easter. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work

8 April, Father Barry's Farewell

There will be a farewell for Fr Barry after the 11am Mass If you wish to contribute towards a gift from the parish to Fr Barry please pass it either to Fr Kevin, Sr Frances, or to the Parish Office.

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.

19 April, Pentecost Liturgical Workshop

An interactive workshop, with Fr Patrick Bridgman, Archdiocesan Liturgy Advisor. Fr Patrick will help us unpack Pentecost seeking ways to be truly culturally inclusive within our liturgies and gatherings. Workshops are open to all, 6.45pm-9pm at the Catholic Centre. Please register with Ann Williams before Friday 13 April by emailing a.williams@wn.catholic.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

18 March 2018, 5th Sunday Of Lent - Year B

Seismic Strengthening Update

It is almost a year since we re-opened St Mary of the Angels after the seismic strengthening of the Church. I am sure that all of us during these past twelve months have appreciated the amazing work carried out by our contractor. While the Church was closed they have ensured that the beauty and integrity of this sacred space was preserved. The contract for the work was \$10,140,000 and this has all been paid for thanks to the generosity of so many donors both within the Parish and the wider community.

Over the past several months we have been quietly working on re-instating the Crypt, Choir Room and the grounds. Work has also been carried out in the towers and in the Choir loft. These were separate items from the main contract and we have now reached the point where completion of this stage of work is in sight.

There has been significant work carried out under the Church. A new floor has been laid in the Choir Room and significant drainage created because of water that comes from the two creeks which run under Boulcott Street and O'Reily Avenue. The Crypt upgrade will be a wonderful asset for Parish use.

The grounds are nearly completed with the installation of lighting. Some landscaping is still to be completed. The grounds will be reopened at Easter.

The final work which we hope to achieve in the next few weeks is in the sanctuary of the Church. New carpet will be laid, electrical work will be completed at the rear of the sanctuary and most significantly our beautiful marble Reredos will be more securely attached to the back wall of the Church.

This additional work has so far cost \$244,575. We have managed to pay for most of it through the generosity of our donors. However, we still need an estimated \$156,552 to settle our February accounts and also to pay for the new carpet and work in the sanctuary.

In the Angelus today you will find a donor card and envelope. I hope many of you will assist with this final fundraising effort.

Father Barry Scannell *s.m.*,

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MASSES

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm

Monday to Friday 7:30am, 12:05pm, & 5:15pm

Saturday 11am

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday 11am Mass with Sacrament of Anointing

ADORATION

Monday to Friday 6:45am-7:30am

Friday 11am-noon

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Thursday 11:30am-noon
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 Jeremiah 31:31-34
The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

Second Reading Hebrews 5:7-9
He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel John 12:20-33
If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm: 21
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,754



Father Barry's Farewell

After 10 years here at St Mary of the Angels and nine of those years serving as Parish Priest it is approaching the time to farewell Fr Barry. There will be a farewell for him after the 11am Mass on Sunday 8 April. If you wish to contribute towards a gift from the Parish to Fr Barry I invite you to pass it either to Fr Kevin, Sr Frances, or to the Parish Office.

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Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Pat Henehan

Anniversaries: Baldo Sutich, Margaret McNeill, Denis Boyd, Deidre Sweeney, Eduardo Franz, Haydee Anderso

Prayers for the Sick: James Ramsay, 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, 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 50

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **R.**



Cor mundum cre- a in me, De- us.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

RCIA Program

The RCIA Programme for the catechumens and candidates desiring to be received into the Catholic faith community at Easter is at the important stage now of deep discernment and decision on their part, as well as the facilitators, as to their readiness and preparedness to make this commitment of faith. As the parish community, please continue to pray for **Helen Tsang, Holly Sinclair, Erica Willoughby, Anne Phillips, Guy Wayne, Jason Chappell and Isabella Jorna.**

Over the past few weeks they have participated in "Scrutinies." The third and final Scrutiny will be held tonight, 18 March at the 5pm Mass.

Planned Giving

Planned Giving envelopes for the next financial year are available at all Masses today. The envelopes are labelled alphabetically by surname and can be found in the entrance after Mass today, and from the Parish Office during the week. Please ensure that the number on your new envelopes are the same as the number allocated to you from last year. Please collect your envelopes as it will save us the cost of postage.

As we come to the end of the tax year (31 March) it is a good time to review your financial commitment to the Parish. Any lump sum given before 31 March can be claimed in the current tax year. A tax rebate of 33.3% may be claimed on all your contributions. Tax receipts will be issued in April for the 2017/2018 financial year.

If you are not part of the Planned Giving programme you are very welcome to contribute to the Parish in this way. There are two ways to contribute to the Parish through the Planned Giving Programme;

- Direct Credit
- Planned Giving Envelopes

For more information or to become a Planned Giver, please contact the Parish Office or see a member of the Pastoral Team after Mass.

Camerata - Haydn In the Church

Join us for a short and reviving concert of early Haydn and sumptuous Dvorak pieces for a small chamber orchestra. On Friday 23 March from 7pm - 8pm in St Mary of the Angels Church. Admission by koha, to fundraise for our ongoing seismic strengthening project - all are welcome, regardless of means. The musicians include professional performers, tertiary music students and amateurs. Camerata seeks to make beautiful classical music accessible to all.

St Mary of the Angels Choir

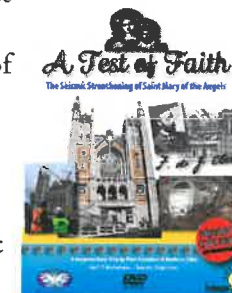
The Choir of St Mary of the Angels is looking for new singers! If you are interested in joining our choir please contact Director of Music, Robert Oliver: chant4robert@gmail.com ;04 9342296; or 0210 2574375. There is no audition and you don't need to be able to read music. All that is required is a love of music and willingness to learn. The choir sings at the 11am Mass each Sunday. Rehearsals take place every Thursday 7.30pm - 9.30pm; and 45-minutes before Mass on Sunday

Altar Servers

Men, Woman, Boys and Girls
 We need Altar Servers for the 9am, 11am and 5pm Masses. If you are interested please contact the Parish office or ring Margaret Clark 4792 820.

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.



Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Dove Wellington invites all women to our meeting on Saturday 24 March at 1.15pm in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon. Fr John Rae will be speaking on **Lamentations 3: 22-24**, from our theme of hope, followed with Ministry. All women are welcome. For more information contact Shura on 021 072 4042

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Giving to the Needy

At a recent meeting it was decided to trial a food basket for people to donate appropriate food items for those in need. The basket would be placed in the St Joseph's Chapel during the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday. From there the food would be taken to Ozanam House, St Vincent de Paul's headquarters and main food bank.

Lenten Donations

The money raised during Lent will be used by Caritas to support development and emergency relief overseas, as well as working for justice for those people who have the most urgent need around the world and at home in Aotearoa New Zealand. Envelopes are on the tables at the two main entrances to the church.

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