

For Your Diaries : 2018

18 November, 'From Distant Lands' Concert

Come on a European Musical Tour being presented on Sunday 18 November at St Peter's on Willis St, Wellington at 2.30pm. Free entry.

20 November, St Vincent de Paul Meeting

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

20 November, Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour beginning at 7.30 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Sacred Heart Cathedral, to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. All are welcome.

22 November, Course for Young Adults- 'Believe'

The next session is this Thursday starting at 6pm in the hall and followed with supper. Come and join us, all are welcome.

1 December, Stewardship

All people of the Catholic Parish of St Mary of the Angels are invited to join Cardinal John for an afternoon of "Stewardship – Responding to our Baptismal Call to Discipleship". At the St John's Centre, St John's in the City Presbyterian Church, Dixon Street from 1.30pm – 4.30pm.

5 December. Greenstone Doors Christmas Party

The Greenstone Doors Annual Christmas Party is being held at 6.30pm-8:30pm at 106 Park Road, Belmont. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from www.eventbrite.co.nz or contact us on 04 566 5037.

5 December, Charismatic Mass

A Charismatic Mass is to be held at 7.30pm, in St Theresa's Church, St Andrew's Road, Plimmerton. All are welcome.

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.



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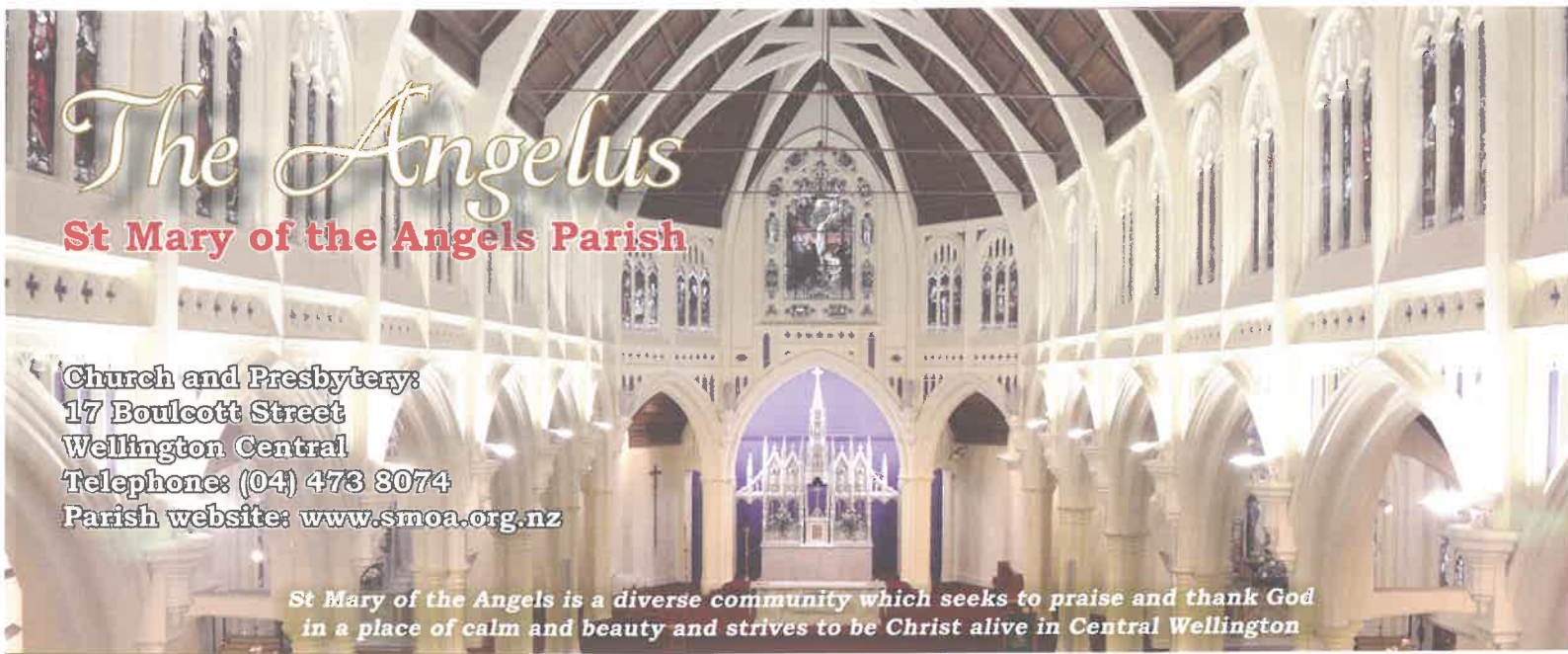


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MASSES

<i>Sunday</i>	7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm
<i>Monday to Friday</i>	7:30am, 12:05pm, & 5:15pm
<i>Saturday</i>	11am

EACH MONTH
4th Saturday 11am Mass with Sacrament of Anointing

ADORATION

<i>Monday to Friday</i>	6:30am-7:20am
<i>Friday</i>	11am-Noon

RECONCILIATION

<i>Monday to Thursday</i>	11:30am-Noon 12:30pm-1:00pm 4:30pm-5:00pm
<i>Friday</i>	11:00am-11:50pm 12:30pm-1:00pm 4:30pm-5:00pm
<i>Saturday</i>	10:30am-10:55am 4:00pm-5:00pm

18 November 2018, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The End of the Year. The End of Time

The Archangel Michael makes a rare appearance today in the first reading. Michael is the angel who fought and overcame Lucifer and threw him out of heaven. Stories like this belong to a style of writing called 'apocalyptic' - from another world and another time. Throughout this week and next week, most of the readings are apocalyptic. That is because we are approaching the end of the Church year. (Advent will start the new year.) And so with this ending, the Church focuses on the end of (earthly) time, and how this world will eventually pass away, and how everything will then be 'sorted out' fairly, once and for all. Apocalyptic is a strange and symbolic style of writing usually in story form. But it is completely different from a parable for example, which is also a symbolic story.

Here's a bit of theory. The Jews and early Christians knew persecution and even martyrdom. Fidelity to God's law and the teachings of Christ *should have* delivered a peaceful and prosperous life. But it didn't. On the contrary, the oppressors and manipulators of this world were the ones who got ahead and got rich, while the honest and devout stayed poor and were even killed. What was God doing? Were the believers wrong and deceived after all? Was faith a hoax?

Apocalyptic stories show that there are in fact two 'places' - this world where we live, and the place 'above' where God and the heavenly beings are. And that we should never forget this. Down here, all might appear chaotic and unfair and without God, but this is not so. What happens here is part of a divine plan, where struggles and even violent spiritual battles are waged. We should not be seduced into thinking that God has forgotten us or that God has lost control. Even though we might not understand what is happening, God is in control and will never abandon us.

As well as two 'places' there are also two 'times'. This world that we know will come to an end. But the place of God above will not. At the end of this world, God will finally 'sort out' the whole mess here. The oppressors with have their just desserts and the faithful who have persevered will be rewarded. How often have we heard that 'the last will be first and the first last'? This is an apocalyptic maxim. Justice will prevail.

Apocalyptic writing then is to encourage the faithful, to understand how things really are, and to persevere in the faith. God is in control - always. He knows what he is doing. And he will see the faithful ones vindicated in the end.

*Father Peter McAfee sm
Parish Staff*

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Daniel 12: 1-3
When that time comes your own people will be spared.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32
He shall gather his elect from the four winds

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14
Psalm: 92
Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8
Gospel: John 18:33-37

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,416



First Communion

Today at the 9am Mass five of our young parishioners will receive their First Holy Communion. We congratulate Odette Strachan, Poppy Strachan, Nicholas Teh, John Labilles, and Katrina Ramos. as they celebrate this wonderful sacrament for the first time.

We thank their families for supporting them as they prepared for this wonderful celebration. We would also like to thank the First Sacraments team from the Central Pastoral Area for preparing all the candidates from the three parishes for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. Bede Clarke is our representative on this group and a sincere thanks to him.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Natalie French, Terrence Christie
Anniversaries: Catherine O'Regan, Brendan Kirwan, Romola Sullivan, Joy Mackle
Prayers for the Sick: John Adams, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Stephen Reeve, 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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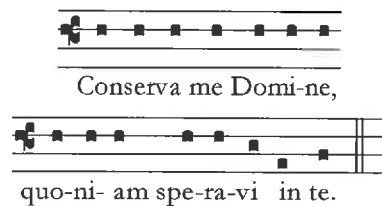
Responsorial Psalm 15

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, At our right hand happiness for ever **R.**



Preserve me O Lord, for I have put my trust in Thee.

Charismatic Mass

A Charismatic Mass is to be held on Wednesday 5 December at 7.30pm, in St Theresa's Church, St Andrew's Road, Plimmerton. Fr Kevin Connors will be celebrating. Prayer teams and supper to follow. All are welcome. Any queries please phone Anne Dodds on 027 311 0551

Columban Calendars

2019 Columban Calendars are available for purchase from the Parish Office for \$12 each.

All proceeds go toward supporting St Columbans Mission Society.



Stewardship



All people of the Catholic Parish of St Mary of the Angels are invited to join Cardinal John for an afternoon of "Stewardship – Responding to our Baptismal Call to Discipleship".

This is an opportunity for friends and parishioners to come together with the leadership teams of the parish to explore how we may deepen our call to be disciples of Christ, in the Parish of St Mary of the Angels.

The afternoon considers some key questions about our Parish priorities and is an opportunity for everyone connected to St Mary's to contribute and be involved.

Come along, be inspired, share your thoughts and help shape the future.

Venue:

The St John's Centre,
St John's in the City Presbyterian Church,
Dixon Street

Date and time:

Saturday 1 December 2018
from 1.30pm – 4.30pm.



The Holy Souls Remembered during November

During the month of November there will be a Remembrance Book for the holy souls in the church. You are invited to write the names of any deceased family or friends in the book, and they will be prayed for at every Mass celebrated in our church. The book will be located on a small table in front of Our Lady's altar.

If you would like a special Mass said for those who have died, please write the name(s) on the Mass intention envelope provided on the table at the main entrance to the church, place a Mass stipend inside and give it to one of the priests, Sister Frances or hand it into the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society is on Tuesday 20 November at 6pm in the Crypt. We get our inspiration from the Gospels and aim to help the needy in the community. New members most welcome.

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Course for Young Adults- 'Believe'

Calling all Young Adults 18-35 years. The 'Believe' course has started up again after a break. The next session is this Thursday 22 November starting at 6pm in the hall and followed with supper. We will be discussing: The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace, Who is the Holy Spirit? How does the Spirit work in our lives and in the life of the Church? Why is it so important that we know and love him? Come and join us, all are welcome.

Holy Hour

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Parish Census

To assist the archdiocese and the parish with planning, November is the usual time to do a head count of people at Mass each Sunday in November.

In addition, we are designing a form to help us update records and to understand better the makeup of our parish. We will invite you to fill in a form. This will help us serve you better and provide the opportunity for individual giftedness and service to be highlighted.

Greenstone Doors Christmas Party

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Missing Statue

The Legion of Mary has a statue of our Blessed Mother Mary which is available for parishioners to borrow. We are currently unable to locate this statue. The statue is about 500mm high and is in a wooden carry case. We urgently need the statue returned so that we can make it available to other parishioners. Please contact Neil on 021 896 924.