

## For Your Diaries : 2018

### 25 February, First Sacrament Programme Enrolments Close

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

### 27 February, Holy Hour

The monthly Holy Hour to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life will be held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral chapel beginning at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

### 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

Almut Seebeck and Felicitas Weyer from Germany known as Trio A Due will perform a Charity Concert at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door, adults are \$30 and Children are \$20. [www.trio-a-due.de](http://www.trio-a-due.de)

### 4 March, Newtown Fair

The annual Newtown Festival Street Fair is being held from 9.30am on Riddiford Street. 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](mailto:rvnzretreats@gmail.com)



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# The Angelus

## St Mary of the Angels Parish

### Church and Presbytery:

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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*

## 25 February 2018, 2nd Sunday Of Lent - Year B

### Being Transfigured with Christ

There is a spiritual teaching related to King David. The setting is the sanctuary of the Temple where David was giving glory to God. *An ant passed in front of him. He lifted his hand with the intention of throwing the ant away from the place of prostration. "O David," the ant protested, "what wantonness is this that you intend to inflict upon me? It is scarcely your task to lay hands on [God's creatures] in God's own house!"*

*David was grief-stricken and said: "O God, how should I deal with Your creatures?" A voice was heard: "Make it your habit to act out of fear of God so that none has to suffer on your account! Do not locate the true source of creatures in their bodies! Look rather at the mystery of their creation!" [Sharafuddin Maneri, in John Shea, Eating with the Bridegroom, The Spiritual Wisdom of the Gospels for Christian Preachers and Teachers, Liturgical Press, Minnesota, 2007, P.88]*

On the Second Sunday of Lent we are invited to focus on the Transfiguration of Jesus (Mark 9:2-10). In this passage of scripture, the inner world is revealed in its transformation of the outer world. The disciples discover the presence of God not by stripping off the garments but by watching them turn beautiful. As we encounter the beauty of Christ this Lent may we ponder the mystery of our own creation and in so doing allow God's power to transform our wounds and sin into glorious wounds that allow Christ to shine forth in our lives.

### 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.

Donations received by Caritas in the envelopes by 31 March will be sent a receipt for the 2017/18 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1 will be sent a receipt for the 2018/19 tax year.

Envelopes can be collected from the tables at the two main entrances to the church.

### Rest in Peace

A long standing parishioner Imelda Reeve passed away last Thursday. Imelda and her late husband O'Brien (who died in 2008) were for many years committed and faithful parishioners of St Mary of Angels and attended the 9am Mass. They were very involved in many aspects of parish life and it is only in recent years that Imelda was unable to attend Mass in the church.

Imelda's Mass of Requiem will be held on Monday at St Mary of the Angels at 2pm.

*Father Kevin Conroy s.m.,  
Parish Priest*

### Parish Priest

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### Assistant Priests

Fr Kevin Conroy SM

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Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

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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** Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18  
*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

**Second Reading** Romans 8:31-34  
*God did not spare his own Son.*

**Gospel** Mark 9:2-10  
*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17  
**Psalm:** Psalm 18  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
**Gospel:** John 2:13-25

### Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,960



### 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 coming weeks they will participate in the "Scrutinies." There are three "Scrutinies" and these will take place at the Sunday parish masses:

- 1st Scrutiny-** 3rd Sunday of Lent, 4 March, 9am Mass
- 2nd Scrutiny-** 4th Sunday of Lent, 11 March, 11am Mass
- 3rd Scrutiny-** 5th Sunday of Lent, 18th March, 5pm Mass.

### Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Imelda Reeve, Richard Wright

**Anniversaries:** Joan Abbott, Cecilia Dickson, Leslie Kriebel, Pauline Ritchie, Donald McIvor, Fr Barry Edwards, Fr Michael O'Meehan sm, Nelson Nunns, Acela Jarvina, Ramon Jarvina, Raymond Jarvina, Rowan Jarvina, Cecile Cruz, Mommy Ruero, Jose N. Banog, Lola Mamang

**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, 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 115

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted.'  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**



Pla-cé-bo Dómi-no in re-gi- ó-ne- vi-vó-rum.

*I will praise the Lord in the land of the living.*

### New Bishop for Dunedin

Pope Francis has appointed Father Michael Dooley as the new Bishop of the Dunedin Diocese. Bishop-Elect Michael will be the seventh Bishop of Dunedin and succeeds Bishop Colin Campbell who has served in this role for almost 14 years. We pray for Bishop-Elect Michael as he prepares for his episcopal ordination, installation and leadership. Let us also pray for Bishop-Elect Paul Martin, sm who will be ordained and installed next weekend for the diocese of Christchurch.

### 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.

### Projector Operators

We are in 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.

### Learning Support Volunteers

St Patrick's College (Town) are seeking help for 30 senior boys with learning difficulties. Volunteers would be trained as Reader/Writers. Being a volunteer would help students make the most of the educational opportunities at this important time of their lives. If you wish to be a volunteer Reader/Writer e-mail Michelle Duffy, Head of Learning Support: Michelle.duffy@stpats.school.nz

### Pregnancy Assistance

St Vincent de Paul Society Wellington provides a free, supportive service for new and expectant mothers. Pregnancy Assistance provides material support in the way of baby clothing, nursery equipment, referral advice and simply a listening ear. Located at 207 Riddiford Street, it's open Wednesday - Friday, 10am - 2pm. Contact Wendy on 04 389 7122 or babyassist@vinnieswgtm.org.nz.

### 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.

### 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 close today, 25 February. Please contact the Parish Office at smoa.office@xtra.co.nz or 04 473 8074 for more information or to enrol your child.

### 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 022 103 5014 or email berneyterrydodson@outlook.co.nz. The proceeds will go towards our continued Seismic Strengthening project.

### 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

### Holy Hour

The monthly Holy Hour to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life will be held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral chapel on Tuesday 27 February beginning at 7.30 pm. This Holy will include prayers, Scripture, times of silence and singing, and will conclude with Benediction followed by supper. Everyone is welcome.

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