

For Your Diaries : 2018

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

29 April 2018, 5th Sunday of Easter

The Church Exists in Order to Evangelise

Why do I come to Mass on Sundays? If a survey was undertaken on a given Sunday the responses would vary enormously. Some possible responses could be: I come to receive a message and to receive the Eucharist to help me live as a Christian in the coming week. I come for the sense of community. I come because it is my duty as a Catholic. I come because it is a beautiful church. I come for the music. I come for some time of peace and tranquillity. I come because I know that without that one hour in my week my life would fall apart; I need it to survive.

Whatever our motives the following quote invites us to connect our lives as Christians to the concept of evangelisation. "Evangelisation is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity, She exists in order to evangelize." [Pope Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi, #14] This is not to say that we view the Catholic Church as we might view a yacht club, or golf club and that evangelisation aims to swell "our club's" membership.

What is Evangelization? Because I have encountered the one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit and wish to place that God at the centre of my life, I desire to help others to also come to know God. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church #425 *Evangelization means to fulfil the missionary mandate of Jesus Christ, who commanded us to "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:18). "The transmission of the Christian faith consists primarily in proclaiming Jesus Christ in order to lead others to faith in him. From the beginning, the first disciples burned with the desire to proclaim Christ: 'We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard' (Acts 4:20). And they invite people of every era to enter into the joy of their communion with Christ."*

It is easy for us to think of evangelisation as a job for missionaries who travel to exotic locations and lose sight of opportunities on our own doorstep. Every baptized person is missioned: "... to lead others to faith... (It) is the task of every preacher and of each believer" [St. Thomas Aquinas]

Sometimes words help with evangelisation, but more often the most powerful evangelisation occurs when Christians treat one another and others who are not Christian in helpful and caring ways. Likewise, the witness value of active participation in a parish must not be underestimated nor the offer to pray for or with someone who is shouldering a burden. As Easter people I invite us to see the ordinary events of the coming week as opportunities to evangelise in the name of Jesus Christ.

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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 9:26-31
He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24
His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

Gospel John 15:1-8
All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Psalm: 97
Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10
Gospel: John 1 5:9-17

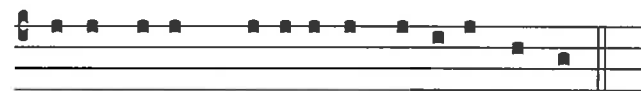
Responsorial Psalm 21

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
 The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
 They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
 May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
 all families of the nations worship before him.
 They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
 before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
 They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
 declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
 'These things the Lord has done'. **R.**



Apud te laus me- a in eccle-si- a magna.

With Thee is my praise in a great church.

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 \$111,000 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.

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 12p.m. For more information contact Family Life International on 04 237 8343.

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

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Spiritual Theology Course

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Don't Miss these Dynamic Workshops!

Michael Mangan, an Australian composer, teacher and music liturgist will be presenting these interactive workshops. They will be of special interest to members of Liturgy teams, Children's Liturgists, Musicians and Directors of Religious Education.

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Please register with Ann Williams by Monday 14 May, specifying which workshops you are attending by emailing a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz. Michael is from overseas so a Koha would be appreciated but not compulsory. Everyone is welcome.

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Greenstone Doors Events

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Compassion Street Day Appeal

The Compassion Soup Kitchen is holding its annual Street Day Appeal on Friday 25 May. We are looking for volunteers who can give a little time to hold a bucket for us in the Wellington CBD, the Hutt City Area or Porirua City. If you can help please contact Paula on volunteers@compassion.org.nz or call/txt 0211811862

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Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,175



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. Receipts will also be issued for those parishioners who are contributing to the Seismic Strengthening of the Church using the automatic payment method.

Please ensure that we have your correct personal details on these receipts. We have recently changed our Parish database therefore we would like to ensure we have the right contact details for everyone. We apologise for any incorrect contact details that have been overlooked.

If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or email smoa.office@xtra.co.nz

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Margaret Peters

Anniversaries: John Keating, Jung Jieun, Ian Jones, Nadia Melesso-Passuello, Stewart Dickson, Mark Fitzgerald,

Prayers for the Sick: 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



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