18TH APRIL 2010: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Octave of Prayer

At all Masses today a letter from the NZ Catholic Bishops will be read inviting us to an "Octave of Prayer" from today until Sunday 25 April, to celebrate the "Year of the Priest".

This Pastoral letter will replace the homily today.

Prayers for Father Tom O'Connor S.M.

Father Tom (who was meant to join us in February as Assistant Priest) underwent a quadruple heart by-pass last Wednesday. Please keep Father Tom in your prayers as he recovers from this surgery.

Novena for Vocations to the Society of Mary

Each year the Marist communities around the world pray a Novena in the lead up to the feast of St Peter Chanel for vocations to the Society of Mary. We are again praying this Novena from 19 to 28 April (the feast day). You are welcome to join us and pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life.

Maxwell Fernie Organ Scholarship

I draw your attention to the notice in the middle section of the Angelus today regarding the awarding of the inaugural Maxwell Fernie Organ Scholarship. This is an important and significant milestone in the history of St Mary of the Angels. I hope that we can 'fill' the Church next Sunday evening 25th April for this occasion.

Fr Barry Scannell sm

Masses have been offered for

Recently Deceased: Harrie Bode

Anniversaries: Jim Jackson

Special Intentions: 6

Prayers for the Sick Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Patricia Smyth, Cecilia Dickson, Da Van Luyn, Des Cartright, Dulcie Campbell, Oinah Macpherson, Joan O'Neill, Mary McDermott, Kath Cosgrave, Mary Egan, Peter Tawhaki, Peter Gilbert, Ron Blair, Paul Carr, Mary Jarvis, Maria Kasperowicz, Marie McWilliams, Paul Rajan, Angela Hong, Aileen Gallagher, Carolyne Collins.

St Mary of the Angels Young Adults' Group

A group for 18-35s and the young at heart - come and share faith, fellowship and friendship.

Events

Theology on Tap: Last Sunday of every Month following the 5pm Mass at the General Practitioner (across the road from the Church) - top floor. The next 'Theology on Tap' is on Sunday 25 April. The guest speaker is Archbishop Charles Balvo the Apostolic Nuncio.

Youth Masses: Second Sunday of every month at 5pm. The next Youth Mass is on Sunday 9 May. Please contact us if you would like to be involved in any future Masses!

Holy Hour: Third Thursday of every month 6 - 7pm. An hour of adoration lead by young people of the Parish..

Bible Study: All are welcome to join a small group of young adults who meet to discuss the Gospel for the following Sunday or join in some form of spiritual reflection. Every Tuesday 8 - 9 pm in the Crypt (below the Church).

We welcome newcomers to the group, your ideas and your comments. Contact us at smayacs@gmail.com or through Vicky Wall 0273274895 or Anna Fleming 0274637008.

Join our facebook group "St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Group".

Being young, Catholic, together.

Maxwell Fernie 100 Year Tribute

You are warmly invited to a free concert at St Mary of the Angels next Sunday 25 April at 7pm to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Maxwell Fernie, organist and Director of Music at St Mary of the Angels from 1958-1999. Max Fernie's contribution to New Zealand music, as choral director, organist, teacher, composer and also his impact on the listener will be touched on in the course of the evening by a number of concert participants. The centrepiece of the evening will be the presentation of the first Maxwell Fernie Organ Scholarship by the Hon Chris Finlayson, Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage. A specially collated centennial CD to remember the occasion will be available on the night.

Supper will be provided in the Parish Hall adjacent to the Church to round off this special and long-awaited celebration.

The Crypt Drop In Centre

Volunteers are now needed to help in the Crypt. If you have a few hours to spare during the week please contact Sr Sarto on 472 9177