12 DECEMBER 2010 : 3^{RD} SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

Carols with the Angels

Carols with the Angels will be held in the Church next Wednesday evening 15 December at 7.30pm. This is a very popular event that always attracts a big crowd so if you want to secure a good seat be sure to come early.

Christmas and New Year Timetable

If you missed getting a copy of the Christmas and New Year Timetable which was given out with the Angelus a couple of weeks ago you are welcome to take a copy from the tables at the Back and Side Entrances to the Church. This will save some of the many phone calls to the Parish asking such questions as 'What time is midnight Mass?".

Rite II Reconciliation

If you wish to celebrate Rite II Reconciliation you are welcome at St Joseph's Parish in Mt Victoria on Sunday 19 December at 4pm.

Christmas Cards

The beautiful Nativity Christmas cards are again on sale after Masses today. They are also available from the Parish Office during the week. The Office is open from 9am until 4pm each day.

Father Barry Scannell s.m. Parish Priest

Carols with the Angels Wednesday December 15 at 7.30 pm at St. Mary of the Angels

An event not to miss!

This year we will feature:

- The Wellington Citadel Salvation Army Band
- Host Ian Johnstone
- Fr. Chris Skinner SM singing songs from his Christmas album
- The Young Angel Voices junior choir.
- St Mary of the Angels Choir
- The Korean Community Choir

Join the Friends of St Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust for this wonderful Christmas occasion.

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal 2010

To support the Priest's Retirement Fund and the Lay Pastoral Leaders Fund. You are asked to take one or more envelopes and put them in any Sunday Mass collection prior to Christmas Day. To get a tax receipt after the end of the financial year, please write your name and/or planned giving in the space provided.

Praying Advent for Christmas

You are invited to contemplate the Mystery of Christ in Song and Silence Through the *O Antiphons* and *Marian Hymns* Of the Church's ancient Advent Liturgy

Thursdays of Advent (Dec. 16, 23) 12.30 to 12.50pm (after 12.05 Mass)

Singing will be led by the choir of St Mary of the Angels

SMAYACS - St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Catholics

Young Adult Mass - last Young Adult Mass for the year!

This week (5pm, Sunday 12 December 2010) is our last young adult Mass for the year. Our first one for the new year will be on 13 February 2011. We are always looking for fresh faces to help with readings, music, offertory, collection, etc. If you would like to be involved in future youth masses, please contact us on smayacs@gmail.com.

Holy Hour (16 December) Holy Hour, led by the young people, is a chance to pause in the middle of your busy week and take some time to pray and worship. There will be some quiet time, some read reflections, music and adoration. The final Holy Hour for the year will be on Thursday 16 December from 6pm-7pm at St Mary of the Angels Church. All welcome!

Food collection for the Soup Kitchen (19 December)

The young people meet every second Sunday to collect veges from the vege market for a very grateful soup kitchen in the City. If you would like to join us on Sunday 19 December 2010 (for the last time this year!), please meet on the Church steps at 1.10pm.

We welcome newcomers to the group, your ideas and your comments. Contact us at smayacs@gmail.com, join our facebook group "St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Group" or just come along to one of our events.