

For Your Diaries : 2011

Tuesday 15 March Sacramental Programme for Children

The first Parents Evening for the 2011 Sacramental Programme (First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion) for children in Year 4 and above is on **Tuesday 15 March**. Registration forms are on the tables at the Back and Side Doors of the Church. Contact: Bede Clarke 478 4202.

Thursday 17 March, 7.30 p.m. Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

An invitation to all men to come and join the Wellington Branch of Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship at our "Praise and Worship" meeting. Venue: CONNOLLY HALL, Guilford Tce, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral) Theme: "Ask and it will be given to you". Contact David Monastra 04 387 9714.

Saturday 19th March - Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

A meeting of the Dove Fellowship from 10am - 3.30pm in Connolly Hall Guildford Terrace (off Hill St) Thorndon. Speaker: Maria Vadia from USA. All Women welcome to join us. Please bring your own lunch; tea and coffee provided. Contact Sandra 475 5541 or www.dove.org.nz

26 March Variety Concert for Christchurch, St Patrick's Silverstream

A variety concert featuring Douglas Mews (Wellington City Organist) and Martin Riseley (NZSM) will be held at St Patrick's College Silverstream, 207 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt at 7.30pm on Saturday 26 March. Be early!

3-5 June (Queen's Birthday Weekend) Centennial Jubilee Reunion of St Joseph's School & St Joseph's Parish, Upper Hutt

Information and registration forms are available at www.stjosephsuh.com Contact Parish Office email: stjosephsuh@actrix.co.nz or ph 04 528 2028 or PO Box 40-225 Upper Hutt 5018.

Traditional Latin Mass will be celebrated here at St Mary of the Angels, 12.30pm, THIS Sunday and next. Contact Neil Coup Ph 021 896 924

40DaysforLife Lenten Prayer and Fasting to bring an end to abortion.

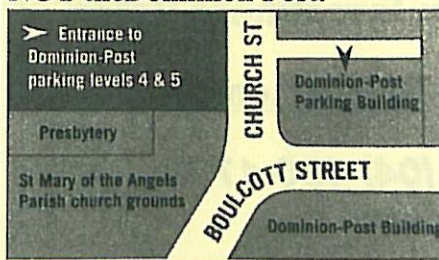
Fridays of Lent: 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Prayer outside Wellington Hospital Archbishop Dew will lead the 7 p.m. vigil on Friday 15th April.

Contact Maria 237 4939 or Clare 236 0275

SUNDAY MASS PARKING

Parking available for 9am, 11am and 5pm Masses on levels 4 & 5 ONLY of the Dominion Post parking building, Church Street. Entrance to these levels is from the western side of the building as shown in the map. Levels 4 & 5 open 30 minutes before each mass and are locked 30 minutes after 11am & 5pm masses.

If your vehicle is locked in, you must contact the Presbytery NOT the Dominion Post.



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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

13 March 2011 : First Sunday in Lent Year A

Rite of Election

Spreading the Good News: The nature of the Church is to evangelise – that is to reach out and spread the Gospel. We in this Parish (and Pastoral Area) try to fulfil that mission by various means, including the Liturgy, Parish Programmes and our hospitality to all who come to the church.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: A way in which we reach out to people is through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Today at the 5pm Mass we celebrate one of those Rites, the Rite of Election. The Rite of Election begins a period of spiritual preparation for their reception of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Ceremony on Holy Saturday night.

Entering the Church: Some of those in the RCIA are not baptised and are called Catechumens. Some have been baptised in other faiths and are called Candidates. They all wish to become members of the Catholic Church.

Chosen and Called by Christ: In tonight's ceremony the Church makes its 'election' or choice and admission of those who wish to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). After this ceremony we refer to the Catechumens as 'the Elect'. The Candidates (those already baptised) are still called the Candidates.

Catechumens

Kati Dennison (Brooklyn Parish)
Surya Tjahyono
Alexander Buchanan
Jung Eun Kim
Leon Zhang
Glenn Poschich
Emi Puila-Afitu
Shelley Smith

Candidates

Margaret Julian
Katie Huly
James Sheppard
Vanessa Kennedy
James Ring
Marcele Philpot
Confirmandi (already Confirmed)
Maureen McDonald
Anh Thu Le

Following Christ More Closely: During the time of Lent these people will endeavour to follow Christ with greater generosity. That is an encouragement for all of us to renew our own efforts to follow Christ more closely. Please keep these Elect and Candidates in your prayers.

Tom O'Connor sm



INVEST IN YOUR FAITH

This Week's Readings

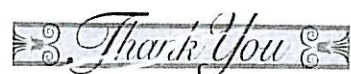
First Reading	Genesis	2:7-9, 3:1-7
	<i>Creation of our first parents and sin.</i>	
Second Reading	Romans	5:12-19
	<i>Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.</i>	
Gospel Reading	Matthew	4:1-11
	<i>Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.</i>	

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Genesis	12:1-4
	Psalm 32	
Second Reading	Timothy	1:8-10
Gospel	Matthew	17:1-9

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,167
Parish Expenses	\$2,778
Support of House	\$1,389



Planned Giving and Donations: As we come to the end of the tax year (31 March) now is a good time to review your financial commitment to the Parish over the past 12 months. Any lump sums given before 31 March can be claimed in the 2010-2011 tax year. A **tax rebate** of 33.3% may be claimed on all your contributions. Tax receipts will be issued in April. If you have changed your address, please advise the Parish Office.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased Trevor Randall, Scott Lucy

Anniversaries Rita Kirwan

Prayers for the Sick Patricia Smyth, Ron Blair, Cecilia Dickson, Oinah Macpherson, Maria Kasperowicz, Da Van Luyn, Des Cartright, Dulcie and David Campbell, Mary Egan, Jan Tuinman, Anna Zonotti, Marion Hyland, Helen Havasi, Peter Schmidt, Mary Jarvis, Paul Carr, Vicki McPhee, Kathleen Roskam, Alexandra Southon, Peter Tawhaki, Imelda Reeve, Marianna Grinskis, Veronica Nolan, Maureen McDonald, Mary Foote, Fr Paul Duncan
If you know of anyone who is sick, confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact Sister Frances at the Parish Office. Phone 473 8074

Responsorial Psalm 50

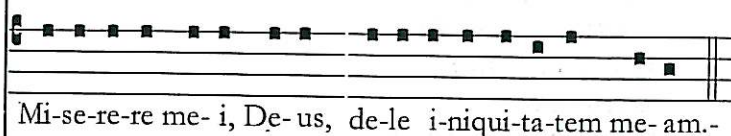
R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me God, in your kindness.
 In your compassion blot out my offence.
 O wash me more and more from my guilt
 and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them;
 my sin is always before me.
 Against you, you alone have I sinned;
 what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
 put a steadfast spirit within me.
 Do not cast me away from your presence,
 nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
 with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
 O Lord, open my lips
 and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**



Have mercy on me, Lord, Blot out my iniquity.

Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

No 217 "Lord Jesus Think On Me"

Note: Choir Practice Times

Choir of St Mary of the Angels - Thursdays at 7.30pm
 Young Angel Voices - Thursdays at 4.30pm
 Schola Cantorum (Youth) - Fridays at 5.30pm

Lenten Reflection - Week One



"No one lives on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

*Lord Jesus, you went into the desert that we might be returned to paradise.
 Lord, have mercy.*

Stations of the Cross - 6pm Fridays

On each of the Fridays during Lent, the devotion of praying the Passion of Christ and meditating on the Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church. All are most welcome.

Lenten Meditations - 12.30pm Thursdays

Weekly Lenten Meditations will be held on Thursday throughout the season of Lent. The short, 20-minute liturgy begins immediately following mid-day Mass and consists of readings, prayer and singing led by members of the Choir.

St Matthew's Passion - JS Bach

A concert in the Wellington Town Hall on **Sunday 10 April** at 6.30pm

Participating in the Liturgy

All through the year, there is training for those who have an interest in learning more about becoming Readers, Altar Servers or Eucharistic Ministers. These are important roles in Catholic Liturgy and are filled by members of the laity. As people receive instruction, their names are added to the weekly rosters, which are now being drafted in three-month cycles. Special considerations and practice is required for major liturgical events, such as Easter and Christmas, so refresher training is an on-going process. Throughout Lent, please keep these ministries and those who are considering a commitment in them, in your prayers. If anyone wants to discuss taking up one of these roles, please contact Fr Barry Scannell s.m.

Catholic Social Services wish to remind people that counselling and social work services are available through their offices in Wellington. Those with family or loved ones in Christchurch who would like support at this time are encouraged to contact them. Accommodation and on-going help for those affected by the earthquakes will be required for some time to come. Contact: Lesley Hooper, ph 385 8642 or email: reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz.

SMAYACS

St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Catholics

Holy Hour (17 March, 6-7pm)

Each month the SMAYACS organise an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer in the Church. A great opportunity to take some quiet time out for prayer, music and reflections. All are welcome.

Interfaith Potluck Dinner (20 March)

St Mary of the Angels is hosting an Interfaith Potluck Dinner for people of different faiths to get together. It will be held in the Parish hall straight after the 5pm mass. If you would like to come and share in the festivities, please bring along a plate to share.

Vegetable collection for the Soup Kitchen (27 March)

Each fortnight we meet at the St Mary of the Angels Church car park at 1.40pm and drive together to the market. In total, this activity takes around an hour.

Theology on Tap (27 March, 6.30pm)

Make sure you diary the next "Theology on Tap" at the Hotel Bristol on Cuba Street. The group normally meets after the 5pm Mass and walks down together.

Youth Mass (10 April at 5pm)

The SMAYACS group organise a Mass for the second Sunday of every month. Offers of help with Mass preparation appreciated. You are welcome to join us at the GP for refreshment afterwards.

To contact us with any ideas, comments or questions, please email smayacs@gmail.com

ICPE Worship Night (25 March, 7.30pm)

St Gerard's Monastery, 75 Hawker Street.

Also at St Bernadette's Church, 194 Naenae Road on 15 March, 7.30pm.

Theme: God's Glory Revealed.

Speaker: Maria Vadia, USA. ICPE is a lay Catholic missionary community committed to evangelisation training and mission formation for young Catholics.

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