

For Your Diaries : 2011

Mondays in Lent - Caritas Lenten Reflection Group

The Caritas Lenten Reflection Group will be meeting each Monday evening during Lent. Contact Moyra Pearce Ph 384 4672

Sunday 27 March 2.30pm (Voice For Life Wellington Branch AGM)

The Wellington Branch of Voice For Life will be holding its AGM in the Bill Pearce Room at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Mt Victoria on 27 March from 2.30pm. Contact Suzanne O'Rourke email suzanneor@gmail.com

Sunday April 10 - St Matthew's Passion, JS Bach

This concert performance in the Wellington Town Hall, begins at 6.30pm.

Traditional Latin Mass at St Mary of the Angels will be celebrated next Sunday, 3 April at 12.30pm. Contact Neil Coup Ph 021 896 924

Saturday 2nd April (10am-3pm). The Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women warmly invites all women to a training day (Cup of tea available from 9.30am please bring own lunch) Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace (off Hill Street, Thorndon) Topic: Equipping women for a deeper prayer life. Presenters: Pam Wood & Shona Glennie. Registration: \$20.00. Contact Sandra 475 5541

Sunday 3 April Secular Franciscan Order Meeting - all welcome.

A gathering for those wanting to deepen their faith and spiritual life. St Patrick's Presbytery, 1 Childers Terrace, Kilbirnie at 2pm. Contact Vonnice on 938 9811 or Clare on 236 0275.

Sunday 1 May 2011, at 3pm. Baroque Voices

Concert 1: Book One (1587) & selections from Book Nine (1651) Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington. Contact Pepe Becker email: pepe.bv@paradise.net.nz, or visit: www.baroquevoices.co.nz

3-5 June (Queen's Birthday Weekend) Centennial Jubilee Reunion of St Joseph's School & Parish, Upper Hutt. Contact Parish Office email: stjosephsuh@actrix.co.nz. Ph 528 2028, PO Box 40-225, Upper Hutt 5018.

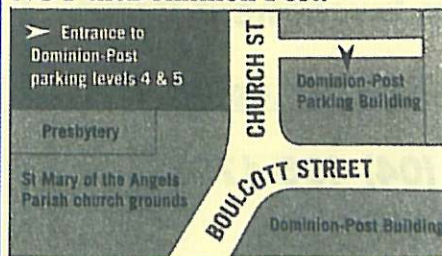
17-19 June Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (Wellington)

A weekend Retreat of spiritual and emotional healing for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. All enquiries are strictly confidential. Contact Wendy Hill info@rachelvineyard.org.nz or 027 733 2990

SUNDAY MASS PARKING

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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

27 March 2011 : Third Sunday in Lent Year A

Sitting in Companionship

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful," begins one of the oldest and most loved Catholic prayers to the Holy Spirit. It is simple and it works. If you invite the Holy Spirit into your heart, the invitation will not be ignored and you will have a companion, quite literally, for life.

We are a practical people; we like things to work. If we have asked a question, we would like an answer. If others are in distress, we want to help and if something is broken, we want it fixed. We can live with mess and uncertainty but we prefer to have things sorted out.

Given these traits of our national character, it is understandable that the themes of a people tormented by thirst finding Living Water and the love of God being poured into hearts that are hardened, are deeply reassuring. It also prompts a question that comes up throughout the Scriptures, "What must I do?" The short answer to this is not so much 'do' as 'be'. We don't need to even ask; if we simply listen our hearts will be opened.

Listening and 'being present' is the gift of companionship and is one of the characteristics of our Church Guardians, who sit each day in companionship with Christ, present in the Tabernacle. Simply by being there, they allow the Church to remain open for others to visit. It is impossible to know what movements of the heart happen in people and in our world when we allow ourselves to be open to the Holy Spirit. What we can know is that we are changed by being with Christ.

We need more Guardians to enable our Church to remain open during the day. If you can 'spare an hour' on a weekday or weekend, please contact Mrs Terri Dodson, ph 383 9104. You will find this a truly rewarding ministry.

Suzanne O'Rourke

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MASSES

Sunday 7am 9am 11am 5pm

Monday to Friday 7:30am 12:05pm

& 5:15pm

Saturday 11am

Public Holidays 9am

EACH MONTH

1st Saturday Marian Devotions 10:30am

4th Saturday Sacrament of the Anointing at 11am Mass

ADORATION

Monday to Friday 7am-7:30am

Friday 11am-noon

RECONCILIATION

Monday to 11:30am-12pm

Thursday 12:30pm-1pm 4:30pm-5pm

Friday 11am-12pm 12:30pm-1pm
4:30pm-5pm

Saturday 10:30am-11am 4pm-5pm



INVEST IN YOUR FAITH

This Week's Readings

First Reading Exodus 17:3-7
Give us water to drink.

Second Reading Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Gospel Reading John 4:5-42
The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Next Week's Readings

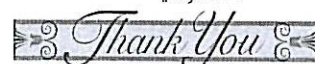
First Reading 1 Samuel 16:6-7, 10-13
Psalm 22

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel John 9:1-41

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,176
Parish Expenses	\$2,784
Support of House	\$1,392



Last week's Caritas Lenten Collection amounted to \$1,348

Reminder:

Automatic Payments, Donations and Bequests

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 contributions. Tax receipts will be issued in April. Please check that we have your correct postal address and advise the Parish Office of any amendments. Thank you.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

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, Maryvac Del Rosario, Mary Buchanan, Kevin Mayo, Bernadette Coup, Sue Lyons.

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

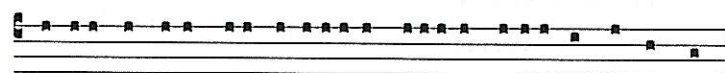
Responsorial Psalm 94

**R. If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**



Hódie, si vocem ejus audiéritis, nolite obdurare cor-da ves-tra:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

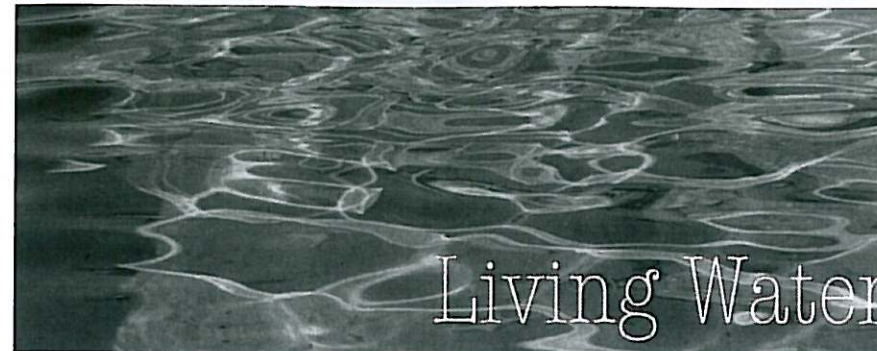
Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

No 151 "Come Down O Love Divine"

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 Three



Lord Jesus, you tell us the truth about ourselves. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you satisfy the longings of our hearts. Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Rock from which flows the living water. Lord have mercy.

Stations of the Cross - each Friday during Lent

The devotion of praying the Passion of Christ and meditating on the Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday after the 5.15pm Mass.

Lenten Meditations - 12.30pm each Thursday during Lent

A 20-minute liturgy of readings, prayer and singing led by members of the Choir, immediately following mid-day Mass on Thursdays.

PA MARIA (the Marist Spirituality Centre, 78 Hobson St, Thorndon)
Workshops on a range of contemporary themes - all are welcome.
Space is limited so please ph 472 2734 to ensure a place. Payment is by koha.

Saturday 9th April, 9.am - 12.30pm. Fr Brian Cummings sm.

Movies: how they can promote fuller lives.

Thursday 14th April, 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Fr Jeff Drane sm.

Managing Money: Finding answers to your money management questions.

Saturday 16th April, 9.30am - 3.30pm. Fr Peter Healy sm.

Ecology & Spirituality: Spiritual dynamics for transitioning to a life sustaining future.

Palm Sunday Concert for the Maxwell Fernie Trust.

The Bach Choir will perform "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois. The concert starts at 7pm at St Mary of the Angels Church. A notice will be at the back of the Church. All welcome.

Communion Discussion Group

The next meeting will be on Sunday 10 April in the Crypt at 7.15pm.
Article: The way from Emmaus to us - an insightful exposition by a Cistercian scripture scholar of the links between scripture and the Eucharist in this key post-resurrection Road to Emmaus journey.
All are most welcome. Contact Leo or Mary Buchanan:
email: leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz or phone 384 4760.

SMAYACS

St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Catholics

Theology on Tap (27 March)

The next Theology on Tap will be on 27 March at 6.30pm at Hotel Bristol, Cuba Street. This month we will have Fr Michael Gormly - a Columban missionary priest who is the coordinator of Columban Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation, New Zealand. He is an experienced speaker who has given similar talks in pubs in Australia. "How green is my Church?" is based on the theme of Ecology and Creation. This one is not to be missed.

SMAYACS BBQ (3 April)

We will be holding a BBQ after the 5pm Mass on the 3rd of April. Please come along and have some dinner and a chat with us to toast the end of summer!

Youth Mass and movie night (10 April)

The next youth Mass is on the 10th of April - please email in if you can help out in any way. We will also hold a movie night after Mass in the Crypt with fish and chips.

Helping refugee children with English

The Wellington Somali Council are looking for volunteers to help refugee children with their homework. The group meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6pm at 310 Taranaki Street (opposite Wellington High School). Tutors don't need to commit to coming every week, but the organisers do prefer to know in advance who is going to come. They appreciate people with university degrees, and as many students are Muslim, tutors need to be willing to respect the customs of that religion. Anyone who is keen should email wellingtonsomali@xtra.co.nz to get more details.

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



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