

## For Your Diaries : 2011

**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.

**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 moving to a life sustaining future.

**Sunday 10 April in the Crypt, 7.15pm. Communio Discussion Group**

"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 ph384 4760, email: leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz

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

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

**Saturday 16th April 1.30pm - 3.30pm Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women.**

Meeting at Connolly Hall Guildford Terrace (off Hill St) Thorndon. Join us for Praise, Worship, Teaching & Fellowship. Contact Sandra 475 5541 www.dove.org.nz

**Palm Sunday 17 April 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. All welcome.

**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

**14-15 May Marist St Pats Rugby Football Club 40th Jubilee.** Events include a luncheon prior to a premier grade game on Saturday 14 May, Jubilee celebrations at the Hataitai Clubrooms and Mass on Sunday. Contact Marist St Pats msprugby@xtra.co.nz or www.msprugby.co.nz.

**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 027 733 2990 or info@rachelvineyard.org.nz

**Traditional Latin Mass** at St Mary of the Angels will be celebrated this Sunday at 12.30pm. Contact Neil Coup Ph 021 896 924

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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.

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# The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish

Church and Presbytery: 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington Central

Telephone: 473 8074 Facsimile: 473 8066

Parish Office Weekdays 9am to 4pm

Parish Website: www.smoa.org.nz

*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*

10 April 2011 : Fifth Sunday in Lent Year A

## Are We There Yet?

The story of Martha, Mary and Lazarus is not solely one of resurrection from the dead but the story of the manifestation of the power of God at work in Jesus. Mary and Martha were highly anxious about Lazarus and they wanted Jesus to 'hurry up'. Jesus was deeply moved. He wept at the news Lazarus had died and he did what he tells us to do - trust God.

In some respects each of us is Lazarus; powerless save for the prayers of others. Each of us has something from which we want to be set free and each of us, through 'prayers of the faithful', has someone praying for us whether we are aware of it or not.

These last weeks of Lent are bringing us towards Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week with the pain of the Passion and the promise made real, of the Resurrection.

Although we are not there yet, we know there is much to celebrate in our faith community. At the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, we will welcome into the Church, those who have been making their way towards Christ through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist. The RCIA programme which began in August has been a major commitment for the Elect and their Sponsors, their families and friends. We have held them in our prayers and continue to do so.

The Easter Vigil is truly something to celebrate, not just for our new Catholics but for each of us; a new beginning. To mark this event, I invite those who want to celebrate the 'end of the beginning' with the RCIA Elect and their families to a special Supper in the Parish Hall immediately after the Easter Vigil.

I need two volunteers to help with the preparation of the supper to welcome our new Catholics. If you can help, please contact me.

Fr Barry Scannell s.m.

Parish Priest

### Parish Priest

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### MASSES

**Sunday** 7am 9am 11am 5pm

**Monday to** 7:30am 12:05pm

**Friday** & 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** Ezekiel 37:12-14

*I shall put my spirit in you and you will live.*

**Second Reading** Romans 8:8-11

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.*

**Gospel Reading** John 11:1-45

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Isaiah 50:4-7


Psalm 21

**Second Reading** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel** Matthew 26:14-27:66

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,092
Parish Expenses	\$1,364
Support of House	\$2,728

 **Caritas** Last week's Caritas Lenten Collection amounted to \$717

*Thank You*

## 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

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased** Mildred Kudoztsa

**Anniversaries** Cornelius O'Leary

**Prayers for the Sick** Bishop Barry Jones, Fr Paul Duncan, Kevin Mayo, Bernadette Coup, Marion Hyland, Alexandra Southon, Mary Egan, Oinah Macpherson, Patricia Smyth, Ron Blair, Anna Zonotti, Sue Lyons, Mary Jarvis, Paul Carr, Vicki McPhee, Kathleen Roskam, Peter Tawhaki, Imelda Reeve, Maureen McDonald, Mary Foote, Cecilia Dickson, Maria Kasperowicz, Peter Schmidt.

*Please remember in your prayers, these and the other sick of the Parish. If you know of anyone who is 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 129 (130)

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths. I cry to you. O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!

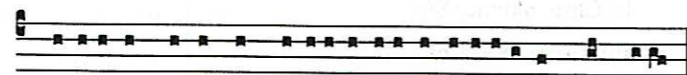
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**



Quia apud Dóminum misericórdia: et copió-sa re-dém-p-ti-o.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

## Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

No 267 "Praise To The Holiest In The Height." versus 1, 5 and 6.

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**Temporary position available: Legal Secretary**  
Position available for temporary legal secretary starting 18 April for a period of 6-8 weeks. Can accommodate school hours but successful applicant must be able to work through school holidays. Email your CV and contact details to Heather@burrowes.co.nz

## Lenten Reflection - Week Five



*Lord Jesus, you bring peace to the vulnerable. Lord, have mercy.*

*Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father. Christ have mercy.*

*Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit. Lord have mercy.*

## Out Of The Depths: Abortion and Reconciliation

Not everyone feels guilty about abortion; some are simply numb.

The following story highlights one woman's journey from her experience of abortion to a new experience of God's grace. After taking her abortion to Confession three times, she finally connected with the reality of the Sacrament she had received: Reconciliation.

*She writes:* It began very soon after the actual abortion. I didn't really know what to do but I wanted to somehow leave the story of this child somewhere safe. So I went to Confession and left my story there. I didn't know how the Priest would react. I was deeply sorry, but I wasn't really sure whether I was sorry about the abortion or whether I was sorry that I felt slightly relieved. Much later, I realised what a turning point this was. The Priest asked me if I had a name for this child, which I only then realised, I did.

In later years, I took my abortion story to Confession again and again. The abortion still hadn't gone away - it was always with me and over time I realised I had begun to feel a deep sense of resentment about everyone and everything. Though I didn't realise it at the time, each experience of Confession and Reconciliation was like a stepping stone which put me into a better place to make the next move. Just saying "Sorry," even when I didn't feel it, allowed something to shift within me.

When the first Priest asked if I had a name, the child became a reality to me, even if I couldn't say 'my child' until years later. The second Priest told me that I am still the same person God created out of love and always would be, though my life would certainly have been different if I had made other choices. I didn't recognise what a gift this was for quite a few years. The third time was when I understood what it was to go from Confession to Reconciliation. At the words of absolution, the Priest called me "Sister" and I crumpled. Confession you "do" but Reconciliation you "know". There's a big difference.

Knowledge of an abortion never goes away, but I feel it no longer overshadows me. Instead, I carry with me a sense of the child I turned away from all those years ago and a very mixed sense of happiness and deep regret for who he or she might have been. While I still don't connect particularly with the idea of motherhood, this is beginning to change and I have a strong sense of wanting to protect something vulnerable that has been entrusted to me. I wouldn't call it maternal instinct exactly, but it's definitely a feeling I didn't know I had in me.



Permission has been given for this story to be printed. It is abridged slightly. More information is available at [www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz). Contact: Suzanne O'Rourke Ph 021 549 528, [suzanneor@gmail.com](mailto:suzanneor@gmail.com)

## SMAYACS

St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Catholics

## Holy Hour (28 April)

A Holy Hour between 6-7pm on Thursday 28 April. All are welcome. Help to plan and participate is especially welcome.

## Youth Mass and movie night (10 April)

The next youth Mass is tonight - 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. Contact: [wellingtonsomali@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wellingtonsomali@xtra.co.nz)  
To contact us with any ideas, comments or questions, please email [smayacs@gmail.com](mailto:smayacs@gmail.com)

**St Mary's College, Wellington** is having an open Day on Tuesday 24 May 2011, between 8am and 10am. Contact: Principal's Assistant Ph 473 5554 or visit [www.st-marys-wellington.school.nz](http://www.st-marys-wellington.school.nz)

## Stations of the Cross each Friday

The devotion of praying the Passion of Christ and meditating on the Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday during Lent 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, will immediately follow the mid-day Mass on Thursdays during Lent.

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