

## For Your Diaries : 2011

**Saturday 6 August, Annual Dominican Luncheon, 11.30am**  
Calling all Dominican Ex-Pupils, Friends, Family Members and Colleagues!  
You are warmly invited to the 2011 St Dominic's Day luncheon to be held at the Kingsgate Hotel, Hawkestone Street, Thorndon, Wellington. Cost \$30.  
For further information or to register please contact Sister Roxanne Parkinson domsw@clear.net.nz or phone 477 0751 by Monday 1 August.

**Sunday 7 August, St Catherine's Young Vinnies Mass 3pm**  
The St Catherine's Young Vinnies annual mass is at St Patrick's College.

**Sunday 14 August Communio Discussion Group, 7.15pm**  
The next Communio Group meets in the Presbytery Boardroom and will look at "Anointing". This article traces the significance of anointing in the Old Testament as a fore-runner to Christ's Baptismal anointing. From there the meaning of our essential sacramental anointing is developed, through the insightful comments of Early Church Fathers and Bernard of Clairvaux. For more information contact Leo or Mary Buchanan, 387 8284 or leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz.

**Friday 26 August, Wellington Branch St Vincent de Paul, Annual Mass**  
Mass to celebrate Blessed Frederick Ozanam will be held 5.30-6pm above the St Vincent de Paul Shop, Riddiford Street. All welcome. RSVP 389 7122.

**Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 August, Stewardship Institute**  
Held at St Patrick's College Kilbirnie. The themes covered are the Theology and Spirituality of Stewardship, gratitude, responsibility, generosity and Stewardship in Action. Cost \$220 for the weekend. Enrolment forms are available from the Parish Office.

**29 October Voice For Life Song Competition entries close**  
Entries for the 4th national pro-life song competition close on 29 October. Cash prizes of over \$4000 plus tickets to the 2012 Parachute Festival. Two categories: Open and Students. Finals are judged live on 3rd December 2011 in Auckland. More information at: [www.voiceforlife.bravehost.com/index.html](http://www.voiceforlife.bravehost.com/index.html)

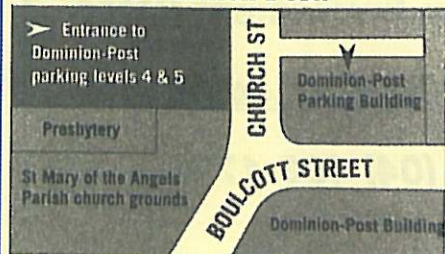
**11-13 November Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (Wellington)**  
A weekend Retreat of spiritual and emotional healing for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. All enquiries are strictly confidential.  
Contact Wendy Hill 027 254 9222 or [info@rachelvineyard.org.nz](mailto:info@rachelvineyard.org.nz)

**Traditional Latin Mass this Sunday and next (7 August), 12.30pm at St Mary of the Angels.** Contact Neil Coup: 021-896-924.

### 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.

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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](http://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*

31st July 2011 : 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### Lectio Divina

This message, from Archbishop John Dew invites each of us into the practice of *Lectio Divina*, a beautiful and personal way to pray.

"It is often in the simple, ordinary things that God is found. The Church's ancient and valid tradition of *Lectio Divina* is one of those simple customs. It can become for us a life-giving encounter with the word of God. The practice of *Lectio Divina* brings us into contact with the living Word which questions, directs and shapes our lives.

The Bishops wanted to give something to the people of New Zealand which will help all of us to meet Christ, to grow in holiness and to be formed by God's Word. We have therefore prepared a simple and beautiful leaflet to assist and encourage people to pray using *Lectio Divina*."

*Lectio Divina* leaflets are available on the tables at the entrances to the Church and more information is available online at [www.catholic.org.nz](http://www.catholic.org.nz), under 'Reflections'.

### Our Personal Ministry

St Mary of the Angels Parish has its Mission Statement printed at the top of every newsletter. We are a gathered community of believers, not restricted by geography or defined by family ties, age or a single cultural tradition. We welcome all who wish for a place to sit and pray; those who come to be with Christ in the Sacraments, those who gather for worship, thanksgiving, those who want to be with God in their joy or their grief.

As parishioners and through the Church's Ministries, we each have a role in ensuring St Mary of the Angels is truly a place where people can be close to God. There are many ways to be involved. We regularly have training for those who want to become Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Guardians, Altar Servers, Choir Members, Greeters at each Mass, Hospitality after the 9am Sunday Mass or Money Counters. Help is required with the Altar Linen and for St Vincent de Paul which meets monthly, The Crypt which offers refreshments daily during the week, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme which begins in August and will need sponsors and prayer partners. Any of the Parish Pastoral Team would be very happy to speak with you—just ask.

Fr Barry Scannell s.m.  
Parish Priest



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## This Week's Readings

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Isaiah</b>	<b>55:1-3</b>
<i>Hasten and eat.</i>		
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Romans</b>	<b>8:35, 37-39</b>
<i>No creature can separate us from the love of God.</i>		
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>14:13-21</b>
<i>They all ate and were satisfied.</i>		

## Next Week's Readings

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>1 Kings</b>	<b>19:9, 11-13</b>
	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>84 (85)</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Romans</b>	<b>9:1-5</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>14:22-33</b>

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,092
Parish Expenses	\$2,903
Support of House	\$1,189

*Thank  
you*



## RCIA Programme Enquiry Evening

Date: Tuesday 16 August, 7.30pm—9pm  
Venue: St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall  
Presenters: Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Jo Walton,  
Kathryn MacIver and Suzanne O'Rourke

## Winter Dialogue Series: Social Justice

"On a level playing field—striving for the common good."

Venue: Bill Pearce Room, St Joseph's Mt Victoria. Each 30min session followed by discussion and supper. Koha for the Refugee Family Reunification Trust.

- Wed 7 September (7.30-9pm) Speaker: Grant Robertson MP.**
- Wed 14 September (7.30-9pm) Speaker: Hon Bill English, Deputy PM and Minister of Finance, Minister for Infrastructure.**

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased** Marjorie Parker, Agnes Mora, Kevin Greener, Thomas O'Shaughnessy, Michael Healy and Rita Czochanski.

## Prayers for the Sick



Eileen Nevin, Margo Chrustowski, Maryvac de Rosario, Mary Egan, Dulcie Campbell, Oinah Macpherson, Maureen McDonald, Patricia Smyth, Ron Blair, Anna Zonotti, Mary Jarvis, Paul Carr, Peter Tawhaki, Cecilia Dickson, Jan Tuinman, Lizzie McKay, Maria Kasperowicz, Marion Hyland, Mary Foote, Gavin Matthews, Maryanne Coyle, Ron Finlayson, Vic Valdez, Helen Havasi.

*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 is Parish Office. Phone 473 8074*

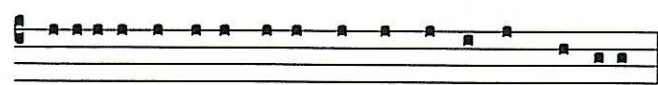
## Responsorial Psalm 144 (145)

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us:  
he answers all our needs.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food I due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
call on him from their hearts. **R.**



Exaltábo te Deus meus rex, in saé-cu-lum saé-culi.

*Thou openest thy hand and fillest every living creature.*

## Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

No 235 "O Bread of Heaven"

## Lions Clubs: ReCycle for Sight

The Lions Clubs of New Zealand are collecting unwanted prescription and non-prescription spectacles for distribution to communities across the Pacific. Eye-care professionals will check each pair of glasses and may be able to re-use old frames or lenses. A collection box is at the back of the Church.

## Reflection: Christchurch Prayer Vigil

The candle vigil in front of Our Lady's Altar in St Mary of the Angels links us directly with all that has happened in Christchurch. The broken pieces of stonework and the muddy and torn music manuscript were collected from inside the Catholic Basilica of the Blessed Sacrament and brought to St Mary of the Angels, as a symbol of prayer. Those with a sharp eye, will note the choir music is for the Mass setting *De Angelis*, the setting usually sung at the 11am Sunday Mass in this Church.

It seems the near-constant rumblings of earthquake are to be a way of life for Christchurch, for some time.

It will soon be 4 September and one year since the first, shocking earthquake that woke Canterbury to a morning of disbelief. On that day, there was a sense of nationwide bewilderment that Christchurch could be so damaged, yet no lives lost. In those early days visitors to the city could walk around, looking for signs of what had been reported. "Christchurch looks more or less the same, but it feels different," commented one.

The word 'liquefaction' entered the language and whole communities began to live with uncertainty. A lot has happened since then. Further quakes and tremors, unbelievably numbering in the thousands, and then the 22 February earthquake that took buildings, homes, businesses and lives. The city centre was cordoned off and officials, planners, emergency services and community support workers who had already 'gone the extra mile', began to re-think the reality of recovery, rebuilding and resilience.

By all accounts, the earthquake on 13 June crumbled the last hopes of things ever being what they once were and those angry or defiant became resigned to a slow grief.

Those who remain, those who live and work in Christchurch are changed. It is hard to find anyone who doesn't carry a water bottle, a cell phone and an MP3 player so they would have access to the radio. The earthquakes continue, the help, prayers and support are still needed.

We remain mindful of Christchurch. As we offer our prayers and our hymns, we reflect on the human dimension to natural disaster and pray for those who bear the scars in their own lives.

*Liturgy Committee, St Mary of the Angels*



## SMAYACS

St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Catholics

## Theology in the Pub (tonight 6.30pm)

Hotel Bristol, Cuba Street  
Topic: "Un-biting the Apple: Abortion and Reconciliation." Speaker Suzanne O'Rourke, Rachel's Vineyard Retreats.

## Youth Interfaith Potluck Dinner

(tonight 6.30pm) Mt Victoria

Hosted by the Wellington Young Friends on behalf of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Wellington. The potluck dinner will be held at Quaker Centre, 7 Moncrieff St in Mt Victoria.

6pm A tour of the Quaker Centre

6.20pm Meeting for Worship

6.30pm Potluck Dinner, bring something to share and come meet some of the amazing people who come to these dinners.

## Holy Hour (Thursday 18th August)

Third Thursday of every month, 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angels Church.

*Email: smayacs@gmail.com*

## The Annual Wellington Young Adult Ball

Saturday 6 August from 7.30 – midnight. Irish Club Hall, 10 Fifeshire Ave, Cambridge Tce. The Archdiocesan Youth & Young Adult Services & Tertiary Chaplaincy warmly invite all Catholic young adults to an evening of dress up and dance! (Goodies & Baddies). Tickets: \$15 per person or two for \$25 (Includes Jazz, food, disco). Cash Bar & Door Sales available. Phone Travina Oh 472 3325

## Catholic Institute of Aotearoa:

## Celebrating Liturgy, Fr John Greally

This theoretical and practical course examines Vatican II and the renewal of the liturgy, the purpose of the Scripture in worship, the Eucharist, Church art and architecture, various rites and the role of the liturgy committee. Cost: \$66.

Dates: Thursdays 25 August—29 September  
Time: 5.30pm—8.30pm

Venue: Catholic Centre, Hill Street.

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