

For Your Diaries : 2011

Sunday 11 September, Communio Discussion Group (7.15pm)

The next Communio discussion will be in the Presbytery Boardroom on a topic based on an article by an economist. "The Market Economy" is commented on by Pope Benedict in his encyclical: *Caritas in Veritate*.

Contact: Leo or Mary Buchanan on 387 8284, email: leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz

Winter Dialogue Series: Social Justice

• Wed 14 September (7.30-9pm) Speaker: Hon Bill English, Deputy PM

"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.

Saturday 17 September, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

The group meets at 1.30pm - 3.30pm Connolly Hall Guildford Terrace (off Hill St) Thorndon. Speaker: Duncan Graham from Christchurch. All Women welcome to join us for Praise, Worship, Teaching and Fellowship. Enquiries: Sandra 475 5541 www.dove.org.nz

Sunday 18 September, Josephite Retreat Centre, Whanganui

A liturgy celebrating UN International Year of Forests, at the Josephite Retreat Centre, Mt St Joseph, 14 Hillside Tce, Whanganui. From 4.30pm
Contact: Adrienne Smith: 06 345 5047 ext 3 or email: ssjoseph@xtra.co.nz

Monday 19 September, Pregnancy Counselling Services Film Fundraiser

Tickets are available for a screening of 'Bella' at the Hutt Valley Irish Society Clubrooms, Lower Hutt to raise money for the work of PCS. Tickets cost \$10. Contact Wendy Hill 027 254 9222 or email: whtalkpregnancy9@gmail.com

23-25 September Weekend Retreat centred on the Traditional Latin Mass at Home of Compassion Island Bay. Contact: Neil Coup: 021896924

Thursday 29 September, Public Lecture: Voluntary Euthanasia (7-9.15pm)

Voluntary Euthanasia: what are the ethical, medical, legal, social and spiritual issues? Venue: St John's in the City, Willis St. Speakers include John Kleinsman, Director of the Nathaniel Centre (NZ Catholic Bioethics Centre). Admission free.

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.

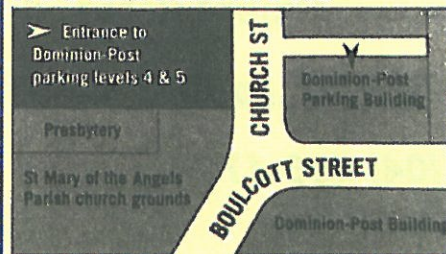
Contact Wendy Hill 027 254 9222 or info@rachelvineyard.org.nz

Traditional Latin Mass at St Mary of the Angels will be said on 11 September and 18 September, at 12.30pm. Contact: Neil Coup: 021896924.

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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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

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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

11 September 2011: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

How the Events of Life Change Us Heading

This weekend the Rugby World Cup begins – the event that we have talked and heard about for the past few years. The stadiums are ready, the fans have arrived and by the time you read this the Opening Ceremony would have taken place and the first games played. The next six weeks will be either fascinating or frustrating depending on whether you love or are ambivalent about the 'game' of rugby.

However, today we also remember the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre in New York. This was a life changing event for our world and for those directly affected by the tragic events of that day. In light of today's Gospel I thought I would share this story of survival, love and forgiveness.

John Paul DeVito was on the 87th floor of the North Tower when the plane struck on September 11, 2001. While many see the day of the attacks in a negative light, DeVito is able to see what happened as positive. His heart aches for the thousands of men and women who lost their lives, including one man from his office who didn't make it down the 87 flights of stairs. However, as DeVito descended the stairs, he says he found hope.

DeVito explained: "What I experienced that day was the beauty of the world, not the evil of the world". He saw people helping strangers. He saw people passing out water. In fact, DeVito did both himself.

So, when people speak about how the day was the worst in human history, he says it was the best.

DeVito said: "What individuals did that day, what firemen did that day, what police and emergency workers did that day, it just overwhelms me". It took DeVito 50 minutes to make it to the first floor. As soon as he got there, the South Tower fell. He ran in the other direction.

DeVito isn't planning anything out of the ordinary for the 10th anniversary of September 11. He plans to go to church and on a walk with his wife.

He said: "Each and every day is a special gift."

Fr Barry Scannell s.m.

Parish Priest



INVEST IN YOUR FAITH

This Week's Readings

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 27:30—28:7
Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9
Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:21-35
I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9
 Psalm 144 (145)
Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27
Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,001
Parish Expenses	\$2,841
Support of House	\$1,160

Thank you



Fr Michael Young sm
 Doctor of Theology

Adult Education in the Faith

Fr Michael Young sm is planning a programme of regular adult education sessions next year, to enrich the faith and spirituality of parishioners. He is calling for expressions of interest from possible participants, so as to gauge the usefulness and viability of this project.

For more information, please contact Fr Michael through the Parish Office.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased Brett Gray

Anniversaries Peter Feehan, Maurice Outrim, Pip Baxter, Patricia Nicol, Ted Dowling.

Prayers for the Sick



Eileen Nevin, Margo Chrustowski, Maryvac de Rosario, Mary Egan, Dulcie Campbell, Oinah Macpherson, Maureen McDonald, Patricia Smyth, Ron Blair, , Paul Carr, Vicki McPhee, Mary Jarvis, Peter Tawhaki, Cecilia Dickson, Jan Tuinman, Lizzie McKay, Maria Kasperowicz, Marion Hyland, Ron Finlayson, Helen Havasi, Dr Zuccullo, Catherine Tong, Penny Holden, Ray Keenan, Jocelyn Stevens, Mary Dysart, Gavin Matthews.

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 102 (103)

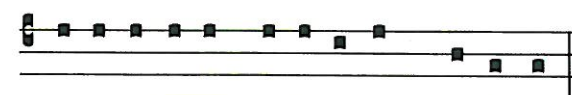
**R. The Lord is kind and merciful;
 slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
 all my being, bless his holy name.
 My soul, give thanks to the Lord
 and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
 who heals every one of your ills,
 who redeems your life from the grave,
 who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end;
 he will not be angry for ever.
 He does not treat us according to our sins
 nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
 so strong is his love for those who fear him.
 As far as the east is from the west
 so far does he remove our sins. **R.**



Mi-se-ra-tor et mi-se-ri-cors Domi-nus:-

The Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

No 282 "Soul Of My Saviour."

Reflection: "Playing Fair"



Social Justice Week is set by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference each year as an opportunity for the whole Church to consider our Catholic social teaching on a particular social justice issue facing our society. In 2011, the theme is "On a level playing field: Fair play and the common good".

As the Rugby World Cup begins, we want to see players and teams strive to do their best. We want to enjoy the competition, knowing that it will be a fair one: that there are rules set, that there are referees to enforce the rules, and that players will be playing on "a level playing field" rather than one where one side has an advantage because of the slope of the field.

Many people also use this phrase 'on a level playing field' and other sporting metaphors to talk about issues of fairness and equality in our society. A level playing field doesn't mean that everyone has to be treated absolutely the same way, but it does imply that everyone is given a fair go. In Catholic terms, looking out for the good of everyone is called working for the common good.

Today's Gospel reading of the account of the servant whose debt was forgiven but refused to treat another in the same way is a story of unfair treatment. The anger of the fellow servants is an example for us of protesting when we see our neighbours being unfairly treated. The Gospel reminds us that God has already forgiven us and given us more than we could ever repay. Our sense of justice towards other people comes out of the justice that God shows us.

In Catholic social teaching, the importance of creating a society which is fair for all of us, and not just for some people or groups of people, is summed up in the concept of the common good.

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SMAYACS

St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Catholics

Young Adult Mass (Tonight 11 Sept)

Once a month the 5pm Mass is led by the Young Adults. If you are interested in reading, singing, playing an instrument or helping in any way, please contact us by email. We would love to have you involved!

Holy Hour (Thursday 15th September)

Third Thursday of every month, 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angels Church. Join us for a beautiful hour of Eucharistic Adoration, prayer and reflection. All welcome.

Theology in the Pub (Sunday 25 Sept)

Join us for our regular discussion at 6.30pm, upstairs (and to the right) in the Hotel Bristol on Cuba Street. The speaker will be Fr Allan Jones sm from the Catholic Enquiry Centre. .

Email: smayacs@gmail.com

Catholic Foundation 2012 Tertiary Scholarship Applications

Applications are now open and close on the 23 September, 2012. To apply, please see your College Principal, Rector, Dean of Studies or Parish Priest.

Catholic Youth Ministry Conference

Date: Sunday 13-Wednesday 16 November.
 Venue: Palmerston North.
 Speaker: Samuel Clear www.walk4one.com
 Info: Dan 496 5181 or www.connect.org.nz

Rosters for November —January

New rosters for Sunday Masses for Readers and Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are soon to be drafted, for November until the end of January. Please contact Sr Frances or the Parish Office to advise of your availability for this period. Email: smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz or sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com or phone 473 8074. Thank you.



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