

## For Your Diaries : 2011

### Tuesday 11 October, Charismatic Mass (7.30pm)

All are welcome to come to a Charismatic Mass at St Bernadette's Church, 194 Naenae Road, Naenae. Celebrant: Fr Kevin Connors.

### 13-14 October, Grief and Loss Workshop (Mary Potter Hospice)

This two day workshop gives an overview of grief theory and the practices around working with terminally ill patients. Contact Steph Grantham 389 5018, [steph.grantham@marypotter.org.nz](mailto:steph.grantham@marypotter.org.nz) ([www.marypotter.org.nz](http://www.marypotter.org.nz))

### Saturday 15 October, Young Angel Voices, Parish Hall (10am—4.30pm)

An all-day music-drama holiday session, 10:00am - 4:30pm. "Sir Orfeo and the Grim King" produced by Jennifer Shennan and Robert Oliver. All welcome.

### Saturday 15 October, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women 1.30-3.30pm

An Connolly Hall Guildford Terrace (off Hill St) Thorndon. Speaker: Diana Ingle from Christchurch. All women welcome to join us for Praise, Worship, Teaching and Fellowship. Enquiries: Sandra 475 5541 [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz)

### Sunday 16 October, Communio Discussion (7.15pm in the Boardroom)

The next Communio Discussion topic is: Inverting the Economic Order by the seasoned American thinker and commentator, Wendell Berry. Contact Mary or Leo Buchanan on 387 8284 or [leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz)

### 21-23 October, Catholic Men's Retreat: "Sing a New Song to the Lord"

Magnificat Community Retreat Centre, Featherston, . Suitable for men of any age. Speaker: Fr Mick Gilbert CSsR (Melbourne – Editor of the Majellan Magazine). Further information: [www.joshua.org.nz](http://www.joshua.org.nz) or phone John Kinney 04 475-5541.

**23 October Mission Sunday.** This is being featured in NZ Catholic and Marist Messenger this weekend. It serves as a reminder all are called by Baptism to be active in living and sharing the Faith but on Mission Sunday we focus on our overseas missionaries and how we can assist them. [www.missionz.co.nz](http://www.missionz.co.nz)

### 27 October, Multi-faith prayer Service, Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

To mark the 25th anniversary of Blessed Pope John Paul's first World day of Prayer for Peace at Assisi. Gathering from 5.30pm for 6.00pm. "Pilgrims of truth, pilgrims of peace." check poster in church foyer. For further information, contact Sister Catherine Jones, [c.jones@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.jones@wn.catholic.org.nz)

**Traditional Latin Mass** each Sunday of October, 12.30pm at St Mary of the Angels. Contact: Neil Coup: 021896924.

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# The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish

### Church and Presbytery:

17 Boulcott Street,  
Wellington Central  
Telephone: 473 8074

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*

### Parish Priest

Fr Barry Scannell SM  
[smoapp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoapp@xtra.co.nz)

### Assistant Priest

Fr Tom O'Connor SM

### Adult Education

Fr Michael Young SM

### Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

### Director of Music

Robert Oliver  
[robert.oliver@paradise.net.nz](mailto:robert.oliver@paradise.net.nz)

### Parish Manager

Penny Holden  
[smoamanager@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoamanager@xtra.co.nz)

### Parish Office

[smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz)

### MASSES

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm

Monday to Friday 7.30am, 12:05pm, & 5:15pm

Saturday 11am

### EACH MONTH

1st Saturday Marian Devotions 10:30am

4th Saturday 11am Mass with Sacrament of Anointing

### ADORATION

Monday to Friday 7:00-7:30am

Friday 11am- noon

### RECONCILIATION

Monday to Thursday 11:30am - 12pm, 12:30-1pm, 4:30-5pm

Saturday 10:30-11am, 4:00-5:00pm

## 9 October 2011: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## Welcome

We welcome all our visitors this weekend as they support their teams in the Rugby World Cup. We hope you enjoy the beauty of our capital city and that your time here will be enjoyable. St Mary of the Angels is a place of silence and prayer in the middle of our beautiful city and we hope that you find spiritual sustenance during your visit to our beautiful Church.

## Food for Thought

There has been an enormous amount of publicity in recent days following the death of Steve Jobs, the co-founder of Apple Computers. I found some of the things he said at a Student Graduation Ceremony at Stanford University in 2005 worth sharing. This was after he had been diagnosed with the pancreatic cancer which eventually claimed his life. Jobs said:

**"No one wants to die. Even people who want to go to heaven don't want to die to get there. And yet, death is the destination we all share. No one has ever escaped it. That is as it should be. Death is very likely the best single invention of life. It is life's change agent. It clears out the old for the new. Right now (referring to the students) the new is you. But someday, not to far from now you will become old and be cleared away. Your time is limited. Don't waste it"**

The concept of death had become for Jobs much more than an intellectual theory following his diagnosis with cancer. His impact on life and on the way we communicate is his legacy. Let us pray that he now fully enjoys and understands what he said to those young graduates at Stanford in 2005

Fr Barry Scannell s.m.  
Parish Priest

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## This Week's Readings

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Isaiah</b>	<b>25:6-10</b>
<i>The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.</i>		
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Philippians</b>	<b>4:12-14,19-20</b>
<i>I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.</i>		
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>22:1-14</b>
<i>Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.</i>		

## Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Isaiah	45:1,4-6
	Psalms	95 (96)
Second Reading	1 Thess.	1:1-5
Gospel	Matthew	22:15-21

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,263
Parish Expenses	\$3,027
Support of House	\$1,236

*Thank You*

## GLAD

Gifts has officially closed but is selling all stock at 25% off the normal price. The following is still available: Mass cards, confirmation/communion gifts, Holy card, Rosary beads, Confirmation/First Communion dresses/accessories, Missals, Christmas stock & more. Enter the book store via the coffee lounge. If you are after something specific call us on 477 4492 before coming down. We are located in Newlands shopping mall, shop 5 & 6 McMillan Court, Newlands.

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased** Jocelyn Stevens

**Anniversaries** Sidney Hall, Colin Hooper, Frances de Goldi, Mary Mullins

## Prayers for the Sick



Maryvac de Rosario, Mary Egan, Dulcie Campbell, Oinah Macpherson, Maureen McDonald, Ron Blair, , Paul Carr, Vicki McPhee, Peter Tawhaki, Cecilia Dickson, Maria Kasperowicz, Marion Hyland, Helen Havasi, Gavin Matthews, Desmond Nunns, Margaret Hyland, Patricia Smyth, Ron Finlayson, Paul Churchward.

*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 22 (23)

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

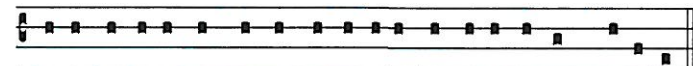
The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R.**



Ut inha-bi-tem in domo Domi-ni, in longi-tu-di-nem di- e-rum.

*And that I may dwell in the house of the Lord unto length of days.*

## Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

Number 58 "The Lord's my Shepherd".

## Reflection: Respecting Life - inside and out

Working as a volunteer at Arohata Women's Prison has given me uncomfortable insights into how hard it can be to 'respect life'.

I was called in to work in my capacity as a pregnancy counsellor with women who don't qualify to keep their babies with them in the prison system. My job is to prepare these women for the birth of their babies and for the separation which will inevitably follow. It is work that involves deep grief and at times, very brief glimpses of hope.

I see women inmates during their pregnancy and continue with them after the birth of their babies. In this time we look at grief and loss focusing on their separation from their newborn baby. Inevitably the counselling uncovers in depth, hurts and atrocities often with gang and drug associations. We often talk about bigger losses women experience – the loss of a child through abortion, miscarriage or stillbirth. These pregnancy losses are unspoken and the silence in these women who have a history of other secret hurts such as sexual abuse ripples through all their behaviour. Abortion often triggers an immediate escalation to drug abuse and other self-destructive behaviours—cutting, bizarre piercings or tattooing, food or alcohol abuse, repeatedly destructive relationships. It can be a long list. These women are brutally honest. They speak about their regrets in life, their losses, the events that lead them to prison and their children lost through abortion. They mostly have no hope that things could ever be different and feel this is what they deserve. There are very few people in their lives to tell them anything different. In our Justice system they feel forgotten about and unimportant; punished, damaged, unforgiven and unforgivable.

The women in Arohata are not the only ones in prison.

I work in pregnancy counselling and post-abortion counselling throughout Wellington. This brings me into contact with all sorts of women, and men, who don't understand what abortion has brought into their lives or how to resolve the issues of unrecognised loss that simply won't go away. Those hurt by abortion cannot re-write their history, but they can change their future. Each abortion story is complex and personal; it is isolating and lonely. To allow someone to break their silence and take up the offer of being brought to wholeness, is an act of great compassion and in my view, the Church's greatest gift. Thank God for faith, hope and love. Thank God for the Sacraments of healing. Thank God.

Wendy Hill, Rachel's Vineyard Retreats  
([www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz))



## SMAYACS

St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Catholics

## Young Adults Prayer (Thursdays @ 6pm)

Join us for a gathering of prayer every Thursday at 6pm. We plan on trying different forms of prayer each week such as Scripture based prayer, Taize etc. The third Thursday of each month will be Eucharistic Adoration. Fr Tom will help lead us in this. All are welcome, please contact us if you would like to come or feel free to just turn up on the day.

## Young Adult Mass (Sunday 9 October)

**This Sunday, 5pm**, if you are able to help out with a reading/collection or anything please let us know! After Mass all are invited to stay around afterwards for some pizza and a drink (bring some cash if you can). Matt will show some photos and give a short talk on World Youth Day in Madrid and Stefania will show some slides from the beatification of Pope John Paul in Rome earlier in year!!

## Holy Hour (Thursday 20th October)

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 on Tap (Sunday 30 October)

On the last Sunday of each month, there is a discussion on a matter of faith in a contemporary setting. Join us at 6.30pm, upstairs (and to the right) in the Hotel Bristol on Cuba Street. The next speaker and topic will be advised.

Email: [smayacs@gmail.com](mailto:smayacs@gmail.com)

## Child Poverty in NZ (Thurs 13 October)

On welcome to come and hear Rev Hone Kaa speak on Child Poverty in NZ, 7.30-9.00pm, Mercy Centre, 15 Guilford Tce, Thorndon. Enquiries: Cathedral Justice Committee. [Marcellinrsm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Marcellinrsm@xtra.co.nz) phone 819 8326 or 021 1766638

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