

## For Your Diaries : 2011

**Tuesday 18 October, St Vincent de Paul Meeting (6pm)**

All are welcome to attend the St Vincent de Paul meeting in the Parish Hall.

**POSTPONED: Communio Discussion (now on 30 October)**

"Owing to the need to display solidarity with 'certain goings on in the Garden of Eden' this Sunday, the scheduled Communio discussion is postponed."

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

**Thursday 20 October, Joshua Mens Fellowship Meeting (7.30pm)**

All men are invited to the Praise and worship evening, Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon. Contact: David on 387 9714.

**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 or phone John Kinney 04 475-5541.

**23 October Mission Sunday.** This serves as a reminder that our Baptism calls us to be active in living and sharing the Faith. This 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." See the poster in the Church foyer. For further information, contact Sister Catherine Jones, c.jones@wn.catholic.org.nz

**Saturday 29 October, Stewardship Retreat (10am-5pm)**

All are welcome to the follow up to the Stewardship Conference at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Wellington. This day will be introduced by Archbishop John Dew and led by Sr Elizabeth Julian. Tea and coffee provided but please bring your lunch. Contact Ann Williams 496 1777 or a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

**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

**Saturday 3 March 2012, St Pius X (Tokoroa) Golden Jubilee**

Friends and former parishioners of St Pius X Church, Tokoroa are invited to attend afternoon tea, Mass and dinner to celebrate 50 years of Catholic worship. Contact Jill Seerden on jillseerden@xtra.co.nz or ph 07 886 9075

**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,**

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**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*

**16 October 2011: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

### The Sacrament of Confirmation, 5pm Mass

Two parishioners, Pauline Barralon and Giancarlo Barassi Infante, are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today at the 5pm Mass. In Confirmation the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way and we are designated witnesses of Christ. Our congratulations to Pauline and Giancarlo. May the Holy Spirit be with you always.

### Looking ahead

With only five weeks until the Feast of Christ the King signalling the end of the Church's liturgical year, we might reflect on how little time there is to accomplish all that we might wish, before the beginning of Advent.

**New Mass Missal:** On the first Sunday in Advent, the revised English translation of the Roman Missal will be fully introduced throughout New Zealand. The people's responses were introduced at Advent last year and the revised Missal completes the changes. The people's responses are now familiar to you but you will notice significant changes to the Eucharistic prayers and the prayers which the Celebrant will pray.

**All Saints Day Vespers:** The Choir of St Mary of the Angels will once again sing Vespers for the Feast of All Saints, at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1 November. This beautiful and reflective evening prayer has been a tradition in our Church for some years and all are warmly invited to participate.

**Mass of Remembrance (Holy Souls):** all those who have died are remembered especially during the month of November. At the 5.15pm Mass on Thursday 10th November, we will remember in particular, those who have been buried in the last year from St Mary of the Angels Church. Last year at this time we learnt of the tragic loss of 29 lives in the Pike River Mine and since then earthquakes in Christchurch have claimed many more. These losses are also remembered.

**Carol Services:** as we prepare for Christmas and to receive Christ, vulnerable as an infant child, we have the opportunity to join the choirs of St John's Presbyterian and St Mary of the Angels on Sunday 4 December for the **Combined Carol Service** and on Wednesday 14 December the very popular **Carols with the Angels** in our own Church.

Fr Barry Scannell s.m.

### 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

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

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

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## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Isaiah 45:1,4-6  
*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

**Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5  
*We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.*

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 22:15-21  
*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.*

## Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Exodus	22: 20-26
	Psalms	17 (18)
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians	1:5-10
Gospel	Matthew	22:34-40

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,577
Parish Expenses	\$3,250
Support of House	\$1,327

*Thank You*

## ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ADULT EDUCATION IN THE FAITH MINISTRY ANGELUS SUPPLEMENT

For all who have expressed interest in participating in the adult education in the faith sessions beginning next year, please take a leaflet entitled available near the side doors and main entrance to the church over the next few weeks. The supplement will give you some idea of the ethos behind the adult education in the faith being offered in the parish next year as well as advertising the series on spirituality and the first couple of topics, venue, date and times for sessions beginning next year. Spread the word around if you are able!  
*Michael Young, S.M.*

## Mass has been offered for:

### Recently Deceased

### Anniversaries

Bryan Outtrim, Colin Hooper, Fr John O'Rourke sm, Kathleen Cosgrave.

### Prayers for the Sick

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



*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 95 (96)

**R. Give the Lord glory and honour.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**



Afferte Domi-no glo-ri- am nomi-ni e-jus.-

*Bring to the Lord glory unto his name.*

## Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

Number 122 "Alleluia Sing To Jesus".  
*Versus 1, 2, 3 and 7.*

## Thank You:

The St Vincent de Paul Society (Wellington) wishes to thank everyone for their continued generosity in donating food and money for distribution in the Wellington region. This is much appreciated.

## Reflection: Learning about Christ.

The word 'spirituality' cannot be easily defined because it covers every aspect of our lives in relation to our experience of the transcendent which, for Christians, refers to our experience of God as revealed and interpreted in and through Christ.

Christian spirituality has its beginnings in the desire expressed in the words, "Come and see" (John 1:39) that leads to the effort required in the words "Follow me" (John 1:43). Desire motivates; effort initiates a change in us in the way we see and come to know our selves in and through the relationships we have and develop with others and with God over time. Desire, then, found in the words, "Come and see" is the mother of hope and the effort required inherent in the words, "Follow me" is called conversion or *metanoia* – the turning and the shaping of the whole person toward and into one who loves God and neighbour as oneself.

Ultimately, Christian spirituality develops our deepening response to the question asked by Christ of his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" It is not simply an understanding *about* Christ ("Who do *people* say I am?") but how each of us will answer Christ individually and personally when he asks of us, "But you, who do *you* say I am?" (Mark 8: 27, 29). Spirituality reveals the conviction inherent in our relationship to Christ as disciple to Master or Lord.

Because spirituality involves the desire and effort to change and grow in our relationship with God, others and also in the way we see (that is, relate) to our own selves, spirituality is often described in terms of a *journey* – a journey over time; over a whole *life-time*. Spirituality is never static. It can, however, stagnate when effort becomes complacent and desire grows cold. In other words, our journey can stop prematurely. Such a premature cessation of spiritual growth could be described as spiritual "heart-attack" or seizure which could destroy, but certainly damages, the healthy relationships spirituality seeks to produce in us with God and with others; a cardiac arrest or seizure that could lead to a spiritual parting of the ways expressed in Scripture through the words, "After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him" (John 6:66).

Growing in the spiritual life, then, is not just an "extra" to the life of faith; spirituality is the life-blood coursing through our spiritual arteries and veins in the everyday way in which we live and breathe our Christian lives. To ensure desire neither wanes nor effort grow coarse through complacency, the study of our understanding and experience of spirituality becomes a vital element in "bringing together" the many aspects of our lives into an integrated whole that reflects purpose and gives meaning to the way we, as Christians, relate to God, others and to our own selves in healthy, life-giving and, ultimately, "godly" ways.

*Michael Young, S.M.*

## 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. The third Thursday of each month will be Eucharistic Adoration.

**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.

**Young Adult Mass** (Sunday 13 November)  
The 5pm Mass on the second Sunday of each month is organised by the SMAYACS. If any young people are able to help prepare for this Liturgy, please contact us. After Mass all are invited to stay for a catch up.

*Email: smayacs@gmail.com*

## A Students' Prayer, by St Thomas Aquinas

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator,  
true source of light and fountain of wisdom!  
Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect,  
dissipate the darkness which covers me,  
that of sin and of ignorance.

Grant me a penetrating mind to understand,  
a retentive memory,  
method and ease in learning,  
the lucidity to comprehend,  
and abundant grace in expressing myself.

Guide the beginning of my work,  
direct its progress,  
and bring it to successful completion.

This I ask through Jesus Christ,  
true God and true man,  
living and reigning with You  
and the Father, forever and ever.  
AMEN



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