

## For Your Diaries : 2011

The **Catholic Deaf Community** invites all Deaf to join them for 9.30am Mass at St Peter and Paul's Church, 60 Knights Road, Lower Hutt on Sunday 13th November. A NZSL interpreter will be present.

### 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@rachelsvineyard.org.nz](mailto:info@rachelsvineyard.org.nz)

### Sunday 13 – 16 November National Catholic Youth Ministers Conference

**Where:** Palmerston North. The National Catholic Conference for Youth and Young Adult Ministry on happens every two years so make sure you are there.

Keynote addresses from Samuel Clear, you can check out his website [www.walk4one.com](http://www.walk4one.com) and our very own Kitty McKinley and Chris Duthie-Jung as well as multiple workshop choices with top presenters from all over the country. Contact the Youth Office for a registration form or find it online at [www.connect.org.nz](http://www.connect.org.nz). More info or any questions contact Dan on [d.siave@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:d.siave@wn.catholic.org.nz) or (04) 496 5181

### Saturday 19th November 1.30pm Dove Fellowship

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women meet Guildford Terrace (off Hill St) Thorndon. To conclude our year A Thanksgiving Mass followed by a festive afternoon tea. 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)

### 18-20 November Marriage Preparation

A are still a few places on the Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend of 18-20 November. Enquiries to Aniela & Mark Potter, [markandariela@gmail.com](mailto:markandariela@gmail.com), 04 477 1957 or go to [www.ceewellington.org.nz](http://www.ceewellington.org.nz) Please pray for all couples preparing for marriage and the success of the weekend.

### Friday 25 - Sunday 27 November; The Lazarus Experience

A healing weekend for separated and divorced Catholics. Contact: Don 587 0527 or 021 459 859, email: [lazarusexp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lazarusexp@xtra.co.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](mailto:jillseerden@xtra.co.nz) or ph 07 886 9075

**Traditional Latin Mass** each Sunday of November, 12.30pm at St Mary of the Angels. Contact Neil Coup 021 896 924.

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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 11:30am - 12pm

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

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

## 6 November 2011: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### Christmas Cards

We have once again this year produced Christmas cards of the beautiful Nativity Window in the Church. The cards are high quality and have been finished with a gloss laminated front cover. They come in three sizes: A6, DLE and a much larger A5 card. The cost of the cards which come with envelopes are the same as last year:

A6 (\$15 for a pack of 12)

DLE (\$15 for a pack of 12)

A5 (\$1.50 each)

The cards will be on sale after all Masses today.

### Month of the Holy Souls

During the month of November we have a Remembrance Book for the Holy Souls and you can write the names of any Holy Souls in the book and they will be prayed for at every Mass celebrated in our Church during November. The book is on a small table in front of Our Lady's altar.

If you would like a special Mass Intention for those who have died please write the name of the person(s) on the envelopes provided on the tables at the entrances to the Church, place a Mass stipend inside and either give it to one of the priests or to Sister Frances.

### Thank You

A sincere thank you to the Choir for leading us in the beautiful liturgy of Vespers on the Feast of All Saints. It was a wonderful way to bring the celebration of this special day to its conclusion. I was delighted that so many people were able to come, pray with and listen to our Choir.

Thank you also to Samantha Nacewa (our data projector operator at the 5pm Mass) who leaves for Auckland next week. We will miss her wonderful smiling face and thank her sincerely for the generosity in which she has carried out this ministry. We wish her all the best for her new position in Auckland.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.

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## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Wisdom 6:12-16

*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

**Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 23:1-12

*Look, the bridegroom comes. go out to meet him.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20, 30-31

Psalm 127 (128)

**Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

**Gospel** Matthew 25:14-30

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,461
Parish Expenses	\$3,167
Support of House	\$1,294

*Thank you*

## Mass of Remembrance

**Thursday 10 November, 5.15pm**

All those who have died and in particular those who have been buried in the last year from St Mary of the Angels Church are remembered at this Mass. At a point during Mass, those who wish to bring a photo or memento of a loved one will be invited to place it near the altar rails. Others may wish to come forward and light a candle.

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace."*

Amen.

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased** Salvie Ruocco

**Anniversaries** Denise Sutich, Malcolm Ross

**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, Patricia Smyth, Ron Finlayson, Vicki McPhee, Pat Perkins, Romola Sullivan, Peter O'Meeghan, Bryan Stempa, 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 62 (63)

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

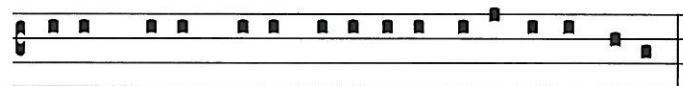
O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**



De-us, De-us me-us, si-ti-vit in te a-ni-ma me-a!

**O God, my God, for thee my soul hath thirsted.**

## Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

Number 277 **"Seek O Seek the Lord"**.

*All verses.*

## Reflection: Guy Fawkes and all that

There's an apocryphal piece of graffiti which appeared on the stonewalls around the Palace of Westminster in London. It read, "Vote for Guy Fawkes—the only man to enter Parliament with honest intentions."

While not wishing to diminish the dignity of the General Election soon to be held in this country, there is something to be learned from such saucy wit. The historic arguments which led to the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, the plan by explosives expert Guy Fawkes and associates to assassinate the King by blowing up the entire Parliament, have long since given way to the increasingly commercial celebration of bonfires with fireworks. This is quite probably, as it should be. Attempting to settle political arguments through terrorism, irrespective of how deeply or widely held the beliefs, is unlikely to create a society characterised by tolerance and respect.

The same cannot be said, however, of the secular trend to reframe Christian feasts and solemnities as commercial opportunities. The eve of the feasts of All Saints and the Holy Souls would be replaced with the ghoulish extortions of Halloween were it not for ordinary Christians practicing their faith. Likewise the movement to diminish Christmas into a 'happy holiday' and Advent into a frenzy of pre-Christmas sales. Benedict XVI is astute to all this. In his World Youth Day address in Madrid, he challenged young people to confront secular culture. "Europe needs to rediscover its Christian roots," he said. He was more explicit in Sydney: "Wherever individuals and nations accept God's presence, worship him in truth and listen to his voice, the civilization of love is being built, a civilization in which the dignity of all is respected. The Church in Oceania is preparing for a new evangelization of peoples who today are hungering for Christ."

Amidst the clamour of end-of-year functions, Christmas Parties and cash registers, it may be difficult to prepare for the Christ-child. This is why we have Advent, a time to reflect on what drives our hunger and what feeds our soul.

**Suzanne O'Rourke**



## 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.

**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.

**Holy Hour** (Thursday 17 November)  
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.

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

## The Roman Missal

On the First Sunday of Advent, this year, we will be praying and singing the full texts of the newly revised Roman Missal.

As Church we are called to welcome the new words of the Mass in both English and Maori. The Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand invite us to plant these new texts, English and Maori, deep in our hearts, so that they may, in time, become as familiar and loved as the texts we leave behind.

You may wish to take a fresh look at the booklet, **New Words. Deeper Meaning. Same Mass. Understanding the Revised Mass Texts.** This will help you to prepare for the First Sunday of Advent.

A taonga kahurangi, a precious gift, has been given us by the Church. Let us take it, treasure it, pray it.



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