For Your Diaries: 2012

Wednesday February 15th, 7:30pm, Xaio Ma Concert

Chinese singer Xiao Ma - a mezzo-soprano counter-tenor accompanied by Gregory Squire and Anne Loesser - baroque violins, and Robert Oliver - viola da gamba. A concert of baroque music by Handel and Vivaldi.

Tickets available at www.eventfinder.co.nz \$30 (\$20 concessions) + booking fee.

February, Friday 17th Vigil for the Unborn

St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. Starts with Mass at 7pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.00 pm. Includes the option of going on a rosary procession during Exposition.

Organised by Family Life International ph. 2378343. www.fli.org.nz

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekends for 2012

24-26 February, 22-24 June and 9-11 November. These Retreats are a Ministry of the Catholic Church and are for the spiritual and psychological healing of the grief issues associated with pregnancy loss through abortion. Abortion carries with it a grief unlike any other and support before and after the Retreat weekend is made available for Participants. Numbers for each Retreat are limited and all enquiries are strictly confidential. Contact: Wendy Hill, info@rachelsvineyard.org.nz or 027 254 90222. For more information visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz

Pilgrimages to Pukekaraka, Otaki, 2012.

The Pa Maria Retreat and Spirituality Centre team is offering Wellington parishioners a prayerful day in Pukekaraka next year, a site of significant Catholic history of the Wellington Archdiocese. If you would like to be on one of these trips (18th & 25th February; 7th, 25th & 31st March) please contact Pa Maria: 04 472 2734

Saturday 10th March 2012 St Catherine's College Art and Craft Fair

St Catherine's College PTA is collecting art and craft items for this fundraising effort in 2012. Phone 388 5887 if you have any items to be collected.

Mary Potter Hospice Palliative Care Education & Training Programme

The Mary Potter Hospice are running a wide range of learning opportunities for health professionals, health workers, community colleagues and groups who provide palliative and end of life care. Wellington 'Primary Health & Palliative Care Series' course dates are 14th March, 11th April & 9th May.

See www.marypotter.org.nz for more courses, or contact Clare O'Leary on 3895017 or clare.oleary@marypotter.org.nz for further information.

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

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MASSES

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

Monday to

& 5:15pm

7.30am, 12:05pm,

Friday

Saturday 11am

EACH MONTH

Ist 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

15th January 2012: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Happy New Year

Happy New Year. I hope you all enjoyed a special time with your family and friends over the Christmas and New Year break.

We are very proud that two of our parishioners were honoured in the New Year's honours list. Judge Paul Barber was awarded the Queen's Service Order (QSO) for his services to the State. We warmly congratulate and rejoice with Paul on this well deserved honour. Paul and his wife Kerry are faithful parishioners and attend the 9am Mass each Sunday.

Brian McGuinness becomes a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for his services to the building industry. We offer our warmest congratulations to Brian on this achievement. It is a great tribute, not only for Brian but for the family business of L T McGuinness Ltd. Our beautiful Church has benefited so much over the years from Brian's expertise and generosity and we rejoice with him in this recognition by the wider community.

We also congratulate Andrea and Ben Wilson on the birth of their baby Cassandra Francis on 3 January. Andrea is the pianist at the 5pm Mass.

We also congratulate Winy and Simon Lai on the birth of Chanelle Stephanie on 23 December.

Holiday Timetable

The holiday timetable continues until after Wellington Anniversary Weekend. Until then there is only one weekday Mass at 12.05pm. The sacrament of reconciliation is at 11.30am each day. Saturday Mass is at the normal time of 11am with Reconciliation at 10.30am. Mass on Anniversary Day(23 Jan) is at 9am.

The normal timetable resumes on Tuesday 24 January.

Father Barry Scannell sm Parish Priest

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