

## For Your Diaries : 2012

### Sunday February 12th, 2pm Pilgrimage to Our Lady's statue

The annual pilgrimage to Our Lady's statue will depart from St Patrick's Church, Paraparaumu at 2pm Sunday February 12th. This year's pilgrimage is led by Father Brian O'Connell SM, editor of the Marist Messenger and is open to everybody. Those who are not capable of processing up the hill will be able to participate from the Church via a live-feed from the statue.

### Sunday 12 February, 2012, 'Open Arms' Remembrance Service

Starts 3pm, Home of Compassion Chapel, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. All are very welcome - afternoon tea to follow. A time for prayer and reflection on the lives of children lost to abortion, miscarriage, stillbirth or other pregnancy losses. Contact: Wendy Hill, email: [info@greenstonedoor.co.nz](mailto:info@greenstonedoor.co.nz) or Ph 027 254 9222

### 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](http://www.eventfinder.co.nz) \$30 (\$20 concessions) + booking fee.

### Friday February 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](http://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@rachelvineyard.org.nz](mailto:info@rachelvineyard.org.nz) or 027 254 9222. For more information visit [www.rachelvineyard.org.nz](http://www.rachelvineyard.org.nz)

### Pilgrimages to Pukekarakā, Otaki, 2012.

The Pa Maria Retreat and Spirituality Centre team is offering Wellington parishioners a prayerful day in Pukekarakā, 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

**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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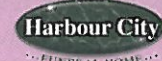
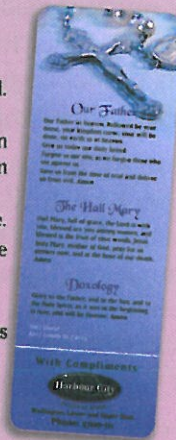
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# The Angelus

## 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@extra.co.nz](mailto:smoapp@extra.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@extra.co.nz](mailto:smoamanager@extra.co.nz)

### Parish Office

[smoaoffice@extra.co.nz](mailto:smoaoffice@extra.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

## 29th January 2012: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### Waitangi Day

On Monday 6 February St Mary of the Angels will host the Archdiocesan Mass for Waitangi Day. Archbishop John will be the main celebrant. Please make an effort to attend this Mass as the Parish hosts the Maori communities of Te Ngakau Tapu from Porirua and Te Kainga from Kilbirnie.

After the Mass there will be morning tea in the Parish Hall. If you are able to provide a plate of food to nourish our visitors please leave it in the Hall before Mass.

### Planned Giving

Thank you to all the parishioners who support the Parish through the Planned Giving system. The Finance Committee are extremely grateful for your generous support to Planned Giving as it helps them plan in a much more accurate way.

If you would like to support the Parish through the envelope or direct debit system please contact the Parish Office. Giving in this way ensures that at the end of the financial year on 31 March you receive a receipt which can be claimed in your tax return.

We have also recently received some new direct debit contributions but we cannot ascertain from the Bank Statement who the contributors are. If you have recently began direct debit contributions to the Parish can you please contact the Parish Office and let us know who you are so we can issue receipts at the end of the year.

### 2012

It is difficult to believe that the first month of this new year has almost gone. We have returned to our regular weekly Mass and Reconciliation timetable. The various Parish Committee's will begin their meetings for the year in the coming week. There are plenty of challenges ahead for each of these groups during 2012 so we ask your prayers and support as we strive to continue making St Mary of the Angels 'an oasis in the middle of a busy city'.

Father Barry Scannell sm  
Parish Priest

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## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
*I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.*

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
*The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.*

**Gospel Reading** Mark 1:21-28  
*This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Psalm 146

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

**Gospel** Mark 1:29-39

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,032
Parish Expenses	\$2,863
Support of House	\$1,169



## Responsorial Psalm 94

**R If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us kneel and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as a Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**

## Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass:

Number 109 Magnificat

## St Vincent de Paul appeal for books

The St Vincent de Paul Book Fair will be held at on Saturday March 10th at St Patrick's College hall, Kilbirnie. Funds raised from the book fair will be used to support the Society's on-going work with people in need in Wellington City.

If you have any books, CDs, DVDs or tapes to donate please drop them to 207 Riddiford St, Newtown or call Vic on 3897122 to arrange collection.

## Joy Cowley Book Launch Saturday February 18th 2-4pm

You are invited to attend the book launch of The Easter Story, written for young children by Joy Cowley and illustrated by Father Don Morrison. It tells the whole story of Jesus beautifully and simply. Come and celebrate the gift of this book to the Church and to the world. Kiwi Hall, Bell St Featherston (next to Anzac Hall). For more information please call Sue Devereux 04 496 1744 or s.devereux@wn.catholic.org.nz

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased** Gordon Ashbridge

**Anniversaries** Joan Shanahan, Sophia Robinson, Joan McGrath, Brian McKeown, Fr Thomas Kerrins sm, Sandra Moran, Anerc De Brabander

**Prayers for the Sick** Emma Stanley, Jake De Brabander, Eric Rae, Anita Rae, Bob Clark, Kieran St Clair, 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, Bryan Stempa, Patrick Grace.



*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*

## Reflection: Starting From Here

There's an old joke about a tourist asking a local for directions to the nearest big town, only to be told, "Well, I wouldn't start from here." Like all good jokes, there really isn't room for a response. Whether or not the hapless tourist ever made it to the nearest big town is not recorded and one can only assume they either followed their own instincts or they found someone else to ask. Or perhaps they simply never left.

This year, there is a very brief period of time from now to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The time from then until the Liturgies of Easter is congested with a huge amount of preparation and personal journeying. It is important in a year when Easter comes early, to make sure that there is time ahead of all this activity, to allow the spiritual gifts of Christmas and the Holy Spirit to do their work.

At the end of last year, the Liturgy Committee suggested a good way to start the year would be to have a time of prayer and reflection and the opportunity for those who wish, to review and re-commit themselves to whatever Parish activities they are drawn to. It quickly became apparent that this is an opportunity for the whole Parish, not just those currently involved in some function or other.

The date scheduled is Saturday, 11 February from 9am through until 10.30am. It will end with morning tea and the usual Saturday Mass at 11am will follow. We will gather in the Parish Hall, ready for a start at 9am and the programme will include a time for Scripture, reflection, sharing and prayer. There will be some discussion prompts to direct conversation and an opportunity to hear something about various Parish activities by those involved. There is no formal preparation for this day, although it might help to ponder some of these questions:

- What draws me to this Parish Community of St Mary of the Angels?
- What are some of the joys and sorrows in my spiritual life?
- How would I like to contribute to this Parish Community of St Mary of the Angels, if I had the chance?

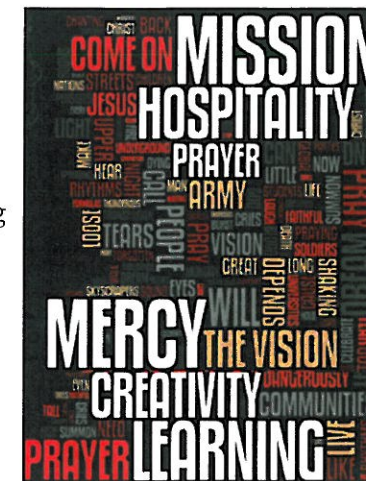
Everyone is invited to pray and to reflect. If you can, come along in person.

Event: **Parish Gathering for Prayer and Reflection**

Date: Saturday 11 February from 9am – 10.30am with morning tea

Venue: St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall

Suzanne O'Rourke  
Liturgy Committee



## Thank You!

Thank you to David Trott and the Korean Community Choir who have led the music and chant so beautifully at 11am Mass for the last three weeks. We are grateful for your commitment to our Church and for enabling us to continue the tradition of Gregorian Chant during the summer holidays while our regular Choir is away.

## SMAYACs Thursday Prayer Group

**When:** Thursdays @ 6pm

**Where:** St Mary of the Angels by St Joseph's Altar

All are welcome to join this group of young adults and the young at heart to pray, read and reflect on the Scriptures. This is a great way to strengthen your prayer life and also build relationships and community. Often the evening continues afterwards with of a social catch up.

If you are interested in getting involved with the St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Group, or want to help organise events, or would like more information, please email smayacs@gmail.com

## Communio Discussion Group

The first 2012 meeting will be held on Sunday February 12th at 7.15pm in the Presbytery Board Room. The topic is an address by Benedict XVI on 'The Origins of Western Theology and the Roots of European Culture'. Enquiries: leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz or 387 8284 for Mary or Leo Buchanan.

## Catholic Social Services Street Day Appeal Friday February 24th

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