

For Your Diaries : 2012

Tuesday 21st February, 7.30pm, Healing Service

All are invited to attend a Healing Service led by Father John Rea SM, held at St Bernadette's Church, 194 Naenae Road, Naenae.

Pilgrimages to Pukekaraka, Otaki, 2012.

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

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekends for 2012

24-26 February, 22-24 June and 9-11 November. These are weekend retreats of healing for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. 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

Friday 24th February, Catholic Social Services Street Day Appeal

Collectors are needed in Wellington and Lower Hutt. If you are able to give an hour of your time to help please phone Lesley or Vivien on 385 8642 or email l.hooper@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz

Sunday 4th March, 2-4pm, A New Way of the Cross for Lent

The Catholic Peacemakers group invites social justice groups and others interested to experience this 'Way of the Cross' together, prior to leading it in their own contexts. An Orientation Session will be held on at the Compassion Centre, 134 Tory St.

St Vincent de Paul Book Fair—Appeal for books

St Vincent de Paul Wellington Area Council is holding another book fair on Saturday March 10th. If you have any books, CDs, DVDs or tapes for the St Vincent de Paul Society Book Fair, please drop them off to 207 Riddiford St, Newtown, or call Vic on 389 7122 to arrange collection. The fair will be held at St Patrick's College hall, Kilbirnie on Saturday March 10th.

Saturday March 10th 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.

Tuesday 13th March, St Patrick's College Old Boys Association, AGM

The St Patrick's College Old Boys Annual General Meeting will be held at 6pm in Wade Hall at St Patrick's College. Enquiries to the secretary at secretary@spcob.org.nz

Traditional Latin Mass each Sunday of February, 12.30pm at St Mary of the Angels.

Contact Neil Coup 021 896 924

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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

19th February 2012: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Ash Wednesday

This coming Wednesday 22nd February we begin our Lenten Observance with the sign of the Cross on our forehead with Ashes. This reminds us that we are about to enter a time of penance, fasting and prayer for the next 40 days to prepare for the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection at Easter. Ashes will be distributed during our three Masses: 7.30am, 12.05pm and 5.15pm.

Caritas Lenten Reflection Group

"Called by faith to act with generous hearts"

As people of God, we are called to share the love that God has given us with our neighbours. As we hear this call, we already hold in our hearts examples of people who have gone before us, walking the same path of faith. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During Lent we have the opportunity to turn back to God, to re-examine our faith and our deepest values, and to consider what we want to change in our lives.

St Mary of the Angels is starting a Reflection Group which will meet in the Crypt every Monday evening during Lent, starting on the 27th of February. Resources are provided by Caritas so all you need to bring is your willingness to participate in this spiritual practice, and your Bible if you wish.

Anyone interested in joining this group can do so by completing the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church. The sign-up sheet will have a space for you to write your preferred time to meet, and you will then be contacted with the majority decision.

If you have any queries then please contact Monica on 021 94 9988 or email the Parish Office: smoaooffice@xtra.co.nz

Monica O'Connell, Social Justice Coordinator

Caritas Lenten Appeal Envelopes

The Lenten Appeal is an opportunity for all Catholics to participate in making the world a better place - not only overseas but within our own community. We are asked to make a 'preferential option for the poor', meaning that we should imitate God in being especially concerned about the poor and vulnerable. We are all asked to support the work of Caritas by making a donation through their Lenten appeal envelopes. These are available on the tables at the Church entrances. Please give generously this Lent.

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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

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This Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25

On account of me your iniquities are blotted out.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

The son of God, Jesus Christ, was not yes and no; in him it is always yes.

Gospel Reading Mark 2:1-12

The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm 24

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Mark 1:12-15

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$3,991
Parish Expenses	\$2,834
Support of House	\$1,157



Prayer and Reflection Morning

You are all invited to attend the Prayer and Reflection Morning at St Mary of the Angels on Saturday, 17th March from 8.30am - 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

As well as an opportunity for spiritual reflection, it will also help us to prepare for the Easter Liturgies.

The Rite of Election - Sunday 26th February

This is the Rite celebrated at 5pm Mass on the first Sunday of Lent, whereby the R.C.I.A members - Catechumens (those not baptised) and Candidates (those already baptised) - indicate their readiness to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at Easter. The Parish Community in turn indicates its readiness to receive these people into the Church. The Catechumens are now called 'the Elect'.

Mass has been offered for:



Recently Deceased Peter Tawhaki, Father Geoff Broad

Anniversaries Joan Abbott, Father Ken Scully sm, Grace Smith

Prayers for the Sick Claudia Wysocki, Anita Rae, Bob Clark, Vicki McPhee, Maryvac de Rosario, Maureen McDonald, Ron Blair, Cecilia Dickson, Desmond Nunns.

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

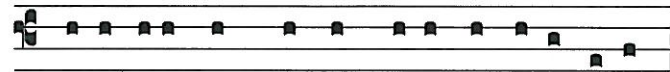
Responsorial Psalm 40

**R Lord, heal my soul,
for I have sinned against you.**

Happy the man who considers
the poor and the weak.
The Lord will save him in the day of evil,
will guard him, give him life,
make him happy in the land
and will not give him up to the will of his foes. **R**

The Lord will help him on his bed of pain,
he will bring him back from sickness to health.
As for me, I said: 'Lord, have mercy on me,
heal my soul for I have sinned against you.' **R**

If you uphold me I shall be unharmed
and set in your presence for evermore.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel
from age to age. Amen. Amen. **R**



Sana ánimam meam, quia peccá-vi ti-bi.

Heal my soul for I have sinned against thee.

Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass:

Number 179 'God whose almighty word' verses 1, 2 & 4

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

Wednesday 22nd February 2012 will inaugurate the 'Adult Education in the Faith Ministry' offered at St Mary of the Angels. You are all invited to attend these sessions which will be run by Father Michael Young sm.

Venue: Parish Hall **Time:** 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Session 1: 22 February. The 'Five Pillars' of Christian Spirituality (Part 1)

Session 2: 29 February. The 'Five Pillars' of Christian Spirituality (Part 2)

Reflection: Preparation - Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving

There is often a great deal of confusion about days of fasting and abstinence during the Penitential Season of Lent. The following is the Church's teaching:

- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. The law of **fasting** (less food) binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of the sixtieth year; the law of **abstinence** (no meat) binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.
- Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way the Church prepares for Easter along with those who are to be baptized.
- In Lent, the Gloria and the Alleluia are omitted at Mass.
- In Australia and New Zealand, Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday, which this year is June 3rd.

During this time many parishioners choose to join others in attending daily Mass in our Church. This is a wonderful way to enter into the Spirit of Lent by receiving the Lord each day in the Eucharist.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday throughout Lent there will be an opportunity to reflect on the Stations of the Cross. This reflection will take place at 5.45pm, after the 5.15pm Mass. This is a special opportunity for us to prepare for Jesus' Passion at Easter by reflecting and praying at each of the fourteen Stations. The first reflection will take place this Friday, 24th February. All welcome.

Pope John Paul II - Reflection on Almsgiving

In the face of the terrible challenge of poverty afflicting so much of the world's population, indifference and self-centred isolation stand in stark contrast to the 'gaze' of Christ. Fasting and almsgiving, together with prayer, are a suitable means for us to become conformed to this 'gaze'.

The season of Lent is a time of conversion. In this season, there are three essential elements to Catholic devotion. Pope John Paul II summarises these as: Prayer, as an opening to God; fasting, as an expression of self mastery in depriving oneself of something, in saying 'no' to oneself; and finally almsgiving, as opening 'towards others'.

To help us understand the meaning of almsgiving, Pope John Paul II points to the Prophets of the Old Testament, on whom the liturgy often draws during Lent. The Prophets consider that there is no true conversion to God, and that there can be no real religion *without* putting right offenses and injustices in relations among people and in social life. It is in this context that the Prophets exhort the people to almsgiving. They use a word for alms that means 'justice'. This calls us to help those who are victims of injustice and those in need; not so much by virtue of mercy but rather by virtue of the duty of active charity (Isaiah 58: 6-7). Pope John Paul II reminds us that Jesus gave a warning about the superficial, 'exterior' attitude of almsgiving (Matthew 6: 4; Luke 11: 41) and notes that it is a very real problem. It is very important to cultivate an interior sensitivity in regard to the real needs of our neighbours. Through such empathy we come to understand how best to help those in need, and how to behave so that what we give and what we bring to their lives, may be a real gift.

Reflection from Pope John Paul II's Lenten Address, 1978

SMAYACs Prayer Group

When: Thursdays @ 6pm

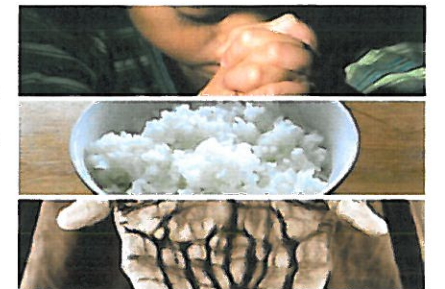
Where: St Mary of the Angels

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

St Mary of the Angels Children's Choir

The 'Young Angel Voices' choir is for children aged 8-12 years who love to sing. Contact Music Director Robert Oliver: robert.oliver@paradise.net.nz (04) 934 2296 or pick up a flyer from the Church for more details.



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