

For Your Diaries : 2012

Sunday 4th March, Catholic Deaf Community Mass

The Catholic Deaf Community invites all deaf to join them for the 9.30am Mass at St Peter and Paul's Church, 60 Knights Road, Lower Hutt on Sunday 4 March. A NZSL interpreter will be present.

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.

Sunday 10th March, BBQ for Tertiary Students

All students are invited to come to a BBQ after the 5pm Mass next Sunday to mark the start of a new year of study. Meet in the Church grounds or in the unlikely event that the weather is not suitable we will gather in the Parish Hall. All welcome - bring your friends.

Saturday 10th March, St Vincent de Paul Book Fair St Patrick's College hall

St Vincent de Paul Wellington Area Council is holding another book fair. 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.

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 (7th, 25th & 31st March) please contact Pa Maria: 04 472 2734

Saturday 10th March, 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, 13 March 2012, 7.30pm, Charismatic Mass

All are invited to attend a Charismatic Mass led by Fr John Rea at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill St, Thorndon.

Saturday 17th March, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

All Women welcome to join us for our next meeting at 1.30pm - 3.30pm Connolly Hall Guildford Terrace (off Hill St) Thorndon. Speaker Ruth Clarke from Tauranga will speak into Isaiah 61:1-4. Enquiries: Sandra 475 5541 or www.dove.org.nz

20 -22 March, Meditation Retreat

All are invited to attend a Live-in Retreat at The Home of Compassion 2 Rhine Street Island Bay, Wellington. Theme: 'Seeing with the eyes of the Heart'. Presenter: Joy Cowley. Contact Sr. Annette Green email sr.annette@compassion.org.nz or Mr Hugh McLaughlin Ph 562 7110

Traditional Latin Mass each Sunday of March, 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 7.30am, 12:05pm,
Friday & 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

4th March 2012: 2nd Sunday of Lent Year B

Nelson Nunns – RIP

One of our most faithful and generous parishioners, Nelson Nunns, died in Wellington Hospital on Wednesday morning after a short illness. We offer our sincere sympathy and prayers to Vonnice and the family in their very sad loss.

It is very difficult to imagine the 9am Mass without the smiling face of Nelson who welcomed parishioners at the front door and ensured they received a copy of the weekly Angelus. He had a deep faith in Jesus Christ – his Church, his family and his friends meant everything to him. He was the unofficial 'mayor of Cuba Street' and he will be missed by all those in upper Cuba Street where Nelson ran 'Ellmer Mowers' for so many years.

Nelson and Vonnice have been generous benefactors to the Parish and in recent times Nelson has ensured that the concrete paths and walls were water blasted clean and the seats in the grounds of the Church were painted.

We will farewell Nelson with a Vigil Service on Sunday evening at 7pm and the Mass of Requiem on Monday afternoon at 1pm. May the God he was so faithful to in life now reward him with eternal life. May he rest in peace.

Congratulations

We warmly congratulate Monique and Hank Rood who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary yesterday. We thank them for their wonderful commitment of married love and pray that God will continue to bless them in the years ahead.

Welcome to our University Students

A warm welcome to Wellington to all the tertiary students who begin their academic studies this week. We hope that 'orientation week' has not been too stressful and that you are well rested for your first week of studies.

You are very welcome at St Mary of the Angels Parish. We would like to invite you to a bar-b-que in the Church grounds after the 5pm next Sunday 10th March. In the unlikely event that the weather is not suitable we will gather in the Parish Hall. Please bring your friends and come and meet some new ones from St Mary of the Angels.

Father Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

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This Week's Readings

First Reading Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18
The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Second Reading Romans 8:31-34
God did not spare his own Son.

Gospel Reading Mark 9:2-10
This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17
 Psalm 18

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel John 2:13-25

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,070
Parish Expenses	\$2,890
Support of House	\$1,180



Planned Giving and Donations

As we come to the end of the tax year (31 March) now is a good time to review your financial commitment to the Parish over the past 12 months. Any lump sums given before 31 March can be claimed in the 2011-2012 tax year. A **tax rebate** of 33.3% may be claimed on all your contributions. Tax receipts will be issued in April. If you have changed your address, please advise the Parish Office: 473 8074 or smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz

Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2012-2013 will be available at Masses next Sunday, 11th March. Please collect your envelopes from the table in the Church.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased Nelson Nunns, Cecilia Dickson, Father Michael O'Meeghan sm, Maryvac de Rosario

Anniversaries Don Duerr, Trevor Randall

Prayers for the Sick Emma Stanley, Sam Sutherland, Des Nunns, Mary Egan, Dulcie Campbell, Oinah Macpherson, Paul Carr, Maria Kasperowicz, Marion Hyland, Helen Havasi, Patricia Smyth, Ron Finlayson, Vicki McPhee, Bryan Stempa, Patrick Grace, Claudia Wysocki, Anita Rae, Bob Clark, Maureen McDonald, Ron Blair.



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

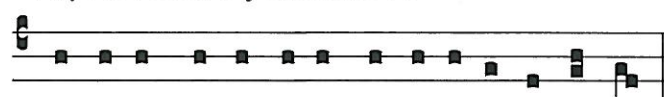
Responsorial Psalm 115

R I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:
 'I am sorely afflicted.'
 O precious in the eyes of the Lord
 is the death of his faithful. **R**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
 you have loosened my bonds.
 A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
 I will call on the Lord's name. **R**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
 before all his people,
 in the courts of the house of the Lord,
 in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R**



Pla-cebo Domi-no in re-gi- one vi-vo-rum.

I will please the Lord in the land of the living.

Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass:

Number 192: 'He who would valiant be'

Lenten Meditations

There will be a 15 minute Lenten Meditation lead by members of the choir after midday Mass on Thursdays during Lent. You are all invited to join in this Lenten prayer.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during 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. All welcome.

Reflection: Treasure our children

Today, Sunday 4th March is Children's Day. Sometimes we forget that Jesus was once a child. He is the Son of God, but he was also a helpless baby. Mary and Joseph had to teach Jesus how to walk and talk. They had to feed him, dress him, and keep him safe.

Children today still need the same things. Sadly though, not all children get what they need. Many children throughout the world and in our own communities live in poverty. Many live in fear of violence or neglect. Pope Benedict asks us to pray that children and youth everywhere may always be safe. The Holy Father knows that Jesus loves children very much. Jesus asks children to come near him and tells all his followers to be more like children - trusting, loving, and innocent.

Children have an important place in the Church and in teaching others about Jesus.

Make a time today to be enlightened by the prayer of a child, or say a special prayer for the children of the world.



Communion Discussion Group

The next meeting will take place next Sunday 11th March at 7.15pm in the Presbytery Board Room. Our discussion is on a stimulating paper by Paul McPartlan that examines the crucial role of the Eucharist in current Ecumenical dialogues. Contact Mary or Leo Buchanan: 387 8284 or leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz

Invitation to a Morning of Prayer and Reflection

A morning of Prayer and Reflection Day, specifically for Proclaimers of the Word (Readers) and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) is being held in the St Mary of the Angels' Parish Hall, **from 8.30am - 10.45am, on Saturday, 17th March.**

As well as an opportunity for spiritual reflection, this will be an opportunity to prepare for the Easter Liturgies. The work of serving and supporting our Parish Community through these ministries, is an important part of our liturgy.

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The next 'Adult Education in the Faith Ministry' Session will take place on Wednesday 7th March 2012. You are all invited to attend these sessions presented by Father Michael Young sm.

Venue: Parish Hall

Time: 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Theme: Spirituality and the Christian Mysteries

Session 1: Introduction and the Presence of Grace (Part 1)

12 Volunteers needed for Holy Thursday

The Holy Thursday Liturgy includes the *Mandatum Rite*, the action of Jesus washing the feet of his Disciples. During the Holy Thursday Mass, it is the practice at St Mary of the Angels to have twelve people representative of our Parish community, to have their feet washed.

We are looking for volunteers (male and female, young and old) to participate in this Rite. Please contact the Parish Office Ph 473 8074 if you wish to be one of the twelve.

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 a social catch up.

Tertiary Chaplaincy Volunteers needed

Kohanga Tertiary Chaplaincy are looking for volunteers to be the face of hospitality, greeting students and being a friendly presence. If you have a spare 2 hours, morning or day each week that you could commit to Kohanga, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Patricia Butterfield: 496 1731 or p.butterfield@wn.catholic.org.nz

Marist Young Adult Ministry

During lent MYAM will be running a reading, discussion, prayer programme called 'Essential Jesus' and is aimed at showing who Jesus really is and why he is so important in today's world.

Time: Every Thursday in March from 7.30pm - 9pm

Venue: Ss Peter and Paul Church Parish hall, Lower Hutt.

For more info contact Br Kieran or Br Doug at The Grove: 972 6926 or 021 258 1484

Drop-in Centre Volunteers

Volunteers are needed on weekdays between 9am and 1pm to help in the drop-in centre run in the Crypt. Please contact Sister Sarto if you can help. Thank you. Ph: 472 9177 (crypt) or 527 0190 (home).

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