

For Your Diaries : 2012

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

Tuesday 13th 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.

Thursday 15th March, 7.30 p.m, Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Meeting

All men are invited to come and join us at our Praise and Worship meeting at Connolly Hall, Guilford Tce, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral). The theme is 'Serve the Lord Gladly'. Contact David for more details: 387 9714.

Saturday 17th March (St Patrick's Day) 10am-2pm, St Bernadette's Parish Gala

Come and support our Parish fundraiser to complete the restoration of our hall at St Bernadette's Parish, 194 Naenae Road, Naenae, Lower Hutt. Spot prizes for those dressed in green!

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

23-25 March Marriage Enrichment weekend

Marriage Encounter is running a marriage enrichment weekend from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon on 23-25 March 2012 at the Magnificat Retreat Centre just out of Featherston. The weekend is an opportunity for you to focus on your most precious asset; your relationship. For further details and to make a booking please call Francie or Neil on 0800 362 686

22-24 June and 9-11 November 2012, Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

A weekend of healing for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. Information and support is available for men and women. All enquiries are strictly confidential. Visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz or contact Wendy Hill on 027 733 2990 or info@rachelsvineyard.org.nz

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 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

11th March 2012: 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B

Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2012-2013 will be available at Mass today. Please collect your envelopes from the table in the Church.

If you would like to contribute to the Parish through Planned Giving envelopes or the direct debit system, please contact the Parish Office.

Planned Giving and Donations

As we come to the end of the tax year (31 March) it 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.

Tertiary Students BBQ - today

There will be a bar-b-que in the Church grounds after the 5pm Mass today, Sunday 11th March to welcome (and welcome back) all tertiary students who are beginning of a new year of study. Please bring your friends and come and meet some new ones.

Invitation to a Morning of Prayer and Reflection

You are all invited to attend a morning of Prayer and Reflection next Saturday, 17th March, led by Father David Kennerley sm. This is a time for spiritual reflection and an opportunity for Proclaimers of the Word (Readers) and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) 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. The session will be held in the Parish Hall from 8.30am to 10.45am.

Father Barry Scannell sm

Parish Priest

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This Week's Readings

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

The law was given through Moses.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel Reading John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Psalm 136

Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel John 3:14-21

Last Sunday's Collection

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| Total | \$4,049 |
| Parish Expenses | \$2,875 |
| Support of House | \$1,174 |



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.

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.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased Christopher Eastwood, Nelson Nunns, Maryvac de Rosario

Anniversaries Rita Kiran, 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 18

R Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

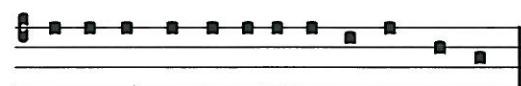
The precepts of the Lord are right, the gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is hold, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth, and all of them just. **R**

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold, and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **R**



Domi-ne, verba vi-tae aeternae ha-bes.

Lord, you have the words of eternal life.

Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass:

Number 157 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind' verses 1, 2, 4 & 5

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent there will be an opportunity to reflect on the Stations of the Cross. This will take place 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.

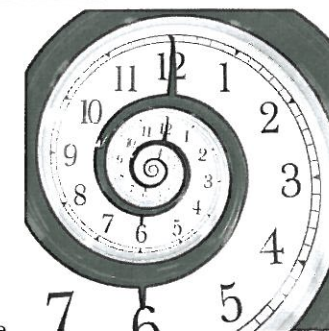
Reflection: Suffering

I was speaking with a friend the other day about suffering and Lent. No one likes to suffer - that is why it is called suffering. My friend commented critically about why we add 'suffering' to our lives during Lent - why would we want any more!? Why should anybody?...

Compose in your imagination the whole people of Israel standing at the base of Mount Sinai who, three months previously were freed from the slavery in Egypt. Moses has informed the people that God would be speaking to them very soon. Accompanied by thunder, lightning and trumpet blasts, a dense and dark cloud appears. Then the news everyone has been waiting to hear comes forth from the cloud. The news is comprised of ten commands which God wants carried out or else! More suffering!? The people don't like the sound-effects and light-show and beg Moses to talk directly to them - God is too much. Moses, in response, encourages them by explaining that God was getting their attention and wanted to make a deep impression on them about the importance of these laws. These commands cover most of our fallen-nature's tendencies. They are all about reverencing the Truth of God in everything. The question is about whether these are commandments to frighten us into submission, or invitations to the fullness of life.

This Lent, we pray for the desire to overcome our sins by prayer, fasting, and works of mercy. Fasting puts us in a delightful tension. On one side we experience our selfishness which is so attractive and demanding. On the other side is that dignified self which is not ruled by delights of all kinds and whenever. Fasting as a prayer is not a subtraction, or a 'giving up', but a receiving of a delightful truth; we are humans who have drives, instincts, tastes and fears to which we do not have to respond. Fasting, prayerfully done, offers us a sensitivity to our fallen humanity as well as the real nature of the delights of creation.

By Larry Gillick



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.

Praise and Adoration

The Home of Compassion is providing opportunity for praise and adoration this Lent. Come and enter into the mystery of Compassion during this time of Lent.

When: 7pm-9pm, 26th March

Where: The Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay.

For more information contact Sister Rachel: sr.rachel@compassion.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).

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The next 'Adult Education in the Faith Ministry' Session will take place on Wednesday 14th 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 2: Presence of Grace (Part 2) & Christ, Grace Incarnate and New Covenant (Part 1)

Communio Discussion Group

The Communio Discussion Group will meet tonight, 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: leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz or 387 8284.



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