

For Your Diaries : 2012

Tuesday 3 April, 7.30pm Tudor Consort

The Tudor Consort are to perform a Choral Compline service of music by Tallis, Byrd, Sheppard and Lobo, at the Cathedral of St Paul. All welcome.

6th April, 'Seven Last Words of Christ'

The final words spoken by Christ from the cross, composed as a reflection for Good Friday by Hayden, will be performed by members of the new Zealand Symphony Orchestra at 7pm on Good Friday in our Church.

Sunday 15th April, Divine Mercy Sunday

You are all invited to join in the Divine Mercy celebration to be held after the 10.30am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa. The celebration includes the blessing of religious objects, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image. There will be reconciliation before Mass, starting at 9.45am. Refreshments will be served after the service.

28th-29th April, Men Alive Weekend

The Archdiocese of Wellington are hosting a retreat weekend for all men (aged 18 to 80+) at the Otaki Bridge Lodge. Cost \$60 all inclusive. For full details and registration forms contact Patrick Haughey 04 905 4467.

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 027 254 9222 or info@rachelsvineyard.org.nz

Labour Weekend, Sacred Heart Centenary

The centenary celebrations for Sacred heart College, Lower Hutt, will be held over Labour Weekend - 19th - 21st October 2012. Please register interest on the college website: www.sacredheartcollege.co.nz or call the College on 04 566 1089

Traditional Latin Mass each Sunday of April, 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

1st April 2012: Palm Sunday Year B

Pastoral Letter from Archbishop John Dew

A Pastoral Letter from Archbishop John will be read at all Masses this weekend. The Archbishop is writing about 'Project Stronger', - a project which the Archdiocese began last November to understand the earthquake status of all Parish buildings in the Archdiocese. This was necessary for the renewal of insurance coverage which has become very difficult following the events in Christchurch. As an example the insurance premium for St Mary of the Angels has doubled this year to over \$60,000.

The Parish of St Mary of the Angels is very fortunate that the Restoration and Maintenance Committee (chaired by Brian McGuinness) has been working diligently for the past few years on the plans for the seismic strengthening of our beautiful Church. We are perhaps the only Parish in the Archdiocese where this was happening long before the earthquakes in Christchurch. You will appreciate that for the engineers, architects and builders involved, the seismic strengthening of a re-inforced concrete Gothic Church such as St Mary of the Angels is very challenging. Not only is the Church a Category A Historic Place but it is absolutely vital that the character and integrity of the building be preserved.

As I mentioned in the Angelus of 12 December last year, the Maintenance and Restoration Committee have reached the point where their recommendations will be 'peer reviewed' by four leading seismic engineers. This very important meeting takes place on 20 April. It is expected that following the outcome of this meeting recommendations will then be forwarded to Archbishop John for his consideration.

Please keep all those involved in this project in your prayers.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.

Parish Priest

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This Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7
I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11
He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel Reading Mark 14:1 - 15:47
The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm 117

Second Reading Col 3:1-4

Gospel John 20:1-9

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,303
Parish Expenses	\$3,055
Support of House	\$1,248



Communio Discussion Group

The next Communio discussion will take place on Sunday 15 April at 7.15pm in the Boardroom. The paper for discussion is 'Are You Afraid of the Thief? A Cordial Approach to Lectio Divina' by Simeon Leiva - Merikakis. The article illustrates the practice of Lectio Divina with a meditation on Marks Gospel, and uses reflections by St Therese of Lisieux to show how contemplative reading of the scriptures can lead us to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. For more information or a copy of the paper please contact Leo or Mary Buchanan 3878284 or email leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased Anita Rae

Anniversaries Gerard O'Brien, Father Mark Beban sm, Father Rob Ryan, Mildred Lee Kudzotsa

Prayers for the Sick Jack Body, Emma Stanley, Des Nunns, Mary Egan, Dulcie Campbell, Oinah Macpherson, Paul Carr, Maria Kasperowicz, Marion Hyland, Helen Havasi, Patricia Smyth, Vicki McPhee, Bryan Stempa, Patrick Grace, Bob Clark, Maureen McDonald.



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 21

R My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **R**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **R**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R**



De-us me-us, De-us me-us, qua-re me de-re-liqui-sti?

O my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass:

Number 123 'All glory, laud, and honour' verses 1, 3, 4 & 7

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The next session will take place on Wednesday 4th April

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

Theme: Spirituality and the Christian Mysteries

Session 5: The Spirit, the Soul of the Church and Body of Christ (Part 2)

Easter Timetable for 2012

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday 5th April	Reconciliation Mass of the Lord's Supper	11am - 1pm & 4pm - 5pm 7.30pm
Good Friday 6th April	Stations of the Cross Reconciliation Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Hayden's 'Seven Last Words' (Performed in the Church by members of the NZSO)	10am Following Stations of the Cross until 11.30am 3pm 7pm
Holy Saturday 7th April	Reconciliation Easter Vigil	10.30am - 11am 8pm
Easter Sunday 8th April	Easter Sunday Masses	Usual timetable
Easter Monday 9th April	Mass	9am

Seven Last Words of Christ

At 7pm on Good Friday members of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra will present Haydn's 'Seven Last Words of Christ' as part of our Easter Triduum. This is a liturgical reflection on the last words spoken by Christ from the Cross. These 'last words' include, "Mother, this is your son," and the evocative, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" It is the tradition at St Mary of the Angels that this work is performed by candlelight on Good Friday evening, as the composer intended. There will be a koha collection at the door.



St Vincent de Paul

There will be food collection for St Vincent de Paul on Holy Thursday. This food is distributed to the poor over Easter. Please leave all donations in the basket at the back of the Church. St Vincent de Paul also wishes to thank the Parishioners of St Mary of the Angels for their generosity so far over this Lenten season.

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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