

For Your Diaries : 2012

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.

21st April 1.30pm - 3.30pm, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

All Women welcome to join us for praise, worship, teaching and fellowship at Connolly Hall Guildford Terrace (off Hill St) Thorndon. Speaker: Michael Powell. Enquiries: Sandra 475 5541 www.dove.org.nz

26th - 28th April, 'From Genesis to Jesus', Bible study group

An open invitation to all parishioners who are interested in how to study the Bible. A short three day training course will be held at Connolly Hall, Thorndon, from April 26th -28th. For more details phone 8017797 or e-mail new-zealand@icpe.org

27th April, 7pm - 8.30pm, 'Journeying into Prayer' Book Launch

All are invited to the launch and blessing of the new prayer book 'Journeying into Prayer: people & their pathways'. This book is comprised of writings about the experience and practice of praying from Christian and other world religions. Come and celebrate with the editor Fr Neil Darragh and local writers Margaret Butler, Joy Cowley, Catherine Jones, Elizabeth Julian, Trish McBride, James Lyons and Pushpa Woods in The Foyer of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Wellington.

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

8th April 2012: Easter Sunday Year B

Easter Greetings

On behalf of all the Pastoral Team I wish each of you a very happy Easter. We have celebrated over the past three days the events in the life of Christ which give meaning to our faith. On Holy Thursday we celebrated the Mass of the Last Supper at which we remembered the Institution of the Eucharist and the ordained Priesthood. On Good Friday we walked with Christ through his passion, suffering and death. We waited with him in the tomb and today we rise with him to new life. May our lives be a reflection of the resurrection of Christ.

Welcome

Last night at the Easter Vigil eight people were received into the Catholic Community through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We warmly welcome Puay Jacqueline Chong, Michael Heliotis, Arapeta Kamo, James Rata, Kit Wong, Carol Foxe, Stephen Rohloff and Angie Serrao. May God bless you each of you and I assure you of a very warm welcome and the prayers of this community.

My sincere thanks to those who have accompanied them on this journey. Firstly the RCIA team of Jo Walton, Kathryn MacIver, Suzanne O'Rourke and Father Tom. You have been so faithful in meeting each week for several months with our newly received Catholics to instruct them in what the Church believes and teaches. I thank the sponsors of the catechumens and candidates who have supported them during this time of catechesis and learning.

Thank You

Thank you to so many people who have worked so tirelessly in preparing our liturgies this Easter. A special thanks to the Choir for their commitment in spending many long hours practicing so that our music and singing is a feature of our Easter liturgies.

Thank you also to those who, led by Sister Frances, have prepared the Church for our Easter day. Thank you to those who gave up a day of their precious time to collect the Palms for Palm Sunday. To all who have helped in so many ways a sincere thank you.

May the risen Christ bless each of you and your families this Easter.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.
Parish Priest

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This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43
We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4
Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel Reading John 20:1-9
The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 117

Second Reading John 5:1-6

Gospel John 20:19-31

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,328
Parish Expenses	\$3,073
Support of House	\$1,255



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 John Morgan, Anita Rae, Molly Martin

Anniversaries Gerard O'Brien, Birja Nand, Father Mark Beban sm, Leo Connolly, Alexandra Southon

Prayers for the Sick Sister Sato dolc, Phil Busby, 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 117

R This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say;
'His love has no end'. **R**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes **R**



Alle-lu-ia, Alle-lu-ia, Alle-lu-ia.

Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass:

Number 204: Jesus Christ is risen today

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The next session will take place on Wednesday 11 April

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

Theme: Spirituality and the Christian Mysteries

Session 6: Trinity: Foundation of All the Christian Mysteries and of Christian Spirituality

Reflection: The great battle is won

Ghandi once said, "When I despair, I remember that all through history, the way of truth and love has always won. There have been murderers and tyrants, and for a time they seem invincible. But in the end they always fall. Always."

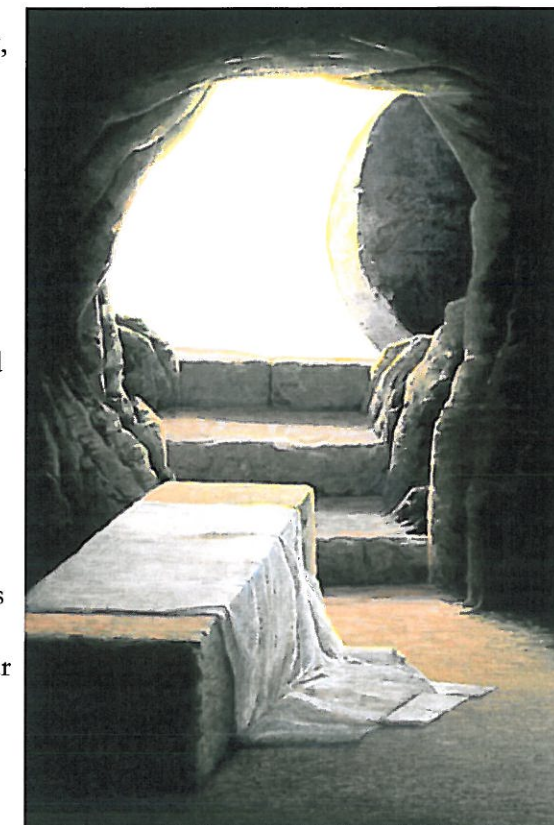
On Good Friday it looks as if Jesus' enemies have won. Hate has defeated love. Hypocrisy has beaten honesty. Resentment has conquered forgiveness. Jesus has been eliminated. His voice silenced.

But come Easter Sunday we see that God has the last word. The resurrection of Jesus is that last word. Up until then, God has remained silent; in the garden, at the trial, on the cross. The resurrection of Jesus asks us to believe what Ghandi affirmed – in the end evil will not have the last word. Good will eventually triumph.

We are so often challenged in our lives that things like faith, love, forgiveness, conscience, fidelity aren't worth a tin of fish. There are more important things than that 'religious stuff', basically summed up as having a fabulous time, not really concerned about moral standards, injustice of any sort whether towards others or the planet, poverty in our town and so on. It's all about me, me, me.

Easter encourages us to keep on keeping on in our efforts to lead the life of following the ideals and person of Jesus. What better day to remind us of this than Easter Sunday? Enjoy the day to the full, knowing that God is indeed with us. Alleluia!

Br Doug Dawick fms, Marist Young Adult Ministry



BBQ for Young Men

There will be a BBQ and chance to engage with big ideas and the Catholic faith for young men at Kohanga, 4 Kelburn Parade on 12th April, 6.30pm. All men are welcome.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation for the Wellington Central Pastoral Area (St Joseph's - Mt Victoria, St Bernard's - Brooklyn, and St Mary of the Angels) will be celebrated by Archbishop John on Sunday 20th May at the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's. Preparation for the Sacrament will begin on Sunday 6th May.

If you have not been Confirmed and would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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 build relationships and community. Often the evening continues afterwards with a social catch up.

Tax Receipts

Planned Giving receipts for the 2011-2012 financial year will be posted in the coming week. If you have changed address since last year please contact the Parish Office. 473 8074.

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