

For Your Diaries : 2012

25th April, 1.30pm - 3pm, Marian Movement of Priests Reflection time

All are invited to St Joseph's Church in Upper Hutt for a time of prayer and reflection with Fr Donal McIlraith and the Marian Movement of Priests in Oceania.

26th April, 7.30pm, Holy Hour - Sacred Heart Cathedral

You are invited to a Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Cathedral Chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This Holy Hour will include prayer Scripture, times of silence and conclude with Benediction, followed by supper.

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.

29th April onwards, Challenge 2000 Leadership programme

The Challenge 2000 Youth Development and Leadership Programme will begin on Sunday 29th April between 7pm - 9pm at St Joseph's Mt Victoria. For more information Phone Therese on 477 0045.

8th May - 19th June, 'This Promise is for you': Seminar for men

Joshua Men's Fellowship and Lifeteen invite all men to attend a six part DVD seminar presentation entitled 'This promise is for you'. The first presentation will begin on Tuesday 8th May, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, at Connolly Hall. For more information contact John Kinney 475 5541 or e-mail johnsandra.k@clear.net.nz

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

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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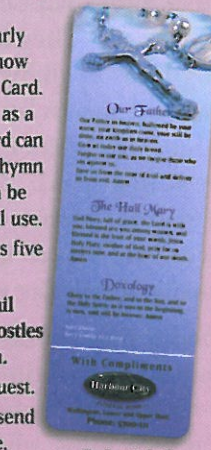
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22nd April 2012: 3rd Sunday of Easter Year B

Prayer for Vocations

This year Vocations Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Easter) falls on the day after the celebration of the Feast of St Peter Chanel (28th April). The coincidence of these two dates highlights the urgent need to pray to the 'Lord of the harvest' to send workers into his harvest.

The custom in the Society of Mary is that the nine days leading up to the feast of St Peter Chanel are dedicated to prayer for vocations to priesthood and the religious life. You are invited to join us in praying for Vocations to the Society of Mary. The following is a suggested prayer for the Novena.

St Peter Chanel,
you left your homeland
to proclaim Jesus
Saviour of the world,
to the peoples of Oceania.

Guided by the Spirit of God,
who is the strength of the gentle,
you bore witness to love,
even laying down your life.

Grant that, like you
we may live our daily life
in peace, in joy, and in fraternal love;
May your prayer and example call forth from our midst
many workers for the Gospel
so that God's Kingdom may reach
to the ends of the earth.
Amen.

ANZAC Day
Mass 9am, Wednesday 25th April.

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 Thursday 11:30am - 12pm,
12:30-1pm, 4:30-5pm

Saturday 10:30-11am, 4:00-5:00pm

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This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Second Reading John 2:1-5
Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

Gospel Reading Luke 24:35-48
It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm 117

Second Reading John 2:1-5

Gospel Luke 24:35-48

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$3,902
Parish Expenses	\$2,770
Support of House	\$1,132



Tax Receipts

Due to a system error, the tax receipts for the 2011-2012 financial year will be posted this week. We apologise for an inconvenience caused by this delay. If you have recently changed address please contact the Parish Office: 473 8074

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The next scheduled session is on Wednesday 2nd May.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased Ruth Somerville, Nance Mills

Anniversaries John Blake, Czeslaw Tomaszuk, John Keating, John Eagle, Linton Eskridge, Terrence McDonald, James Davidson, Malcom McClure, James Jackson, Father Paul Duncan

Prayers for the Sick Sister Sarto 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 4

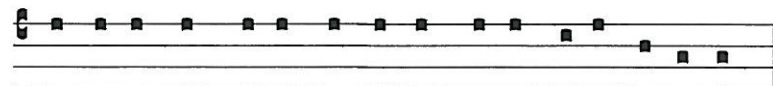
R Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R**



Signa-tum est super nos lumen vultus tu- i Domi-ne.

The light of thy countenance, O Lord, is signed upon us.

Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

Number 307 'Ye choirs of new Jerusalem' verses 1, 2, 4 & 5.

St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul have recently opened a new opportunity shop in the Aro valley, corner of Aro St and Epuni St. They require volunteers to help operate the shop during the week and on Saturdays. If you can help please contact Nerida on 3852561 during shop hours (Mon - Fri 9am - 4.30pm).

Final RCIA Mystagogia

The final gathering of those who have participated in the 2011-2012 RCIA programme will take place at 7.30pm, Tuesday 24 April in the Parish Hall. Those who have been part of previous RCIA groups are welcome to come and share in this final Mystagogia session.

Reflection: An Easter People

The apostles who headed out of town immediately after Easter had a lot to think about as they walked towards Emmaus.

They had been with Jesus for three years. They knew him, they had listened to him, seen great things happen through him and they loved him. They had the advantage of knowing Jesus in all his humanity and they knew what it was to be loved in perfect friendship. They had experienced his divinity at first-hand. They were in his stories; material witnesses to his miracles. They were the first to learn about God as described through the parables.

No wonder they found it difficult to reconcile the reality of the Jesus they had experienced and whom they trusted, with the Jesus treated as a criminal by the power-brokers of Jerusalem. How wonderful then, for those apostles to be reunited with Jesus, physically risen from the dead and fully alive.

How wonderful for us too. This is our time to let go the experience of being with Jesus in his suffering and he in ours and to immerse ourselves instead into the Easter experience of his perfect love, his risen glory.

This period of fifty days between the Easter Vigil and Pentecost, is a profoundly personal time. Since the days of the Early Church, this period of *mystagogy*, meaning quite literally, to "go deeper into the mysteries," is the time when the newly baptized enter into a deliberate period of learning and immersion into the sacraments. The newly baptised lead by perfect example. Theirs is an experience of allowing the Holy Spirit to work in them and in turn, the gift of their faith becomes a gift for those they meet.

The Emmaus apostles who knew Jesus well – really well – responded to him in the Scriptures as they walked and talked, but they only truly recognised him in the Eucharist. We have the gift of this time and all that it holds; perhaps the recognition of the Easter Christ who is with us.

"When love awakens in your life, in the night of your heart, it is like the dawn breaking within you. Where before there was anonymity, now there is intimacy; where before there was fear, now there is courage; where before in your life there was awkwardness, now there is a rhythm of grace and gracefulness; where before you used to be jagged, now you are elegant and in rhythm with yourself. When love awakens in your life, it is like a rebirth, a new beginning."

—John O'Donohue, *Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom*

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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.

Theology on Tap

The first Theology on Tap talk for the year will be on Sunday 29th of April at 6.30pm (after the 5pm Mass). Br Kieran Fenn will be talking on the book of Revelation. Br Kieren is an international scripture scholar, who has lectured around the world to seminarians and scripture students, he is also on the board of the New Zealand Bible Society, come along and get a Catholic perspective on this deep and often confusing book.

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.

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