

For Your Diaries : 2012

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.

Thursday 3rd May, Knights of the Southern Cross Meeting

The Knights of the Southern Cross are meeting at 8pm on at Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Wellington. All men are invited to join us. Phone Patrick 04-232-6006 for more details.

8th May, 7.30pm, Charismatic Mass St Bernadette's Church

All are invited to a Charismatic Mass at St Bernadette's Church, 194 Naenae Road. The Celebrant will be Father Kevin Connors. Prayer teams will be available.

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

11 - 13 May, Engaged Encounter Weekend - Marriage Preparation

Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. Remaining weekends this year are May 11 - 13, Aug 31 - Sept 2, & Nov 30 - Dec 2. Weekends are held at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay. For more details visit www.ceewellington.org.nz or phone Aniela & Mark Potter 477 1957, mob 021 187 9808 or email markandaniela@gmail.com

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

September, Holy Land Pilgrimage

Places are still available on a Holy Land pilgrimage in September 2012, led by Pat McCarthy, former editor of NZ Catholic, and with Bishop Colin Campbell of Dunedin as chaplain. The 16-day pilgrimage will visit holy places in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem and around the Sea of Galilee. For a free brochure, ring Pat on (09) 480-4463 or email him on contact@seetheholyland.net. You can also see the holy places on Pat's website, www.seetheholyland.net

Traditional Latin Mass each Sunday, 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

29th April 2012: 4th Sunday of Easter Year B

Earthquake Strengthening of St Mary of the Angels Church

In the Angelus of 1 April 2012 I mentioned that the Maintenance and Restoration Committee had reached a point where their recommendations for seismic strengthening of the Church would be 'peer reviewed' by four leading seismic engineers. This meeting took place on Friday 20 April.

Five options were considered to bring St Mary of the Angels Church up to 100 percent of the New Zealand Building Code New Building Standard. Three of the options had been drafted before the earthquakes in Christchurch and the remaining two as a result of what was learned from that seismic event.

I am pleased to report that at the end of this 3 hour meeting, one option was agreed to be the most practicable basis for further development of strengthening design and is the selected strengthening strategy. This is a major step forward and represents years of preparation and work by our builders, (L T McGuinness Ltd), our engineers (Clendon, Burns & Park Ltd), and our architects (Bulleyman Fortune Ltd).

The development of the agreed option will continue and we hope to be able to forward in the very near future our recommendations to the Archbishop for approval.

It was also agreed that the continued use of the Church is defensible, subject to appropriate signage and information to Church users and continued development of a credible strengthening strategy.

Please continue to pray for those involved in this very important project. We are so fortunate for the foresight of those who began this project in 2007 after the City Council had issued notices to hundreds of building owners in Wellington which gave them 15 years to bring their buildings up to the current building standard.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.
Parish Priest

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This Week's Readings

First Reading	Acts	4:8-12
<i>This is the only name by which we can be saved.</i>		
Second Reading	1 Jn	3:1-2
<i>We shall see God as he is.</i>		
Gospel Reading	John	10:11-18
<i>The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Acts	9:26-31
Psalm	21	
Second Reading	1 Jn	3:18-24
Gospel	John	15:1-8

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$3,959
Parish Expenses	\$2,811
Support of House	\$1,148



Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The next session will take place on Wednesday 2 May.

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

Theme: Spirituality and the Human Person

Session 1: Consciousness, a Task to Be Accomplished.

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).

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased Vicki McPhee

Anniversaries John Blake, John Keating, David Butler, Ian Jones, Czeslaw Tomaszuk

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 117

R The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner-stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **R**

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R**

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. **R**



Alle-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

Number 58 - 'The Lord's my shepherd'

The Song of the Easter Canaries



Resurrection of the Bird, 1959

From somewhere hidden behind
the back of Easter
There came a sudden and most
miraculous
Explosion of joyous canaries,
Each one claiming recognition
for its being,
And denying all significance
To the broken, historical Jesus.
Each one carried a tiny wooden
Splinter in its beak,
And with such a splinter
Buildings could be overturned.
Each was ready with a song -
Just four high notes and clear.
No one alive just then
Found that song jarring or wrong.

When the historical Jesus at last
woke up
From the death-dream of his
crucified misery,
and found himself, damp, in the
sepulchre,
In a winding sheet,
It was those canaries who
feather-bedded

His difficult repose,
Singing thus to him:
O merciful, broken, miserable one,
We are gathered here to remind you
Of the eloquence of birds.
Have no faith in the trumpets,
the organs,
The oboes from on high.
Be quick as we are.
Only the quick shall die.

And, once dead, we accept our
deaths quite contritely.
We give our feathers to the
pillowslips.
We do not expect to make our
individual marks
Upon the consciousness of history.
Be modest, great one, live a smaller
life,
Reduce yourself to something
That is more akin to our size ...
But did the mighty, historical Jesus
heed those words?
*Only the stone can tell if he feigned dead,
Only the stone ...*

Michael Glover

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.

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 tonight, Sunday 29th of April at 6.30pm (after the 5pm Mass). Br Kieran Fenn will be talking on the book of Revelation. Br Kieran 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.

The Euthanasia debate

The Euthanasia issue is back on the politicians' table and will come up for debate again soon.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Services invites everyone to two meetings lead by Paul Russell, Director of the Australian organisation HOPE, as a way to increase your understanding of the issues around euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Meeting One: Tuesday 8th May 7.30pm, St Thomas More Parish Hall, Worcester Street, Wilton.

Meeting Two: Thursday 10th May 2.30pm, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, Waiwhetu Rd, Lower Hutt. For more information please contact Sue Devereux 04 496-1744 s.devereux@wn.catholic.org.nz

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