

For Your Diaries : 2012

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

12th May, 8am - 10am, Catholic Man Breakfast Series

The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith. All men are invited to this breakfast hosted by Archbishop John Dew, with speaker Fr Jim Dooley sm. Bookings made to David Monastra 04 388 1079 or 027 447 7280, \$25 per person.

16th June, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

There will be no May meeting due to national leadership retreat for teams. The next meeting will take place on 16th June. Enquiries: Sandra 475 5541 www.dove.org.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

29th June, Father Paul Kerridge 50 years of Priesthood celebration

Father Paul Kerridge is celebrating 50 years of Priesthood on Friday, June 29th, at St. Patrick's Parish, Napier. Mass will be at 5.30pm in the Church, followed by a Dinner at \$55 per head at Ormlie Lodge. For further details email Jane Allan: janeallan37@gmail.com or write to the Parish at 4 Munroe St, Napier 4110.

September, Holy Land Pilgrimage

Places are still available on a Holy Land pilgrimage in September 2012, led by Pat McCarthy and Bishop Colin Campbell. 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.

Traditional Latin Mass each Sunday of May, 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

6th May 2012: 5th Sunday of Easter Year B

Wellington Catholic Korean Community

The Wellington Catholic Korean Community is based in the Parish of St Mary of the Angels. Each week the community attend the 11am Mass and are involved in many of the ministries at that Mass - singing, altar serving, collectors and special ministers of Holy Communion. Each January they lead the singing at the 11am Mass when our Choir are on holiday.

After Mass each Sunday the community gathers in the Parish Hall where they have Scripture study, practice their singing with organist David Trott and then have a shared meal together. Sometimes their prayer and scripture study will last all Sunday afternoon. Each year one of the Korean priests comes from Hamilton to lead a weekend retreat. This was recently held at St Gerard's Monastery.

We are truly blessed to have the Korean community in our Parish. Every four years they elect a leader and the community have recently elected Cecilia Kim as their new leader. We congratulate Cecilia on this appointment and assure her of our prayers and support in this role. Cecilia has been in the Parish for many years and served for a long period as part of the RCIA leadership team.

We sincerely thank Edward Lee who has been the leader for the past four years. Edward is also on the Parish Council so he has been able to ensure that were kept informed of the wonderful things happening in the Korean community. One of the great blessings for the community was the ordination to diaconate on 21 April of Andrew Kim for the Archdiocese of Wellington. Andrew's ordination as a deacon is a reminder of the faith of the Korean community and we know that vocations to priesthood and religious life come from families and communities where the faith commitment is strong.

May God continue to bless the Korean community and all that they bring to our Parish of St Mary of the Angels. We promise to remember them in our prayers and we thank God for their generosity and faith.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.
Parish Priest

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This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

Gospel Reading John 15:1-8

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm 97

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

Gospel John 15:9-17

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$3,974
Parish Expenses	\$2,822
Support of House	\$1,152



Communio Discussion Group

The next Communio Discussion will be held in the Presbytery Boardroom on Sunday May 13th, 7.15pm. The article for discussion is 'Divine Touch: a Meditation on the Laying on of Hands in the Church' written by Stratford and Leonie Caldecott. They say, "in the gesture of the laying on of hands, which we explore in this article, the wholeness of Christianity is reflected and may be better understood." For a copy of the article please contact Leo or Mary Buchanan on 04 387 8284 or leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased Vicki McPhee, Mark Fitzgerald

Anniversaries Jane Martin, Stewart Dickson, Norma O'Connell, Fr Augustine Hill sm, Marietta Hopman, Terry Chamberlain

Prayers for the Sick Sister Sarto DOLC, Sioeli Helu, Phil Busby, Jack Body, Emma Stanley, Des Nunns, Mary Egan, Dulcie Campbell, Oinah Macpherson, Paul Carr, Maria Kasperowicz, Marion Hyland, Helen Havasi, Patricia Smyth, 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

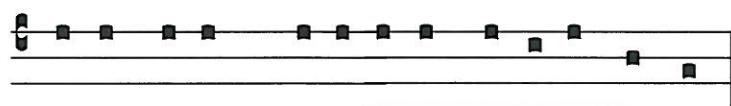
Responsorial Psalm 21

R I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
The shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
The shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' **R**



Apud te laus me- a in eccle-si- a magna.

With Thee is my praise in a great church.

Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

Number 151 'Come down O Love Divine'. Verses 1, 2 & 4.

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The next session will take place on Wednesday 9th May.

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

Theme: Spirituality and the Human Person

Session 2: Religious Experience, Feeling, Love, Passion (Part 1)

Voluntary Euthanasia

The Euthanasia debate has been revisited by politicians in recent weeks. The importance of this issue has been lost amongst the various debates currently circulating the news media. 'Stuff' news website reported that in a recent poll of 1000 people, more than 85 per cent supported voluntary euthanasia. In addition to this, the campaign for the 'End of Life Choice Bill' has been buoyed by a reader poll of over 1000 people from 'The Sunday Star-Times', which found that almost three-quarters of people would help a terminally-ill loved one commit suicide, and that support for a law change is highest among men, and those over 60. MP Maryan Street has been working with the Voluntary Euthanasia Society on her 'End of Life Choice Bill', which would give people the right to "choose how and when they exit this life". Street says that "there is more support out in the community for this than people imagine" and that there has been a change since the 1995 euthanasia vote was lost 61-29, to 60-57 when it was revisited in 2003... "and, nine years on, attitudes have changed again."

As Catholics we believe that all human life is *special* and *sacred*, and therefore believe it is morally and ethically wrong to take the life of another person.

Professor Grant Gillett from Otago University bioethics centre believes New Zealand could benefit from clarifying a grey area around euthanasia. Gillett says that "instead of giving in to the desire for euthanasia, it might be better to create a more caring approach to treatment... On the one hand that awareness is developing, and people are aware that issues at the end of life are not simple. But on the other, people find it difficult to articulate exactly why they don't feel comfortable about doctors having the power to end people's lives."

There are three meetings over the next few weeks which will provide an opportunity for discussion and debate around this topic which is at the heart of our Christian belief.

1. Tuesday 8th May, 7.30pm, St Thomas More Parish Hall, Worcester Street, Wilton. Meeting led by Paul Russell, Director of the Australian organisation HOPE.

2. Thursday 10th May, 2.30pm, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, Waiwhetu Rd, Lower Hutt. Afternoon tea with Paul Russell, Director of the Australian organisation HOPE.

3. Thursday 10th May, 7.30pm, The Wellington Museum of City and Sea, Queens Wharf. This meeting will include a panel of speakers including Janet Marshland (Euthanasia Society of New Zealand), Paul Russell (HOPE: Preventing Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide) Dr Grant Morris (school of Law, Victoria University) and Anne MacLennan (Palliative Care).

For more information please contact Sue Devereux 04 496-1744
s.devereux@wn.catholic.org.nz

SMAYACs Prayer Group

When: Thursdays @ 6pm

Where: St Mary of the Angels Church
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.

MYAM Friday Fellowship

When: Every first and third Friday of the month, 7pm onwards.

Where: The Grove, 7 Birch Street, Lower Hutt

All are invited to Friday Fellowship with the Marist Young Adults Ministry. For more information phone 972 6926 or email myamn@gmail.com

St Vincent de Paul

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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, the preparation begins today, 6th May, at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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