

For Your Diaries : 2012

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

Friday May 25th, 7p.m-- 8pm, Celebrating the Coming of the Holy Spirit

The Sisters of Compassion extend an invitation to come and celebrate Pentecost together, at 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. More information please email sr.ema@compassion.org.nz, or sr.rachel@compassion.org.nz

Sunday 27th May, 7pm, Pentecost Vespers at St Johns in the City

All are invited to attend the Ecumenical Pentecost Vespers hosted by St Johns in the City, corner of Willis and Dixon Streets. Our choir will join the choirs of St Peters and St Johns in singing the Cantata 'The Spirit Within' by Colin Gibson, with text set by Joy Cowley, Ursula Bethell, R. A. K. Mason and others.

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

St Vincent de Paul Volunteers Needed

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).

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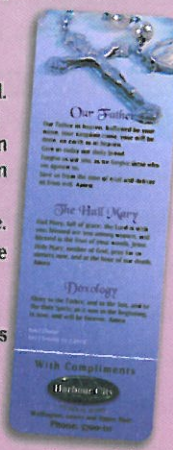
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MASSES

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 Thursday 11:30am - 12pm

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

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

13th May 2012: 6th Sunday of Easter Year B

Notice from Wellington City Council

The Wellington City Council has sent us letters for both the Church and Presbytery buildings under Section 122 of the Building Act 2004. It is a letter that has been sent to many building owners in Wellington and advises us that the Council considers our Church and Presbytery buildings as earthquake prone and we have until 27 April 2027 to either:

- strengthen the building to a sufficient degree so that it is not earthquake-prone or;
- demolish all or part of the building, so that the remainder of the building (if any) is not earthquake prone.

This letter is similar to one we received from the Council in 2007 and at that time, as responsible building owners, we began the process of planning the seismic upgrading of both the Church and Presbytery. I have in recent weeks, outlined to the Parish through the Angelus, the considerable progress that has been made in planning the seismic upgrading of the Church to 100% of the current building code. The option agreed on by our seismic engineers is currently being 'fine-tuned' so that in the very near future we will be in a position to forward to Archbishop John the preferred option for strengthening the Church.

Stage I of the upgrading and seismic strengthening of the Presbytery building (the accommodation floors) was completed in 2011. Stage II (the Parish Office and Hall) has been planned. However, significant funding is required and we are hoping to launch a major fundraising effort in the near future to complete this project. This will bring the Presbytery building up to an acceptable earthquake standard.

Council requires that notices be placed in the Presbytery and the Church to reflect the earthquake status of the buildings. This ensures that people can make an informed choice of whether they wish to enter these buildings.

I can assure all parishioners that we are working diligently on the seismic upgrading of our Parish buildings. Please keep our engineers, builders and architects in your prayers. It will take extraordinary financial resources to complete this work so pray also for generous benefactors so that our Church continues to be for future generations 'an oasis in the middle of a busy city'.

*Father Barry Scannell s.m.
Parish Priest*

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This Week's Readings

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

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

God is love.

Gospel Reading John 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 46

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Mark 16:15-20

Last Sunday's Collection

Total \$3,959

Parish Expenses \$2,811

Support of House \$1,148



St Vincent de Paul

The next St Vincent de Paul meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th May at 6pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Pentecost Vespers

On Sunday 27th May at 7pm our choir will join the choirs of St Peters and St Johns in the combined Ecumenical Vespers. This year the service will be held at St Johns in the City, on the corner of Willis and Dixon Streets. The choirs will sing the Cantata 'The Spirit Within' by Colin Gibson, with text set by Joy Cowley, Ursula Bethell, R. A. K. Mason and others. All are invited to attend.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased Vicki McPhee, Mark Fitzgerald, Michael Grainger

Anniversaries John Smith

Prayers for the Sick Bruno Grinskis, Marie Matheos, Katherine Hatch, 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 97

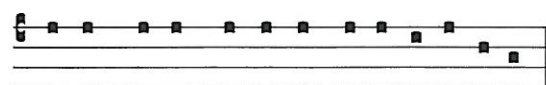
R The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R**



No-tum fe-cit Domi-nus sa-lu-ta-re su-um.

The Lord hath made known his salvation.

Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

Number 220 'Love divine all loves excelling'. verses 1, 2, 3 & 6

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The next session will take place on Wednesday 16th May.

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

Theme: Spirituality and the Human Person

Session 3: Religious Experience, Feeling, Love, Passion (Part 2)
& Human Truth, Imagination and Conscience (Part 1)

*May all mothers have a very happy and blessed
Mothers Day*

The Sacrament of Confirmation

On Sunday 20th May Archbishop Dew will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on a number of people from our Pastoral Area. There will be 14 from our parish including 8 adults.

Confirmation is our Pentecost. It is one of the three Initiation Sacraments of the Church, the other two being Baptism and Holy Eucharist. In Confirmation the Holy Spirit comes to us in a renewed and stronger way. Confirmation increases and deepens all of the graces granted at Baptism. Like Baptism, it can only be received once.

CONFIRMATION GIVES FOUR SPECIAL GRACES:

It perfects what was begun at Baptism

It deepens our relationship with:

Father – strengthens our bonds as children of God

Son – unites more firmly to Christ

Holy Spirit – increases the Gifts of the Spirit in us.

It strengthens our bond with the Church.

It sends us to spread the Gospel.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom,

Understanding,

Counsel,

Knowledge,

Fortitude,

Piety,

Loving Reverence of God

SHARING IN THE MISSION OF JESUS

The famous Italian composer Puccini wrote a number of operas. His last one was *Turandot*. Many people consider it his best. While writing it he was stricken with cancer. When his cancer worsened, he said to his students, "If I don't finish this opera, I want you to finish it for me."

Puccini was taken to Brussels for an operation and died two days after surgery. In the months that followed, his students completed his final opera.

The world premiere was performed in Milan. It was directed by Puccini's favourite student, Toscanini.

Everything went well until the opera reached the place where Puccini finished writing. Tears ran down Toscanini's cheeks. He stopped the music, put down his baton, turned to the audience, and cried out, "Thus far the Master wrote, but he died. "Then there was silence throughout the Milan opera house. No one moved; no one spoke.

After a minute, Toscanini picked up the baton again, smiled through his tears, and cried out, "but the disciples finished his work." When the opera ended, the audience broke into a thunderous applause.

The story of *Turandot* bears a striking resemblance to the story of Christianity. Before Jesus could complete his Father's work on earth, he died. But before he did, he asked his disciples to complete it.

It is now up to us, the disciples of Jesus (of course working in union with Him), to finish the work he began, just as Puccini's disciples finished his work.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

"What the Spirit brings is: love joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control." Galatians 5/22

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.

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 myamnz@gmail.com

Purpose Driven Life

When: Every Thursday @ 7:30 pm (May 17, 24, 31 and June 7)

Where: St Gerard's Monastery, 75 Hawker St, Mt Victoria, Wellington. Tel: 04-8017797
ICPE are holding a video teaching series called 'Purpose Driven Life' by Rick Warren. All are welcome to attend.

For more information: 04 8017797, www.icpe.org

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