For Your Diaries: 2012

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.

Tuesday June 5, 10am - 4pm, Ministry Formation Day

Scripture scholar, Veronica Lawson will unpack the readings of Ordinary Time, at Our Lady of the Rosary, Lower Hutt. Cost is \$20 payable on the day. Register with Ann Williams by 31 May at 04 496 1777 or a.williams a@wn.catholic.org.nz.

Sunday 10 June, 7.30 pm, Ecoliturgy

Ecumenical service at St. Thomas More Church, Wilton, open to all. If you have any queries about this liturgy please contact Margaret Connor at 473 5195 or m.p.connor@paradise.net.nz

16-17 June, Seasons 4 Couples Weekend

A weekend for married couples, dealing with exploring change and its effect on our lives. Held at Home of Compassion, Island Bay, sessions from 10am-4pm. Cost: \$180 live-in, \$100 live-out.

Contact Sue Devereux (04) 496-1744

s.devereux@wn.catholic.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

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 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 7.30am, 12:05pm, Friday & 5:15pm

Saturday 11am

EACH MONTH

Ist 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

27th May 2012: Pentecost Sunday Year B

Pentecost Ecumenical Service

I hope many people are able to come and represent our Parish tonight at the Pentecost Vespers at **St John's Presbyterian Church at 7pm**. This is an important occasion as we join with our Anglican and Presbyterian brothers and sisters in prayer on the Feast of Pentecost.

The three Church Choirs will present the Cantata "The Spirit Within' by Colin Gibson. This service has a long tradition and is always a wonderful time to pray with our two neighbouring Christian Churches. One of the benefits is that St John's is known for its wonderful supper – so come and pray and celebrate this Pentecost day.

Farewell

It is with sadness that we farewell two wonderful parishioners from our Parish next weekend. Pat and Peter Belgrave have decided to move up to the sun of the Kapiti Coast and live in Waikanae. They have been very generous and committed parishioners for many years of St Mary of the Angels Parish.

We wish to acknowledge their contribution to the Parish by honouring them at a morning tea next Sunday 3 June after the 9am Mass. I hope that many of you can come and farewell them next Sunday. I hope that they will continue to visit us from time to time when they are back in Wellington.

Congratulations

We warmly congratulate all our children and adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Joseph's Church in Mt Victoria last Sunday. It was a wonderful sign of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Certificates will be presented to those confirmed at Masses today. My sincere thanks to Bede Clarke, the St Mary of the Angels member of the First Sacraments programme and to Father Tom and his team for preparing the Adults for this Sacrament.

Father Barry Scannell s.m. Parish Priest

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This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

12:3-7, 12-13 Second Reading 1Cor The fruit of the Spirit.

Gospel Reading 20:19-23 John The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Deut 4:32-34, 39-40

32 Psalm

Second Reading 8:14-17 Romans Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Last Sunday's Collection

Total \$4,441 Parish Expenses \$3,153 Support of House \$1,288



Communio Meeting

The next meeting of the Communio Group will be at 7.15pm on Sunday 10th June in the Presbytery Board Room. This meeting will look at two short papers on the Theology of the Body by Alice von Hildebrand and Stratford Caldecott. Von Hildebrand discusses the intimacy and mystery of this within the Old testament. Caldecott focuses on the deepest meaning of gender and its relationship to the Trinity in John Paul II's treatment of this issue. Contact Mary of Leo Buchanan at 387 8284 or leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz

Responsorial Psalm 103

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

> Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. R

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. R

May the glory of the Lord last forever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. R



Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

Number 152 'Come Holy Ghost, Creator, come' verses 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The next session will take place on Wednesday 30 May.

Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm Venue: Parish Hall Theme: Spirituality and the Human Person

Session 5: Human Truth, Imagination and Conscience (Part 3)

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased Milos Cenek

Anniversaries Maxwell Fernie, Margaret Doe, Anton Parris

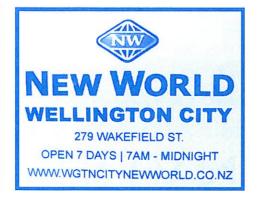
Prayers for the Sick Bruno Grinskis, Katherine Hatch, Sister Sarto DOLC, Phil Busby, Jack Body, Emma Stanley,

Des Nunns, Mary Egan, Dulcie Campbell, Oinah Macpherson, Paul Carr, Maria Kasperowicz, Marion Hyland, Helen Havasi, Patricia Smyth, 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



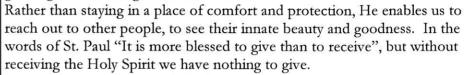




Reflection: Pentecost

This Sunday we celebrate the solemnity of Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit. God's gift of the Holy Spirit has enabled the Church to continue through the ages as more than just an important movement in history or a humanitarian agency. Rather, 'she is a living body, whose vitality is, precisely, the fruit of the invisible divine Spirit' (Pope Benedict XVI).

Following his Resurrection, Jesus entered the Upper Room through closed doors, greeting the disciples with the words, 'Peace be with you'. In our lives we often close doors for many reasons, but Christ's greeting is like a bridge over those doors.



The Holy Spirit did not come at Pentecost to give the disciples gifts just for themselves. The Holy Spirit came to fulfil Jesus' promise of the Advocate; that the disciples might go forth, forgiving sins and baptising in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, the soul of the Church, also guides and forms each of us, when we are open to the Holy Spirit working in our lives. Within our grasp are many gifts; knowledge of our need for grace, fortitude to do what is necessary to live a holy life, and understanding to be able to live our lives in accordance to Christian truth. By these graces we are transformed daily to become more like Christ.

Traditionally the Church prayed a novena to the Holy Spirit prior to Pentecost, invoking the Holy Spirit's aid to live holy Christian lives. This novena is still prayed in some Parishes and can be prayed personally at any

Like the disciples, we too have received the Holy Spirit. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can live our call to go forth and love.

By Sandra McIver

St Vincent de Paul - Goods and Volunteers Needed

St Vincent de Paul needs volunteers at the Aro Valley, Johnsonville and Khandallah opportunity shops. They also need donations of warm clothing, bedding, kitchenware, bric-a-brac, furniture, small electrical goods and whiteware. If you can help please contact John at 389 7122 or look on the website www.vinnies-wellington.org.nz for more information.



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.

Theology on Tap

When: 6:30pm Sunday 27th May Where: Hotel Bristol (Upstairs), Cuba Mall

All are invited to the Theology on Tap discussion for this month. The month of May is traditionally month of Mary and our speaker Father Elmer Ibarra will talk about 'The Dogmas of Mary'. Father Elmer is the Parish Priest in Wainuiomata, from the Society of the Divine Word, and is also the youngest priest in our Diocese!

Seasons for Growth

Seasons for Growth is offering a training course in dealing with change, loss and grief among children and young people. You are invited to come and learn about what happens when people grieve, and to learn about possible ways of helping them. This course is especially great for those in schools, bereavement ministry, youth ministry or family ministry and is helpful to those who are grieving a death, divorce or separation circumstances as well as any other major change such as immigration.

When: Thursday 7th and Friday 8th

June, 9am to 3pm

Where: Catholic Centre, Hill Street Cost: \$ 115 (inclusive of GST)

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