For Your Diaries: 2012

Monday 27 August, 4pm, Ecumenism Talk

Paul Murray, Professor of Systematic Theology at Durham University Department of Theology and Religion and Director of the Centre for Catholic Studies will speak on 'Receptive Ecumenism: A Way Forward for Contemporary Ecumenism'. Venue: Connolly Hall.

Friday 7 September, 7am-7pm, Challenge 2000 Street Day Appeal

Challenge 2000 is a Wellington youth and family services agency based in Johnsonville. We need your support for our Annual Street Day Appeal to collect, donate, encourage others to support us and pray for good weather and people's generosity. Contact Bridget Masoe on 477 0045 or email challenge2000@xtra.co.nz or go to www.challenge2000.org.nz

Friday 7 September, 7.00pm, Evolution talk

Hugh Owen (Director of the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation, USA) will speak on 'Evolution: Friend or Enemy of Faith and Science'. Venue: St Joseph's, Upper Hutt. For other venues call: 04 528 8679.

Saturday 8 September, 8am-3pm, Book Fair

To support the work of St Vincent de Paul, there will be a Book Fair at the Johnsonville Community Centre, 3 Frankmore Ave, Johnsonville.

Wednesday 12 September, 7.30pm, Evening Lecture Series

Dr Claudia Orange will speak on 'Relationships in NZ'. All are welcome to attend. Venue: Connolly Hall, Guilford Tce.

Thursday 27 September, Maritime History Presentation

Ken Scaddon, Maritime Historian will speak on 'Maritime Memories of Mount Street'. Fundraiser for Cemetery Conservation. Entry \$10. Venue: Connolly Hall. Contact: 021 409 993.

9-11 November, 2012 Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A weekend Retreat of healing for those who have been touched by abortion. All enquiries strictly confidential. Contact Wendy Hill 027 254 9222 or info@rachelsvineyard.org.nz. For info go to www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7.15pm-9.15pm, Wildflowers

Is your abortion experience troubling you? This group meets to share and reflect and be with others who have had a similar experience. For more info contact Wendy Hill 027 2549222 or email info@greenstonedoors.co.nz

Traditional Latin Mass each Sunday of August, 12.30pm at St Mary of the Angels. Contact: Neil Coup Ph: 021896924.

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MASSES

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm

Monday to

Friday

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

Saturday

urday 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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, 26 August, 2012 Year B

First Holy Communion

We warmly congratulate the six children who will receive their first Holy Communion at the 9am Mass today. May God especially bless:

Allessandro Petagna Caithi Cummings
Francesco Petagna Daniel Kaltenberg
Michele Petagna Robyn Cruz

We welcome them into full reception with the Church and pray that today will be a great blessing for them and their families. You are welcome to join the first communicants for morning tea in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Father Stanislaus Mahony S.M.

Yesterday was the anniversary of death of Father Stanislaus Mahony s.m. who was Parish Priest of St Mary of the Angels from 1917 until his death in 1933. Father Stan was responsible for building this beautiful Church. I thought parishioners may be interested in learning more about this amazing man and so I have included an insert in the Angelus today with a short biography of him.

All of you are aware that we face the challenge of seismically strengthening the Church that Father Stan built. As the planning continues for that maybe we could pray through his intercession that we can successfully raise the necessary funds to preserve this beautiful Church for future generations.

One practical way of ensuring that the Church is preserved and maintained is to remember St Mary of the Angels in your Will. Over the years many former parishioners and friends have done just that and their legacy has ensured that the work involved in keeping and maintaining this beautiful building can be carried out.

If you would like more information of how to make provision in your Will the newly appointed Chairman of the Friend's of St Mary of the Angels Trust, Geoff Ellis, would be only to willing to help. Geoff is a Judge of the Family Court and we welcome him as the new Chairman of the Trust. He is a parishioner at the 11am Mass and can be contacted through the Parish Office.

Father Barry Scannell s.m. Parish Priest

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This Week's Readings

First Reading Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Second Reading Ephesians 5:21-32 There is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Reading John 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Psalm 14

 Second Reading
 James
 1:17-18, 21-22,27

 Gospel Reading
 Mark
 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Last Sunday's Collection

Total \$4,503 Parish Expenses \$3,197 Support of House \$1,306



Maori Chaplaincy Appeal

Today you are invited to contribute to the annual Appeal for Maori Chaplaincy. The theme this year is 'He Waka Eke Noa' which translates as 'This is a Waka on which anyone may embark'.

There is a pamphlet on the tables at the entrances to the Church and you are invited to take one of these pamphlets and to read about the work of the Maori Chaplaincy.

If you wish to support the work of the Maori Chaplaincy you are invited to make contact with them. Details are on the back of the pamphlet.

Responsorial Psalm 33

R Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **R**

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R**

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **R**

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R**



Gusta-te et vi-de-te quo-ni- am su- a-vis est Domi-nus.

O taste and see how sweet the Lord is.

Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

No 287 - 'The Church's One Foundation', verses 1, 2 and 4

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The Adult Education in the Faith series on 'An Introduction to Christian Spirituality will break for a couple of weeks. The series will recommence on Wednesday, 12 September.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Br Adrian Kennedy sm, Noeline Ryan, Dean Gifford.

Anniversaries: Fr Regis O'Reilly sm, Patricia Goulter, Anne McDonald, Brett Gray.

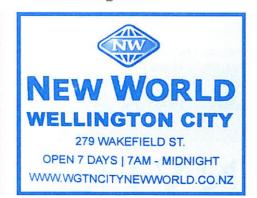


Prayers for the Sick: Barbara Ross, Kathleen Phelan, Marjorie Feitsma, Phil Busby, Mary Egan, Dulcie Campbell, Oinah Macpherson, Marion Hyland, Helen Havasi, Bob Clark, Maureen McDonald, Maria Kasperowicz, Patricia Smyth.

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.







Choir news.

Amy Van de Laar was farewelled last week and with her departure the last of our three brilliant young sopranos has left. While we still have good sopranos, we are definitely depleted, and are looking for more singers to replace those who have left. The Choir is now in a period of rebuilding and we welcome singers of all voice types. There is no audition, all that is needed is a passion for singing beautiful music and an acceptance of the challenges this offers. Prospective members have to be prepared to learn to read music, if they don't already. The notation of the motets is normal and while that of the Gregorian Chant we sing every Sunday is different it is easy to learn. It is the task of the choir director to teach the skills involved, and it's free!

The Choir meets every Thursday evening to prepare the music for the following Sunday and there is an extra voluntary practice on Friday evenings for those who want to develop their skills. If you are interested in contacting your 'inner singer' get in touch with Robert Oliver, any Choir member or any member of the pastoral team. There is a leaflet about the Choir on the tables at the entrances of the Church.

At this time of the year we alternate with men-only and women-only Sundays. There are several reasons for this. It allows for the wonderful sound of unison women's' or men's' voices in the chant. It offers a chance to explore a different repertoire and to work specifically on aspects of singing and voice production. It gives choir members a well-deserved and welcome break from the week-in, week-out demands during the winter period. We get back together again in time for the Feast of All Saints and to prepare for Advent and Christmas.

Robert Oliver

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

The next weekend of enrichment for couples to spend quality time together, far from the distractions of everyday life will be held at the Home of Compassion (Island Bay) on 14-16 September. The weekend is an opportunity for couples to allow time to talk, to listen and to reflect on their journey together in marriage. Bookings and enquiries can be made by calling Francie or Neil on 0800 362 686.

Social Justice Winter Dialogue Series

This year's Social Justice topic is 'Food.' St Joseph's Social Justice group welcomes Toa Waaka, matauranga Maori specialist in Maori astronomy, anthropology and cosmology on Wednesday 19 September. He will speak on the Matariki which marks the beginning of the Maori New Year, the relationships between food planting and gathering and the moon, stars and the sun. All are welcome to come to the talk at St Josephs, Mt Victoria from 7.30-9.00pm. A koha for the Refugee Family Reunification Trust would be appreciated.

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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 Tonight

Where: Hotel Bristol (Upstairs),

Cuba Mall

Fr Alliston Fernandes from ICPE will talk on "The Eucharist: The Source and Summit of Christian Life. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Introductory Concepts of Palliative Care Workshop

The Workshop covers the palliative care inter-disciplinary approach, service delivery, holistic symptom management, compassionate communication, loss and grief and self-care.

Date: Thursday 30 August, 8.30-4.30. Venue: Mary Potter Hospice, 48-52 Mein St, Newtown. Fee: \$175.00. For more information and a registration form go to www.marypotter.org.nz

Knights of the Southern Cross 2012 Religious Writing Competition

This years topic is 'The Church's solitary goal': 'Inspired by no earthly ambition, the Church seeks but a solitary goal: to carry forward the work of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit. And Christ entered this world to give witness to the truth, to rescue and not to sit in judgment, to serve and not to be served.' (Vatican 2 - Gaudium et Spes)

Free entry - \$1200 in prizes. Closes September 22nd. Full details at www.tawacatholic.org.nz/knights.

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