

## For Your Diaries : 2012- 2013

### Wednesday 19 December, 7.30pm Carols with the Angels

You are invited to bring your friends and enjoy the beautiful 'Carols with the Angels' in our Church. It is a wonderful way to prepare for the feast of the birth of Christ.

### Thursday 20 December, 7.30pm, End of Year Christmas Mass

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship invite all men and women to their end of year Mass themed 'Lets Celebrate' and refreshments afterwards at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street. The celebrant is Fr Mateo Kivalu. For information contact David 0274477280.

### 22-23 February 2013, Hope and Joy Conference

Where can we find hope and joy in this Year of Faith? Come and explore the possibilities of living anew the joy and hope of the Second Vatican Council at St Patrick's College, Kilbirnie.

For more information and to register visit [www.yearoffaith.org.nz](http://www.yearoffaith.org.nz)

### 2-24 February 2013, Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

This is a weekend Retreat of spiritual and emotional healing for those who have been touched by abortion. For more information visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz) All enquiries strictly confidential. Contact Wendy Hill on 027 254 9222 or [info@rachelsvineyard.org.nz](mailto:info@rachelsvineyard.org.nz)

### 2 March 2013, 8.30am, Workshop for Special Ministries and Readers

There will be a workshop for Special Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers. The morning will be lead by Fr David Kennerley. Please note the change of date.

### 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 027 254 9222 or email [info@greenstonedoor.co.nz](mailto:info@greenstonedoor.co.nz)

### Traditional Latin Mass Sundays, 12.30pm at St Mary of the Angels.

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# The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish

### Church and Presbytery:

17 Boulcott Street,

Wellington Central

Telephone: 473 8074

Parish website: [www.smoa.org.nz](http://www.smoa.org.nz)

*St Mary of the Angels is a diverse community which seeks to praise and thank God in a place of calm and beauty and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington*

### Parish Priest

Fr Barry Scannell SM

[smoapp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoapp@xtra.co.nz)

### Assistant Priest

Fr Tom O'Connor SM

### Adult Education

Fr Michael Young SM

### Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

### Director of Music

Robert Oliver

[robert.oliver@paradise.net.nz](mailto:robert.oliver@paradise.net.nz)

### Parish Accountant

Jeanette Temelo

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### Parish Office

[smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz)

### MASSES

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

Monday to Friday 7:30am, 12:05pm,  
& 5:15pm

Saturday 11am

### EACH MONTH

4th Saturday 11am Mass with  
Sacrament of Anointing

### ADORATION

Monday to Friday 6:45am-7:30am

Friday 11am-noon

### RECONCILIATION

Monday to Thursday 11:30am-noon  
12:30pm-1:00pm  
4:30pm-5:00pm

Friday 11:00am-noon  
12:30pm-1:00pm  
4:30pm-5:00pm

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

## Third Sunday of Advent, 16 December 2012 Year C

### Carols with the Angels

The annual 'Carols with the Angels' will be held this Wednesday 19 December at 7.30pm in the Church. Once again the evening will feature the Wellington Citadel Salvation Army Band, St Mary of the Angels' Choir (including our own 'Young Angel Voices' junior choir), the Korean Catholic Community and Father Peter Roe s.m. However, most of the musical contribution will come from those who attend as we sing together the Carols we love as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. The programme will last approximately 90 minutes.

We will continue the tradition of children bringing forward small gifts to place under the Christmas tree. These gifts will be given to the St Vincent de Paul Society to distribute to needy families. Please indicate on the gift whether it is for a boy or girl and the age range of the gift.

There will be a collection during the evening which will be going towards the 'preliminary design drawings' for the seismic strengthening of the Church.

### Plate of Food

We need to nourish our visitors who have generously given of their time and talent for 'Carols of the Angels'. If you are able to bake something or contribute a plate of food please leave it in the Parish Hall before the Carols begin or drop it into the Office sometime on Wednesday. Thank you.

### Christmas and New Year Timetable

Please take a copy of the Christmas and New Year Timetable which is available on the tables at the entrances to the Church. This will ensure that you and your family are aware of our Mass and Reconciliation times during Christmas and the holiday period.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.

Parish Priest

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## This Week's Readings

<b>First Reading</b>	Zephaniah	3:14-18
<i>With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.</i>		
<b>Second Reading</b>	Philippians	4:4-7
<i>The Lord is near.</i>		
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Luke	3:10-18
<i>What, then, must we do?</i>		

## Next Week's Readings

<b>First Reading</b>	Micah	5:1-4
<b>Psalm</b>	79	
<b>Second Reading</b>	Hebrews	10:5-10
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Luke	1:38

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,862
Parish Expenses	\$3,452
Support of House	\$1,410



## Christmas Gifts for St Vincent de Paul

Christmas gifts may be placed under the Christmas tree on the evening of Carol with the Angels (Wednesday 19th December) or at any time leading up to Christmas, for collection by the St Vincent de Paul Society.

## St Mary of the Angel's Christmas Cards

The beautiful St Mary of the Angels Christmas Cards depicting the Nativity Window in the Church will be on sale again this Sunday. The cards will be available on the table outside the main doors of the Church.

The cost is \$15 for a dozen cards and envelopes.

## Mass has been offered for:

**Anniversaries:** Shona Rippon, Kura Turner, Phyllis Clifford, Maurice O'Brien.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Miriam Menzies, Arthur Gibbs, Barbara Ross, Ann Ross, Kathleen Phelan, Marjorie Feitsma, Phil Busby, Mary Egan, Dulcie Campbell, Oinah Macpherson, Helen Havasi, Maureen McDonald, Patricia Smyth, Stanley Bright, Catherine Symes; Pat Keane, James O'Connell.



*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.*

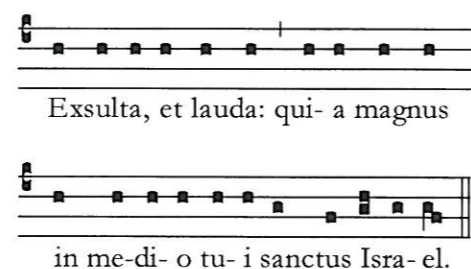
## Responsorial Psalm Isaiah 12

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord, is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **R**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **R**

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R**



## Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

No 153 - 'Come thou long expected Jesus'.

## Columban Calendars

Calendars for 2013 are now available for \$10 each from the Parish Office. They feature both beautiful religious art and Liturgical information.

## Third Sunday of Advent

The Third Sunday of Advent is "Gaudete Sunday". The title "Gaudete" Sunday comes from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon for this Sunday's Eucharist:

**'Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near!'**

We rejoice! Our anticipation grows: the Lord is near. The air quickens and shimmers with palpable expectancy. This palpable expectancy reveals itself in our gospel reading for today.

**"A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John (the Baptist) might be the Christ" (Luke 3:15).**

John, of course, made it clear that he was not the Christ. Rather, he was called by God to prepare a way for the Christ.

"Prepare a way for the Lord" has been the general theme of our readings throughout the first two weeks of Advent. Now, with "Gaudete" Sunday, that theme gradually switches our gaze from the Lord's future return to his birth in Bethlehem.

The paradox for us is that we rejoice with anticipation and expectation for the Lord's coming by making preparations to celebrate a birth that happened all those many centuries ago! In this paradoxical way, we concertina time so that past, present and future are drawn together to one fixed point in time – the birth of the Saviour and the dawn of our salvation.

We take up the exuberant praise of the prophet Zephaniah from the first reading for this Sunday:

**"Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem...  
The Lord your God is in your midst" (Zephaniah 3:14, 17).**

Today we begin to feel once more that expectancy of newness that comes from God.

Because past, present and future are concertinaed down to the moment of Christ's birth, we too are gathered with the many down through the centuries, all gathered round his lowly manger to remember and to celebrate his birth; because his birth is the dawn of our rebirth. And, so, we rejoice!

Fr Michael Young sm

## Advent Reflections

Each Thursday after mid-day Mass there will be a short 20-minute reflection on Advent. Members of the choir will sing the Advent 'O' antiphons and there will be prayers and readings from the Divine Office.

Join us to reflect and prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ.



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## Hope and Joy – Vatican 2day:

Where can we find hope and joy in this Year of Faith? Come and explore the possibilities of living anew the joy and hope of the Second Vatican Council, 22-23 February 2013, at St Patrick's College, Kilbirnie.

Vatican 2day is organized by the Archdiocese of Wellington. Keynote speakers include: Sister Helen Bergin OP, Father Bernard Espiritu SVD, Julianne Hickey CEO of Caritas, Dr Ann Tuohy Director of The Catholic Institute, and Father Patrick Bridgman.

For more information and to register visit [www.yearoffaith.org.nz](http://www.yearoffaith.org.nz)

## Vincentian Foundation Hearing Aid Grants

The Vincentian Foundation provides hearing aid grants to those persons over 65 years of age who hold a SuperGold Card that has a Community Services endorsement.

For more information please contact the parish office on 473 8074.

## Religious Writing Competition Results

Thank you to all who entered or prayed for the success of the Knights of the Southern Cross 2012 religious writing competition on the topic of carrying forward the work of Christ.

A competition report detailing the winners and comments can be viewed on [www.tawacatholic.org.nz/knights](http://www.tawacatholic.org.nz/knights)

## Mission Sunday Collection

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