

For Your Diaries : 2013

18 February, Series of Talks on Articles of the Creed

Anyone who would like to join the Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish prayer group for a series of talks on the Articles of the Creed, is very welcome. The talks commence on 18 February and take place in Connolly Hall on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of the month at 7.30pm. Contact Ph 819 8323.

19 February, Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service led by Fr. John Rea, at St. Bernadette's Church, 194 Naenae Rd, Naenae at 7.30pm. Contact Mary Boyle on 5676 316

21 February, Adult Faith Education

The Catholic Institute is offering one more course this month:

Introduction to Liturgy - A chance to get to grips with a Catholic take on worship. Come and explore the thinking behind what we do in our liturgical practice. Begins 21 Feb 5.30pm.

For more info and enrolment ph 04 974 5384 or email wgtn@tci.ac.nz

21 February, Joshua Catholic Men 's Fellowship Meeting

This is an invite to all men to come and join us at our "Praise and Worship" meeting at 7.30 p.m. at Connolly Hall on Guilford Tce, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral). Theme: "Knock and the door will be opened". Contact David on 387 9714.

22-23 February, Hope and Joy Conference

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

22-24 February, Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

This is a weekend Retreat of spiritual and emotional healing for those who have been touched by abortion. Contact Wendy Hill on 027 254 9222 or info@rachelvineyard.org.nz

2 March, 8.30am, Workshop for Special Ministers and Readers

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

Traditional Latin Mass, Sundays, 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

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
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

First Sunday in Lent, 17 February 2013 Year C

Historic Resignation

Pope Benedict's surprise announcement on the eve of Lent that he would resign at the end of the month was made with great dignity and generosity. It is the first papal resignation in 600 years! Very aware of his failing health, Pope Benedict shows his love for the Church and his desire to serve in the most selfless way. His words, reprinted here, are witness to this love and call us to prayer during the season of Lent as the process to elect his successor unfolds..

"In today's world, subject to so many rapid changes and shaken by questions of deep relevance for the life of faith, in order to govern the barque of Saint Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months, has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me. For this reason, and well aware of the seriousness of this act, with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of Saint Peter, entrusted to me by the Cardinals on 19 April 2005, in such a way, that as from 28 February 2013, at 20:00 hours, the See of Rome, the See of Saint Peter, will be vacant and a Conclave to elect the new Supreme Pontiff will have to be convoked by those whose competence it is."

The Rite of Election

This Sunday at the 5pm Mass six of our parishioners will celebrate the Rite of Election which is a sign that they have been seen by the Church as ready to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at Easter. They express their will to receive these sacraments.

From now on the Catechumens are called "The Elect" and enter a time of intensive spiritual preparation for Easter. On the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent further rites are celebrated. These are called the "Scrutinies." Because the elect are asking to receive the Sacraments of Initiation they must strive for a deeper knowledge of Christ and make progress in self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance.

Please pray for them.

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This Week's Readings

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10
The confession of faith of the elect.

Second Reading Romans 10:8-13
The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-13
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalm 26
Second Reading Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel Reading Luke 9:28-36

Last Sunday's Collection

Total \$4,509
Parish Expenses \$3,201
Support of House \$1,308



Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The next session will be on Wednesday 20 February 2013.

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

Theme: Spirituality and Prayer

Session 4: Methods of Prayer (Part 2) – (C) Discursive and Affective Prayer

Organ Recital

The Maxwell Fernie Trust Organist Christopher Hainsworth will perform 'Organ Proms', a varied programme of organ music, on our marvellous Maxwell Fernie Organ on the 17th of February at 7.30pm. Proceeds will go to the Maxwell Fernie Trust. Chris, who trained in Wellington under Maxwell Fernie, is based in France, where he is the organist at Beziers Cathedral. He is touring New Zealand this month giving recitals.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Stan Bright.

Anniversaries: Fr Ken Scully sm, Grace Smith.

Prayers for the Sick: Amanda Hagley, Miriam Menzies, Arthur Gibbs, Kathleen Phelan, Phil Busby, Mary Egan, Oinah Macpherson, Margaret Hyland.



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 90

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R**

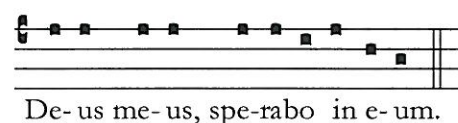
Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **R**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R**

Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

Number 217:
'Lord Jesus think on me'



The Nicene Creed

During this year of Faith we are looking at some of our Catholic beliefs. The Nicene Creed contains many of these.

The *Nicene Creed* was originally written at the first Ecumenical Council of the Catholic Church. An Ecumenical Council is one representing the whole Church. It was held in Nicea (*Iznik, North West Turkey*) in AD 325 and was later accepted as a true expression of the Faith at the second Ecumenical Council at Constantinople in AD 381.

The *Nicene Creed* was built upon the Apostles' Creed, defending the Church's teaching against some of the heresies of the time. The most prominent of these was Arianism, which was a Christian heresy of the 4th century that denied the full divinity of Jesus Christ. Arius was a priest in Alexandria. Debate over his ideas was a pressing matter for the Church for more than half a century.

What is intriguing about this particular Creed is it is the only one accepted by the three major branches of Christianity. It is one of the few things that the Protestant Church, the Roman Catholic Church, and the Eastern Orthodox Church all agree on, though each church has their own translation of it.

I believe...

The Nicene Creed is a personal proclamation of belief, although it also expresses the collective beliefs of the Church. There are different levels of belief:

• *Belief that makes no difference.*

An example would be: "I believe that there is a city called Vladivostok in Russia." I am sure it's a wonderful place, but I've never been there and it makes no difference to my life.

• *Belief that is living and does make a difference.*

I once saw a poster which said, "Make your faith a steering wheel and not a spare tyre." If I truly believe, it will change my entire direction and outlook on life. Faith which is living makes an impact on everything we do and directs our attitudes, and actions. This is the belief spoken of in the Nicene Creed

Tom O'Connor SM

Reminder to all Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist :

Father David Kennerley sm will give a short workshop for all Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist on Saturday the 2nd of March at 8.30am in the Parish Hall. The morning will finish with Mass at 11am.

Please make a note of this in your diary and confirm with the Parish Office that you will be attending.

Thank you.



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SMAYACs Holy Hour

When: Thursdays @ 6pm

Where: St Mary of the Angels Church. This week our regular prayer group will be replaced by our monthly Holy Hour. All are welcome to join this group of young adults and the young at heart to pray, read and reflect on the Scriptures.

Follow faithfully, tell courageously, live joyfully

Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme 2013
Please join us on Mondays in the Crypt underneath the Church for a Lenten Prayer Group from 6pm-7.30pm.
ALL WELCOME

St Vincent de Paul

The first St Vincent de Paul meeting of the year will be held this Tuesday, 19th February, at 6pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

St Vincent de Paul is currently requiring volunteers to help operate their opportunity shop in Aro Valley. If you can help please contact Heather on 3852561 during shop hours (Mon - Fri 9am - 4.30pm).

Young Angel Voices

Young Angel Voices choir for 8-12 year old boys and girls has started. Practices take place in the Parish Hall from 4.30pm until 5.30pm on Thursdays.

Lenten Reflections

Lenten Reflections begin this Thursday. They will take place after the midday mass and will include 20 minutes of song and prayer, with singing lead by members of the choir.

Catholic Social Services Street Day Appeal

Collectors are needed in Wellington and Lower Hutt on Thursday the 28th of February. If you are able to give an hour of your time to help please phone Lesley or Vivien on 385 8642 or email v.chiu@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz

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