

## For Your Diaries : 2013

### 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 take place in Connolly Hall on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of the month at 7.30pm. Contact Ph 819 8323.

### 7 March, Healing Service

There will be a healing service conducted by Fr John Rea sm at Our Lady of Fatima Church, in Tawa on Thursday 7 March beginning at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

### 13 March, St Patrick's College Old Boys Association

For all Town and Silverstream Old Boys' - the Annual General Meeting will be held at St Patrick's College, Wellington, with mass commencing at 5:30pm in the school chapel. All enquires to the secretary, Wade Hall secretary@spcob.org.nz

### 15-17 March, Marriage Retreat Weekend

The next Marriage retreat weekend will be held at the Magnificat Retreat Centre near Featherston. For further information or to book please phone Francie or Neil on 0800 362 686.

### 16 March, French Baroque Music Concert

Exquisite French Baroque music, the three famous Leçons de Ténèbres, by François Couperin (1668 – 1733) will be performed at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington on Saturday 16 March at 8pm.

### 16 March, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Dove Catholic Fellowship for women invites all women to their meeting on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 1.30 to 3.30pm at Connolly Hall (off Hill St) Thorndon. Speaker: Amanda Gardner. Our theme for the year To Be Women Empowered to be the Light of Christ for Others. Enquiries Sandra 475 5541 www.dove.org.nz

### 17 March, Futuna Chapel Open Day

Come along to a public viewing of one of New Zealand's architectural jewels. The day includes the return of the Christ Figure, musical performance, talks by Art Publisher Ron Sang and artist Michael Smither, and will be followed by the Futuna Lecture to be presented by Professor Mark Burry.

### 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,

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Telephone: 473 8074

Parish website: 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@extra.co.nz

### Assistant Priest

Fr Tom O'Connor SM

### Adult Education

Fr Michael Young SM

### Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

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### Parish Accountant

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### Parish Office

smoaooffice@extra.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 in Lent, 3 March 2013 Year C

### The Chair of Peter is Vacant

The major news story in recent days has been the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI. He officially ceased his Papal duties last Friday. It's hard to know exactly how to react or what to think – when an event hasn't happened for 600 years you can't readily claim that you're used to such occasions.

What we need to do now as Catholics is to pray for the Conclave that will take place in the coming weeks – that the Cardinals of the world will be inspired and led by Holy Spirit to elect the right Pope for the Church at this particular time.

The Prayers of the Faithful over coming weeks will reflect our community prayer for the election of the new Pontiff. However it is also important that each of us remember in our personal prayer the great need the Church has at this particular time.

### Children's Day

Today we celebrate Children's Day. This is a time when we can celebrate the gift of children and the life, joy and vitality they bring to our families and communities.

It is also a time when we examine our consciences as a community. How well are we taking care of these 'taonga', these treasures entrusted to our care?

Children in New Zealand in 2013 face many challenges. The first is the right to be born. We join together in praying that every unborn child will be welcomed into a loving community.

There are prayer cards on the tables at the side and back entrances to the Church. Please take one and pray for our children.

*Father Barry Scannell s.m.  
Parish Priest*

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## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15  
*This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.*

**Second Reading** Corinthians 1 10:1-6, 10-12  
*All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.*

**Gospel Reading** Luke 13:1-9  
*Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Joshua 5:9-12  
**Psalm** 33  
**Second Reading** Corinthians 2 5:17-21  
**Gospel Reading** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,908
Parish Expenses	\$3,485
Support of House	\$1,423



## Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The next session will be on Wednesday 6 March 2013.

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

**Theme:** Spirituality and Prayer

**Session 6:** Methods of Prayer (Part 4) – (D) Notable Phenomena Associated with Mystical Prayer; (F) Intensive and Extensive Prayer; the Lord's Prayer and Conclusion.

## 100 Years on the Hill

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## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Guadilla Madriaga.

**Anniversaries:** Richard Brugnell, Nelson Nunns, Joan Abbott, Cecilia Dickson, Fr Michael O'Meeghan sm.

**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 102

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul give thanks to the Lord,  
and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

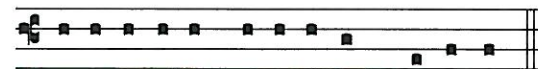
The Lord does deeds of justice,  
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses  
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R**

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R**

## Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

Number 192:

'He who would valiant be'



Mi-se-ra-tor et mi-se-ri-cors Domi-nus.

## The Nicene Creed (2)

During this year of Faith we are looking at some of our Catholic beliefs. This is the second of our reflections on the Nicene Creed. "I believe ..."

### In One God,...

The word "one" is an addition to the Apostles' Creed. In the midst of a culture that worshiped many gods (water, love, war, etc.), God revealed to Abraham and Moses that he is the one, true God. The Shema is the daily prayer of the Hebrew. It starts: "Hear O Israel, there is one God..."

### ...The Father...

"Father" is the name that Jesus Himself used and gave to us for God. While using the word "Father" to refer to God may seem ordinary to the Christians of today, it was a unique concept in the early years of the Church.

- The Old Testament people did not even call out God's name.
- God was considered to be caring and protective, but Christianity teaches us a much more intimate relationship. We share in the unique relationship of Jesus to his heavenly Father whom he called "Abba, Father."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 239) says that by calling God "Father," the language of faith indicates:

- That God is the first origin of everything and is the unmatched authority.
- That God is at the same time goodness and has loving care for all His children.
- That God's parental tenderness can also be expressed by the image of motherhood, which emphasizes the closeness and intimacy between Creator and creature.
- That God surpasses the human distinction between man and woman. God is neither man nor woman: God is God. God surpasses both human fatherhood and motherhood, although He is their origin and standard.
- For us followers of Jesus, God is especially our Father who makes us His children through Baptism.

*God is Father of the poor, of the orphaned and the widowed, who are under his loving protection (Psalm 68:5).*

Tom O'Connor SM



## 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.

## Communion Meeting

The next Communion Discussion Group Meeting will be held on Sunday March the 10th at 7.15pm in the Presbytery Board Room. Several short papers focusing on "The New Evangelisation" from the journal "Inside the Vatican" will be discussed.

Contact Mary or Leo Buchanan at 387 8284 or leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz to access papers.

## 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

## 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 take place after the midday Mass each Thursday during Lent and include 20 minutes of song and prayer, with singing lead by members of the Choir.

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