

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. Phone 819 8323 for more information.

4 April, 12.45pm, Bach on Thursdays

All are invited to a series of six concerts at St Mary of the Angels on each Thursdays April 4th - May 9th.

9 April, 11am, Venerable Mary Potter Centenary Mass of Thanksgiving

All are invited join the Little Company of Mary in celebrating 100 years since the death of the Venerable Mary Potter. Mass will be held at St Anne's Parish Church, Emmett St, Newtown followed by a light luncheon. Contact Sr Mary Scanlon for more information 389-2527, maryscanlon@xtra.co.nz

11 April, 7pm - 9pm, Public Meeting

Family Life International are holding a public meeting at St Anne's Parish Hall, Newtown, to discuss 'Same-Sex Marriage and the threat to Religious Freedom - the Canadian Experience'. The meeting will be presented by John -Henry Westen. Phone 237 8343.

19 April, Vigil for the Unborn

All are invited to attend a Vigil for the Unborn at St Anne's Church, Emmett Street, Newtown from 7pm to 9pm.

100 Years on the Hill - The story of St. Mary's Kaikorai Dunedin

100 Years on the Hill is a book full of history, anecdotes, photos and personal reminiscences about the past, the present and for the future of St Mary's, Kaikorai. It is available for purchase for \$30. Please contact the Secretary, St. Mary's Centenary Committee, 36 Middleton Rd, Kew, Dunedin 9012, Phone 03 487 7853, st.maryskaikorai@xtra.co.nz

St Vincent de Paul Book Fair - Appeal for books

If you have any good quality books for the St Vincent de Paul Society book fair please drop them off at 207 Riddiford St, Newtown, or call Vic on 389 7122 to arrange collection. The book fair will be held in St Anne's hall, Newtown, from 20 - 21 March.

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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

Easter Sunday, 31st March 2013 Year C

Congratulations

We warmly congratulate Drithi Sreenivas, Sham Kalsi, Kate Chapman, Miranda Williamson and Belinda Tuari who were received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil last evening through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. We assure them of our prayers and support as they live out in their lives in the faith of Jesus Christ within the community of the Church.

We also congratulate Estelle Geach who was confirmed at the Easter Vigil. We also acknowledge Thanh Huynh who was part of the 2012/2013 Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) programme and was received into the Church prior to her marriage in Vietnam last December.

I wish to sincerely thank those who have supported these people over the past few months, the sponsors and especially the members of the RCIA team; Jo Walton, Kathryn MacIver, Suzanne O'Rourke, James Boyle and Father Tom O'Connor s.m.

Thank You

A sincere thank you to so many of you who have given of your time and talent in preparing our Easter liturgies. A special thank you to those responsible for the music - our 11am Choir who have sung on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, at the Easter Vigil and again this morning at the 11am Mass. They have spent many hours practising over the past few weeks. I thank them on behalf of the whole Parish for their dedication and commitment.

I also thank the singers and musicians at the 5pm Mass who are leading the singing on this Easter Day. These talented musicians and singers are very committed each Sunday. I wish to especially thank and offer our very best wishes to the pianist at the 5pm Mass, Meg Riviera, who is returning this week to the Philippines. Thank you Meg for sharing your musical talent with us over the past months and we wish you every blessing and safe travel as your return home.

We thank Sister Frances who, as always, has worked tirelessly to prepare the Church, set up for the liturgies and does numerous other things around the Parish.

To all who have helped in so many ways, a sincere thank you. May the risen Christ bless each of you and your families this Easter.

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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
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

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This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43
We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Second Reading Col 3:1-4
Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel Reading John 20:1-9
The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 5:12-16
Psalm 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23.
Second Reading Apoc 1:9-13. 17-19
Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,986
Parish Expenses	\$3,540
Support of House	\$1,446



Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned Giving envelopes for the next financial year are available on the table in the Church today. Please collect your envelopes as it will save the us cost of having to post them out to you. If you are not part of the Planned Giving process you are very welcome to contribute to the Church in this way. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

As we come to the end of the tax year (31 March) it is a good time to review your financial commitment to the Parish over the past 12 months. Any lump sum given before 31 March can be claimed in the current tax year. A tax rebate of 33.3% may be claimed on all your contributions.

Tax receipts will be issued in April for the 2012/2013 financial year.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Ray Singleton, Joan Smart

Anniversaries: Fr Mark Beban sm, Birja Nand, Gerard O'Brien, Ronald Peters

Prayers for the Sick: Amanda Hagley, Miriam Menzies, Arthur Gibbs, Kathleen Phelan, Mary Egan, Sheila Dillon, Oinah Macpherson, Margaret Hyland, Marjorie Feitsma, Fr Brian O'Connell sm.



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.

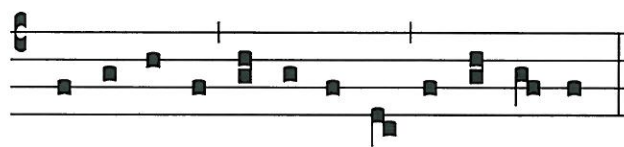
Responsorial Psalm 21

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **R**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R**



Alle-lu-ia, Alle-lu-ia, Alle-lu-ia.

Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

Number 204

'Jesus Christ is risen today'

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The Introduction to Christian Spirituality Course will take a couple of weeks break over the Easter period. The course will resume on Wednesday, 10 April 2013.

Reflection: A Time to be Easter People

There are very good reasons why we are called to reflect the joy of the resurrection in our lives. Firstly, in rising from the dead Christ conquered death and sin forever. We are 'caught up' in this great victory through our baptism. We were baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ.

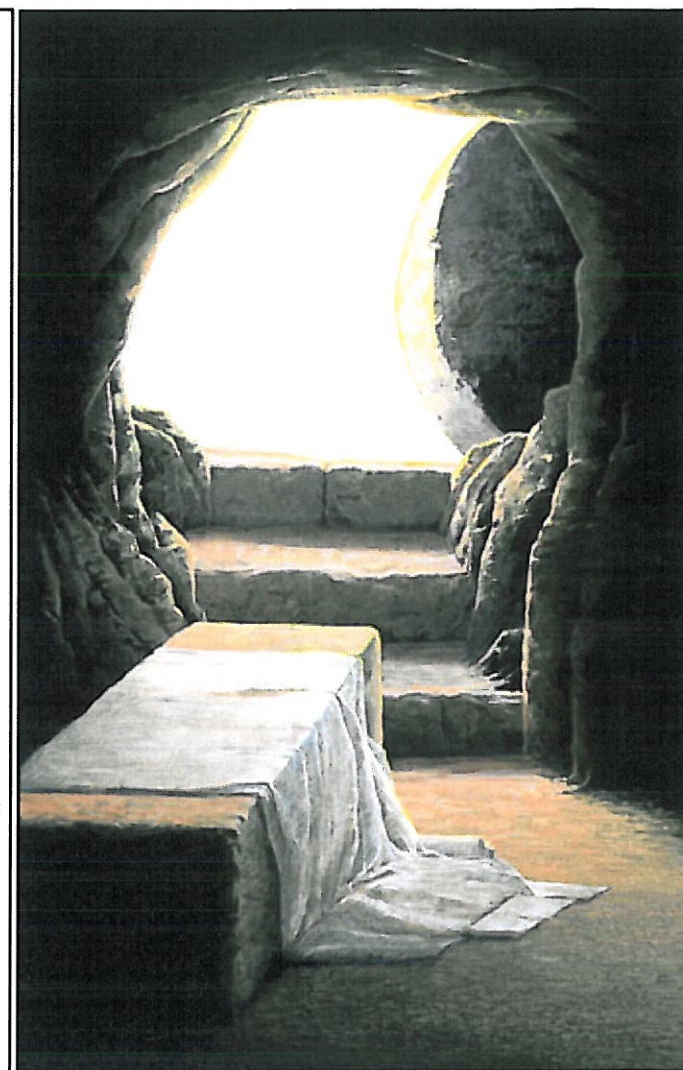
At the Easter Vigil last evening five catechumens and candidates were received into full Communion in our Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. They join many of us who have been baptized for many years and together we need to reflect the joy of the resurrection in our lives.

Another very good reason to celebrate this Easter is the overwhelming acceptance by the secular world with the election of Pope Francis. Since his election in mid-March Pope Francis has made an enormous impact throughout the world. This impact began from the very first moment of his pontificate – he showed deep humility by being driven to the hotel in the mini-van used by the other cardinals to collect his own luggage and pay his hotel account. Then a simple and moving inauguration Mass – a Mass which was much shorter than in the past. It included other Christian traditions such as the Gospel being proclaimed in Greek by a Greek Orthodox deacon. His homily calling for the protection of children and creation struck a rich vein of acclamation throughout the world. This has continued with him changing the venue for the Mass of the Last Supper from the grand St Peter's Basilica to a juvenile detention centre where he washed the feet of two women (one a Muslim). The Church's Liturgical Law holds that only men can participate in the rite given that Jesus' apostles were all male. Priests and Bishops have routinely petitioned for exemptions to include women, but the law is clear. Francis, however, is the Church's chief law maker so in theory he can do whatever he wants.

The Church has experienced a difficult time over the past few years but with Pope Francis we are receiving some long overdue good publicity. Let us then rejoice this Easter by truly celebrating the faith we believe in. Pope Francis has called us to reach out to the 'lost sheep' this Easter. Let us take up his call and reach out to those who may not have been with us for some time. We too are called to 'wash the feet' of those who are on the margins or who have not been invited.

Alleluia!

Father Barry Scannell s.m.



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.

Communio Discussion Group

The next meeting is at 7.15pm on Sunday 14th April in the Presbytery Boardroom. The paper for discussion is by the American Cistercian Roch Kereszty on: 'Catholicity and the Mission of the Church'. New participants are welcome. Enquiries to Mary or Leo Buchanan on 387 8284 or leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz

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