

For Your Diaries : 2013

18 April, Bach on Thursdays

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18 April, Holy Hour, St Peter and Paul's Church, Lower Hutt

You are invited to a Holy Hour on beginning at 7.30pm at St Peter and Paul's Church, Lower Hutt to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. This Holy Hour will include prayers Scripture, times of silence and concluding with Benediction followed by supper.

18 April, Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Meeting

All men are invited to come and join us at our Praise and Worship meeting 7.30p.m. at Connolly Hall, Guilford Tce, Thorndon behind Sacred Heart Cathedral. The theme for this meeting is: Let Jesus be our teacher. Contact David for more information 387 9714.

19 April, Young Knights

All young men are invited to the next Young Knights meeting, at Kohanga, 4 Kelburn Parade, from 6.30pm for Mass, food and discussion. The guest speaker will be Fr Patrick Bridgman.

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.

19 April, 6.30pm - 8.30pm, L'Arche Kapiti Fundraising Auction

All are invited to a fun-filled, fund-raising auction for the L'Arche Community in the Coast Community Church, 57 Hinemoa St, Paraparaumu. Tickets \$20.00 available at the door. Finger food and drink provided. Genevieve (04) 298 4633.

20 April, 1pm - 3.30pm, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

All women are invited to the meeting at Connolly Hall (off Hill St) Thorndon. Speaker: Sandra Sellmer Kersten, an experienced international prayer minister and teacher. Enquiries Sandra 475 5541 www.dove.org.nz

18 May, Marist College Mt Albert Auckland 85th Jubilee

Past pupils of Marist College, Auckland, are invited to the 85th Jubilee Celebration. Register online at www.eventfinda.co.nz or send \$40.00 to Ex-students association, 31 Alberton Ave, Mt Albert, Auckland 1025. Please visit the webpage www.maristcollege.school.nz/community/exstudents for more information.

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

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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

3rd Sunday of Easter, 14th April 2013 Year C

The Sacrament of Confirmation

We are about to begin the Sacrament of Confirmation preparation Programme for Adults. There are four preparation sessions taking place throughout May in the St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall.

- Tuesday 7th May 7.30pm in Parish Hall
- Tuesday 14th May 7.30pm in Parish Hall
- Tuesday 21st May 7.30pm in Parish Hall
- Tuesday 28th May 7.30pm in Parish Hall

The Sacrament will administered at 5.30pm Mass on 8th June at St Teresa's Parish, Karori for our Pastoral Area.

If you would like to be Confirmed, please complete one of the pink application forms at the Church entrances and put them in the Sunday collection baskets or hand them in at the Parish Office. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Communio Discussion Group

The Communio Discussion Group will meet at 7.15pm tonight, 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

A word from Father Tim Costello SM

For the last 11 years I was a lecturer in psychology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, founded by St Ignatius of Loyola in 1551. I have now returned to NZ, initially to spend a couple of months with the Marist community at St Mary of the Angels where I have been warmly welcomed. The gathering of people from many diverse countries and cultures, united by their Catholic faith, in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist is a great testimony to the family of faith to which we belong. Whether in Rome or in Wellington, we worship the same God, in the same faith, in the same Eucharist.

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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 5:27-32, 40-41
We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading Apoc 5:11-14
The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

Gospel Reading John 21:1-19
Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm 99:1-3, 5.

Second Reading Apoc 7:9, 14-17

Gospel Reading John 10:27-30

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,405
Parish Expenses	\$3,128
Support of House	\$1,277



Planned Giving Tax Receipts

Because of a system failure in the Archdiocesan computer programme, PACs, receipts were unable to be posted this week and will be issued in the coming week. If you have changed address in the last year please contact the Parish Office: 473 8074 or smooffice@xtra.co.nz

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17th April from 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Theme: Spirituality and Liturgy and Devotion.

Session 4: Sacraments (Part 2)

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Arthur Gibbs, Margaret Hyland

Anniversaries: Terrence McDonald, James Davidson, Huhenia Moran, June Eagle, Nance Mills, Mildred Kudzotsa

Prayers for the Sick: Joanna Veltman, Barbara Ross, Ann Ross, Maureen McDonald, Dulcie Campbell, Helen Havasi, Patricia Smyth, Amanda Hagley, Miriam Menzies, Kathleen Phelan, Mary Egan, Oinah Macpherson



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.

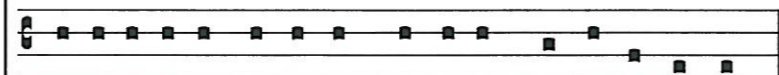
Responsorial Psalm 29

**R. I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you how love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R**

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R**



Exaltabo te Domi-ne, quo-ni- am susce-pis-ti me.

I will extol thee, O Lord, for thou has upheld me.

Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

Number 277

'Seek o seek the Lord'

Bach on Thursdays

All are invited to a series of Thursday lunchtime concerts at St Mary of the Angels featuring the music of J.S. Bach. This week Douglas Mews will play the 4th Organ Sonata Prelude and Fugue in E^b 'St Anne'. The concerts are each Thursday until May 9th, at 12.45pm.

Reflection: The Nicene Creed (7)

During this year of Faith we are looking at some of our Catholic beliefs. This is the seventh of our reflections on the Nicene Creed. "For our sake he (Jesus) was crucified under Pontius Pilate..."

"For our sake "

The emphasis here is that Jesus' sacrifice was totally for us and totally within His power to give.

"...He was crucified..."

Jesus' death on the cross is the unique and definitive/ultimate sacrifice which surpasses all other sacrifices. It restores us to communion with God through "the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Mt 26:28

- It is a gift from God the Father who handed his Son over to sinners to reconcile us with himself.
- Also, it is the offering of the Son of God made man, who in freedom and love offered his life to his Father through the Holy Spirit in reparation for our disobedience/sins. CCC 614

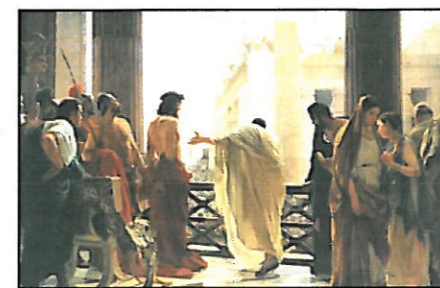
Why was Jesus crucified and not put to death in some other way? Crucifixion was considered the worst possible death - not only from the fact that it was long and painful, (death came as a result of suffocation), but also because the public humiliation was reserved for the worst of criminals. Regardless of the crime, Romans could not be crucified. For the Jews, crucifixion was a religiously abhorrent death, (cf Deuteronomy 21:23) let alone physically painful. And Jesus' reaction? "Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34)

"...under Pontius Pilate..."

Why pick on Pilate?

- Wasn't it Herod the Great who tried to slay Jesus at birth, resulting in the slaughter of the innocents?
- Didn't Jesus come from Herod Antipas' territory of Galilee?
- Wasn't it Herod Antipas and his soldiers who mocked Jesus at His trial?
- Wasn't it the Pharisees who tried to trick Jesus at the trial?
- Wasn't it the High Priest who handed Jesus to Pilate, charging Jesus with crimes against Caesar?
- And didn't the people prefer Barabbas to instead of Jesus?

The answer is, that it was Pilate's decision which counted. He was the representative of Caesar. However, symbolically Pilate represents all of those, in times past and present, who have contributed to the passion and death of Jesus through sin -- that means you and me!



Ecce homo; behold the man

Father Tom O'Connor SM

SMAYACs Prayer Group

All young adults and the young at heart are invited to join in a time of prayer, readings and reflection every Thursday at 6pm in St Mary of the Angels Church.

Seasons for Growth

Have you wondered what to do or say to a person who is grieving? Seasons for Growth is offering a training course in dealing with change, loss and grief among children. You are invited to come and learn about what happens when children and young people grieve, and to learn about possible ways of helping them. This course is especially great for those in bereavement ministry, youth ministry or family ministry and is helpful to those who are grieving following a death, divorce or separation circumstances as well as any other major change such as immigration, redundancy or loss of health. The Training to Companion Children through grief programme will run from 9am-3pm on Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd May, at the Catholic Centre Board Room (Level Two) Hill Street, Thorndon. The cost is \$150. Registrations close on 23rd April.

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