

For Your Diaries : 2013

Friday 2 August - Catholic Institute Course On The Synoptic Gospels
The course will be held at the Catholic Centre at 5.30pm. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are known as the "synoptic" Gospels. This course will present an overview of the three Gospels to show how each evangelist presents the same Jesus in a different manner from the others and how the differences in presentation can deepen our own faith in Jesus. For more information Ph 04 974 5384

5 August, Natural Fertility Workshop

Natural family planning is holding a workshop on Monday 5th August from 7pm-9pm at the Hutt Irish Society Rooms, 12 Raroa Road, Lower Hutt. To register or for further information please contact Wendy Hill: info@greenstoneddoors.co.nz, 027 254 9222. Cost \$25.

Friday 9 August - Catholic Institute Course On Sacraments

The course will be held at the Catholic Centre at 5.30pm. This course examines the key ideas associated with the theology and practice of the Catholic sacraments and significant aspects of their historical development. For more information and enrolment Ph 04 974 5384

9-11 August - Come away to be refreshed and renewed - Dove Retreat

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women National team invites all women to a retreat weekend with special guest speaker Bev McDonald. Theme: 'Love like Mary' Luke 1:39-45 'Mary Visits Elizabeth'. Venue: El Rancho in Waikanae Christian Holiday Park Register online at www.dove.org.nz

11 August, Mary MacKillop – Woman of Faith in the Year of Faith

Come join us at Waiwhetu Parish on Sunday 11th August as we celebrate St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) - a Woman of Faith in this Year of Faith. We will celebrate an afternoon reflection of prayer, song and fellowship with the Josephite community beginning at 2.30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 61 Waiwhetu Road, Lower Hutt. An afternoon tea will be provided afterwards.

1-3 November 2013, Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

A Retreat weekend for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. Information and support is available for men and women. All enquiries are strictly confidential. Contact Wendy Hill on 027 254 9222 or email info@rachelvineyard.org.nz or visit www.rachelvineyard.org.nz

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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

28th July 2013, 17th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

The Visitation

Over the past couple of years I have twice read a book called 'The Visitation'. It is a book by Professor Rodney Grapes who lectured in earth sciences at Victoria University and the book is about 'the earthquakes of 1848 and the destruction of Wellington'. At that time Wellington had a population of about 3,000 people – sadly 3 people were killed and most of the brick and stone buildings in the city were either badly damaged or destroyed. Two severe aftershocks on 17 and 19 October (which followed the first 7.5 earthquake on 16 October) brought down those buildings which had been badly damaged. And of course the aftershocks continued for quite some time.

I originally brought this book because I liked the title: 'The Visitation'. It recalls for us as Catholics the visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth.

Last Sunday we had a 'visitation'. Not from Mary the mother of Jesus but from the natural forces of our earth. At the 7am Mass but especially at the 5pm Mass parishioners had a frightening experience in our 'earthquake prone Church'.

Today at all Masses I will be addressing all parishioners about the decisions that has been taken following the seismic events of last Sunday. As you know we are well down the track of design drawings and by the end of October we expect to have those design drawings completed.

I am confident that in faith and with generosity we can rise to this present challenge and ensure that St Mary of the Angels Church is preserved for generations to come.

*Fr Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest*

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This Week's Readings

First Reading Gen 18:20-32
Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

Second Reading Col 2:12-14
He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

Gospel Reading Luke 11:1-13
Ask, and it will be given to you.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23
Psalm 89:3-6. 12-14. 17.
Second Reading Col 3:1-5. 9-11
Gospel Reading Luke 12:13-21

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,027
Parish Expenses	\$2,859
Support of House	\$1,168



Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th August from 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.
Theme: A Brief History of Spirituality 2
Session 3: The Middle Ages: Monasticism, Scholasticism, Mysticism (continued) - the Rheno-Flemish Tradition and the English Mystical Tradition (Part 1)

Experienced Souls

Experienced Souls is a programme for people to come together to discuss and reflect on their faith journey in our Catholic community and your own heart. The programme is run by parishioner Monica O'Connell with support from Fr Michael Young sm and is intended for older Catholics, but all are welcome. The next session will take place on Saturday 24th August from 9am - 10.45am (before the 11am Mass).

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Toni Brennan, Br. Frank Brennan sm, Rita O'Driscoll, Eileen Parker

Anniversaries: Bernadette Goh, Zita Outtrim, Marion Alexander, Eileen Gregory, John L'Strange

Prayers for the Sick: Reny Thomas, Joanna Veltman, Paul Veltman, Barbara Ross, Ann Ross, Maureen McDonald, Lisa Alo, Dulcie Campbell, Helen Havasi, Patricia Smyth, Miriam Menzies, Kathleen Phelan, Mary Egan.



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.

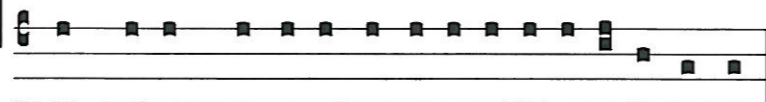
Responsorial Psalm 137

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R**



In qua-cumque di- e invo-ca-ve-ro te, ex-audi me.

In what day so ever I shall call upon thee, hear me.

Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

Number 109

Tell out my Soul

St Mary of the Angels Choir

The St Mary of the Angels Choir is seeking new members. If you would like to join the choir please contact Robert Oliver (934 2296) or a choir member after the 11am Mass - there is no audition.

Reflection: A Tentative Foothold

Wellington's earthquake weekend will be remembered for many reasons, but perhaps particularly by those who were gathered in a church during one of the heavy shakes. Offices and many businesses in the city were closed and the schools are enjoying holidays, but the churches were open and busy when some major tremors arrived.



There were moments of anxious hesitation during the 10.30am Mass at the Cathedral and St Mary of the Angels was evacuated when the 6.5 quake struck during the 5pm Mass. Because of the atmosphere of uncertainty, I decided to shorten the 7pm Cathedral Mass to a Liturgy of the Word with Communion and I caught a sense of relief and gratitude as people started for home earlier than usual.

The aftershocks have continued this week giving much more than a hint of the tentative foothold we have on the earth.

We are indeed tenants and our dwelling place is temporary. As tenants we are blessed with a most generous landlord who asks only that we take care of what has been given for our use. The responsibility of care is not burdensome but is often and easily avoided.

We find it in the Lord's Prayer: ... as we forgive those who... Forgiveness brings calm and creates peace. Resentment, bigotry and vengeance create disturbances more fearful than earthquakes.

Sincerely living our tenancy agreement will help us and help bring peace to the earth as well.

Fr James Lyons

Gardening with Soul

'Gardening with Soul' is a film set entirely on the southern coast of Island Bay and mainly at the Home of Compassion. It is a story about Sister Loyola Galvin DOLC and charts her journey through the seasons which include her 90th birthday. As the main gardener at the Home of Compassion, the film traces St Loyola's commitment to nurture all living things; especially those which 'don't get a good start'. From her early work as a nurse with sick or stillborn babies, to her role as a nun raising children with disabilities, we see Loyola's incredible energy and faith in her God to carry her through the difficult times.

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SMAYACs Prayer Group

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

Theology of the Body

All are invited to the Theology of the Body sessions at Kohanga (4 Kelburn Parade) on Tuesdays at 6.30pm. Next week we will be looking at marriage and the respective roles of men and women within marriage. For more information contact Sandra 022 171 0679 or smayacs@gmail.com.

Theology on Tap

All are invited to Theology on Tap tonight at 6.30pm at the Hotel Bristol on Cuba Street. The speaker for this month is John Kleinsman, director of the Nathaniel Institute, the New Zealand Catholic Bioethics Centre. John will speak about 'Euthanasia: Preventing harm and protecting choice'. For more information contact Sandra 022 171 0679 or smayacs@gmail.com.

Communio Discussion Group

The next meeting will be on Sunday 11th August at 7.15pm in the Presbytery Board Room. This month we will consider two brief articles discussing the approach of the brilliant French Cardinal Jean Danielou on how one develops a sense of the presence of God. For further information please contact Leo or Mary Buchanan at 387 8284 or leobuhanan@xtra.co.nz

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