

For Your Diaries : 2013

4 September, Local Body Elections - Meet the Mayoral Candidates
Newtown Residents' Association and St Anne's Parish invite you to meet the Candidates for Mayor and for the Southern Ward in the forthcoming Local Body Elections - 7pm Wednesday 4th September at St Anne's Parish Hall, Emmett St, Newtown.

6-8 September, Marriage Encounter Weekend

Marriage Encounter weekend provides a special atmosphere for couples to concentrate on each other in privacy, free of the usual distractions and pressures. The weekend is held at the Magnificat Retreat Centre near Featherston. To book or obtain further information please contact Francie or Neil Ph: 0800 362 686

7 September, Teen Youth Ministry, Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

A new Youth Group for teenagers (13-19years) will begin soon. We are inviting those who wish to be involved in Youth Ministry to come to a pot luck dinner on the 7 September after the vigil mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Wellington (meet in the foyer). Please call Martin on 0210302554, Andrew on 0226590760 or Teri on 021494156 for more information.

7 September, Vigil for Life

All are invited to a Vigil for Life at St Anne's Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. 10am Mass followed by Exposition until Noon. A peaceful rosary pilgrimage to the hospital will take place during Exposition. The Vigil will end with a shared lunch. For further information phone Family Life International on 237 8343

10 September, Retreat Day with Fr Donagh O'Shea

All are warmly invited to a Day of Retreat with Fr Donagh O'Shea OP at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria from 10am - 4pm on Monday 10 September. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. For further information email the Dominican Sisters domsw@clear.net.nz

21 September, Dove Catholic Fellowship for women

Dove Catholic Fellowship invites all women to their meeting Saturday 21st September 1.30pm - 3.30pm at Connolly Hall (off Hill St) Thorndon. Speaker: Helen Funnell former National president of Dove - Come and be blessed. Enquiries Sandra 475 5541 www.dove.org.nz

Traditional Latin Mass Final Mass at 4.30pm this Sunday 1 Sept, at St Peter on Willis St (Quire). Commencing Sunday 8 Sept, Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm at *Pa Maria*, 78 Hobson St., Thorndon. Enquiries: Neil Coup 021 896 924.

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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

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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

1st September 2013, 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

Welcome

A warm welcome to Father Rob Devlin s.m. who has joined our Marist Community. His main focus of ministry will be his continued outreach to those on the margins - a work he has been involved with since returning after many years of mission work in the Philippines. Father Rob is often seen at the Soup Kitchen and other places where people who live on the street are located. Father Rob will be available to celebrate some Masses for the Parish so on behalf of all parishioners I warmly welcome him to St Mary of the Angels.

First Friday

This Friday (6 September) there will be four Masses in our little Chapel (Hall). As well as our normal three weekday Masses, there will also be a Mass at 1.05pm. We will assess whether to continue this as a permanent arrangement.

Morning Tea

One of the things we have really missed since the closing of the Church is the gathering for morning tea after the 9am Mass.

The Cathedral Parish have very warmly invited us to continue this wonderful tradition in the foyer after Mass. So, from this Sunday we will once again be enjoying a cup of tea/coffee after the 9am Mass.

First Holy Communion

On Sunday 15 September we will celebrate First Holy Communion for a number of young people who have been participating in the First Sacraments Programme this year. This will take place at the 9am Mass at the Cathedral. Please keep these young parishioners in your prayers as they prepare for this important sacrament. There will be a morning tea after Mass in Connolly Hall. If you would like to contribute a 'plate' for the morning tea to help celebrate this special occasion it would be very much appreciated.

Fr Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

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This Week's Readings

First Reading Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

Second Reading Heb 12:18-19, 22-24
You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

Gospel Reading Luke 14:1, 7-14
All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Wis 9:13-18
Psalm 89
Second Reading Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel Reading Luke 14:25-33

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$3,791
Parish Expenses	\$2,692
Support of House	\$1,099



RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults are invited to learn about the Catholic faith and way of life. The St Mary of the Angels programme is held this Tuesday, 3rd September at 7.15pm in the Parish Hall, 17 Boulcott St Wellington. If you would like more information or wish to enrol please phone the Parish Office 473 8074, or email: smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz or Fr Tom O'Connor 027 437 7207.

Parishioners, please invite someone whom you know to be interested in our Catholic Faith and pray for the RCIA people in our Parish – Candidates, Sponsors, and Leaders.

Thank you. Fr Tom O'Connor sm & RCIA team

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Henry Duckworth, Mike Hodgetts

Anniversaries: Braczek Tadewcz, Louis Hannan, Brian Stempa, Carmel Pledger, Scott Loader, Marc Loader, Ula Loader, Clifford Penny

Prayers for the Sick: Nett Lagarda, Janice Flowers, Reny Thomas, Joanna Veltman, Barbara Ross, Ann Ross, Maureen McDonald, Lisa Alo, Dulcie Campbell, Helen Havasi, Patricia Smyth, 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.

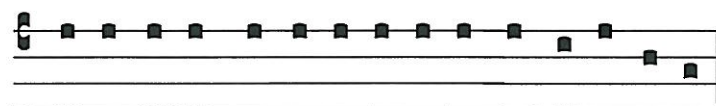
Responsorial Psalm 67

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.
 O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.
 God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R**



Pa-ras-ti in dul-æ-di-ne tu- a pau-pe-ri De- us.

In thy sweetness O Lord, thou hast provided for the poor.

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 Olivia Webb at the Parish Office (04) 473 8074 - there is no audition.

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th September from 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the Presbytery Boardroom, above the Parish Hall.

Theme: A Brief History of Spirituality 3.

Session 3: The Modern Era: 17th - 19th Centuries (Part 2) - the Enlightenment and the End of an Era.

Reflection: The Grace of a long Lent

The closing of St Mary of the Angels has given us all pause for thought.

Undertaking huge tasks is not unprecedented in the history of St Mary of the Angels, but the situation we find ourselves in currently is new to us.

The work of getting on with the seismic strengthening is quite properly, the priority right now. It is a huge programme of work which carries with it great pressure on all those involved.

Alongside of this, the work of keeping our Parish community together is also a huge task. We appreciate that the initial activity of 're-housing' our core parish liturgies has already involved a huge amount of work and appears to be working well.

Now that we are past the initial reaction to the closure of our Church, we might consider the next 18 months or so, and reflect on what we need to do to keep our Parish community together.

Academics will tell us that engaging (connecting with and involving) [parishioners] during times of uncertainty is critical:

"If people have nowhere to take their grief, their hope, their discretionary effort, their enthusiasm and their joy – they will simply wander off and find somewhere else to make their home." (Kevin J Sensenig, 2009)

We have a home, we have the Holy Spirit and we have the Grace of a 'long Lent' ahead of us. If all goes well and the major work on the Church takes the expected 18 months, Easter 2015 may be the time when our Church community is reunited with our Church building. If we cast our minds forward to that Easter Vigil, we might imagine an experience of rejoicing and wonder, heightened by the hard work and spiritual travelling we have had to do to return to our familiar place of prayer. As we follow the Pascal candle into St Mary of the Angels, a community gathered once again, we might hear the Exultet quite differently, "Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people."

Until then, this 'long Lent' offers us time and plenty of scope for prayerful reflection. We have had already, many acts of hospitality shown us and there are kindnesses to come. We have the next 18 months or so to prepare, to re-think, to let go of what we no longer need, to accept new tasks and to learn new ways of working with each other. We are in good hands.

The LORD went ahead of them. He guided them during the day with a pillar of cloud, and he provided light at night with a pillar of fire. This allowed them to travel... Exodus 13:21

Suzanne O'Rourke, Liturgy Committee



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.

SMAYACs Planning Session

The St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Group are holding a planning session tonight at 6.15pm at the Southern Cross Bar, 39 Abel Smith Street. This is an opportunity to discuss ways to build our community through new activities and events. All welcome. Bring your ideas to the meeting!

Communio Discussion Group

The next meeting is on Sunday 8th September at 7.15pm in the Presbytery Boardroom. This month we will discuss a paper by Robert Barron entitled: 'Evangelising the American Culture'. Barron is a prominent American Theologian and this paper raises issues of relevance to New Zealand, particularly to the forces shaping how we might function. Contact Leo or Mary Buchanan on 387 8284 or leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz for further information.

Caritas Social Justice Week St Joseph's, Mt Victoria

All are invited to the 'Winter dialogue series on youth, unemployment and work' from 7.30pm - 9pm, Thursday 12th September at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. The topic is: 'A Maori perspective: developing skills for rangatahi'. The speaker is Charles Morunga (Nga Kanohi Marae o Wairarapa). Supper will follow. Enquiries: Marie Kearney marie.kearney@hotmail.com or 04 384 9891.

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