

For Your Diaries : 2013

26 September, Holy Hour for vocations, Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
You are invited to a Holy Hour on Thursday, 26 September, at 7.30pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. The Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, times of silence and conclude with Benediction followed by supper.

28 September, Youth Group at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
All teens are invited to a day event of friendship, games & fun at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Meet on the steps outside the Cathedral at 11am, Saturday 28th September. For further details or if you would like to come along contact Andrew on 022 6590 760, Martin on 021 0302 554 or Teri 021 494 156.

29 September, The Catholic Deaf Community Mass
The Catholic Deaf Community invites all deaf to join them for the 9.30am Mass at St Peter and Paul's Church, 60 Knights Road, Lower Hutt on Sunday 29th September. A NZSL interpreter will be present.

2 - 6 October, Jesus 4 Real Camp - Years 9 - 10
Jesus 4 Real is holding a camp for high school students in years 9-10 at Palm Grove Christian Camp, Valley Road, Paraparaumu on Wednesday 2nd - Friday 6th October. The camp is organised by a non-profit, voluntary lay ministry committed to building up the faith in Catholic teenagers. Registrations close on 18th September. For more information email: jesus4real@gmail.com or registration online at jesus4real.org.nz

18 - 23/27 October, Christian Life Community Retreat Opportunity
Christian Life Community, Wellington is hosting an Ignatian retreat at Magnificat Centre, near Featherston. This is a rare opportunity for an individually guided residential retreat given by 3 experienced spiritual guides. The retreat begins on Friday evening 18th October. The cost is \$600 for five days (ending Wednesday evening, 23rd October) or \$900 for 8 days (ending midday Sunday 27th October). Funding may be available, to subsidise these costs. Please contact Patricia Kane, pakane@ihug.co.nz or (04) 475 8837

27 October, Art & Craft Exhibition St Joseph's Upper Hutt
St Joseph's Parish, Upper Hutt extend an invitation to take part in the 'Year of Faith' Art and craft exhibition. Anybody who would like to contribute to the exhibition through any art or craft medium can register by contacting Teresa Homan 977 6963. Individual or group works are welcome.

Traditional Latin Mass will be celebrated each Sunday at 12.30pm at Pa Maria, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon. Enquiries: Neil Coup 021896924.

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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

22nd September 2013, 25th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

Feast of the Korean Martyrs

On Friday we celebrated the feast of the Korean Martyrs. The story of the Korean Church is unique because it was founded in the 18th century entirely by lay people. It withstood wave after wave of fierce persecution. In less than a century it could boast of 10,000 martyrs. The death of these martyrs became the leaven of the Church and led to today's splendid flowering of the Catholic Church in Korea.

The Korean Catholic community in Wellington is based at St Mary of the Angels. They are truly a wonderful example of faith as they meet each Sunday in our Parish Hall after Mass for catechesis and prayer. Each year during the month of January when our regular choir is on holiday the Korean community lead the singing at the Choral Mass.

There was great rejoicing last year when Father Andrew Kim was ordained for the Archdiocese of Wellington. Each month Father Andrew is available to celebrate Mass in Korean for the community.

We thank God for the witness of the Korean Martyrs and for the Korean community who are such a vibrant and generous group in our Parish.

Diamond Wedding Anniversary

At the 9am Mass today we honour Barbara and Victor Stairs who celebrate 60 years of marriage. They have been faithful parishioners of St Mary of the Angels Parish since the early 1970s and today we congratulate and pray for them on this special anniversary. There will be a morning tea after Mass in Connolly Hall.

Parish Chapel

The Parish Hall is now being used as our Parish Chapel. Masses are celebrated there on week-days, on Saturday and on Sunday at 7am. The Guardians who faithfully looked after the Church each day now come to the Hall and this allows the Chapel to remain open for prayer.

If you wish to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament you are very welcome. If there is no guardian just come to the Parish Office and we will arrange to open up the Hall for you. It is very important that all of us pray for the success of the seismic strengthening of the Church.

Fr Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

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This Week's Readings

First Reading	Amos	8:4-7
<i>The Lord spoke against those who buy the poor for money.</i>		
Second Reading	1 Tim	2:1-8
<i>Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.</i>		
Gospel Reading	Luke	16:1-13
<i>You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Amos	6:1, 4-7
Psalm	145	
Second Reading	1 Tim	6:11-16
Gospel Reading	Luke	16:19-31

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$3,936
Parish Expenses	\$2,795
Support of House	\$1,141



Inter-Church Hospital Chaplaincy Appeal

This will take place this week, 22 – 29 September. Hospital Chaplains provide much needed support for patients, relatives and hospital staff. A brochure explaining this work is available on the table in the foyer today. Your support enables hospital chaplains to be there for patients in their time of need.

Euthanasia Debate Wellington Meeting

All are invited to the Euthanasia debate meeting with Dr John Kleinsman tonight, 6.30pm at Southern Cross, Cuba St. The meeting is to discuss a strategy and action plan to prevent the passage of Maryan Street's 'End of Life Choice' Members Bill which may come before Parliament this term. For further details contact Regina at 022 671 9917.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Janice Flower, Christine Smith, Sister Markareta Gilbert sm

Anniversaries: Zoe Moriarty, Breda Smith, Freda Fernie

Prayers for the Sick: Nett Lagarda, Reny Thomas, Barbara Ross, Ann Ross, Mary Egan, Helen Havasi, Patricia Smyth, Maurice Yates, Maureen McDonald, Dulcie Campbell, , Joanna Veltman, Kathleen Phelan.



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 112

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **R**

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **R**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
fro the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **R**



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.-

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: robert.oliver@paradise.net.nz - there is no audition.

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th September from 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the Presbytery Boardroom, above the Parish Hall.

Theme: Types and schools of Spirituality 1.

Session 1: Introduction and (1) Monasticism, Monastic Spirituality: (1) The Eremitical Life

Seismic Strengthening of Church

Planning continues for the preparation of design drawings for the Church. There is a tremendous effort being put in by our planning team and each week more information is gathered which will enable the correct decisions to be made about how best to bring the Church up to the maximum NBS (new building standard) that we possibly can achieve. These decisions are not easy because we need to preserve the integrity of the Church. Planning consent requires the agreement of a heritage architect and the Historic Places Trust because the Church is a Category I Historic Place. However, progress has been good and hopefully by November we should be in a position to know how much the seismic strengthening will cost.



It is now very clear that the decision to close the Church was the correct one. After extensive x-ray and scanning of the columns, portals and walls the engineers agree that St Mary of the Angels Church is only between 15 and 20 per cent of the NBS. While the building has performed very well over the past 90 years we could not continue using it now that we know it's low rating in relation to the National Building Standard. It is very clear we need to strengthen the Church before it can be used again.

Over the past few weeks the major Parish Committee's have been meeting to discuss the best way to approach the major fundraising effort that will be needed. In due course we will inform parishioners of how we will manage this challenging task. Meanwhile we are receiving donations from generous benefactors so if anyone wants to make a donation to the seismic strengthening account they are very welcome. Just contact the Parish Office.

Please keep all these efforts in your prayers. This is the most challenging project undertaken by the Parish since the Church was completed in 1922. It can only be achieved through prayer and faith in Jesus Christ.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.
Parish Priest

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 on Tap

SMAYACs invites all to Theology on Tap, Sunday 29th September at 6.30pm at Hotel Bristol, Cuba St. This month Fr Tony from ICPE Mission New Zealand, will speak about 'Light of the World', and how we can be that light. ICPE is an international community of committed Catholic missionaries living in Wellington and the missionary expression of the Glory of God Covenanted Community (GOGICC). For more information contact Sandra at 022 171 0679 or email smayacs@gmail.com.

SMAYACs Monthly Quiz Night

On the second Thursday of every month, after 6pm Prayer Group, SMAYACs will form a team (or two) for the Quiz at The Grand on Courtenay Place (8pm Start). All are most welcome to join. For more information contact Bridget on 021 473 397 or smayacs@gmail.com.

Heart Aflame

Hearts Aflame is a ten day Catholic summer school that is open to young adults aged 18 to 35.

Hearts Aflame 2014 will take place in Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from Friday 3rd January until Sunday 12th January 2014. The cost is \$495 per person which covers all meals, accommodation and scheduled activities.

For more information or to register visit the website www.heartsaflame.org.nz

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