

For Your Diaries : 2013

14 December, Handel's Messiah - NZSO & The Orpheus Choir

The NZSO invite everyone to the 2013 performance of Handel's Messiah, on Saturday 14th December at 6.30pm in the Michael Fowler Centre. Conducted by Richard Gill, with Anna Leese (soprano), Russell Harcourt (countertenor), James Egglestone (tenor), Teddy Tahu Rhodes (bass). For generations Handel's Messiah has been synonymous with the Christmas season and is a concert to cherish with your loved ones in the lead up to this Christmas. Tickets are available by phoning 0800 842 538 or through the Ticketek website www.ticketek.co.nz. There is a free pre-concert talk 45 minutes prior to concert.

15 December, 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 15 December. A NZSL interpreter will be present.

15 December, J S Bach's Christmas Oratorio

All are invited to the Bach Christmas Concert on Sunday 15th December, from 3.30pm - 5.30pm at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Hill St. The performance will feature J S Bach's Christmas Oratorio (Cantatas 1, 2, 4 & 6) with Bach Choir Wellington directed by Peter Walls, Chiesa Ensemble, Douglas Mews and soloists Nicola Holt (soprano), Megan Hurnard (alto), Oliver Sewell (tenor) and Kieran Rayner (bass). A concert full of Christmas joys. Tickets available from 0800 BUY TIX (0800 289 849) \$40 Adults \$30 unwaged \$10 children.

18 December, Carols with the Angels

All are invited to celebrate Carols with the Angels at the Salvation Army Citadel, 92 Vivian St at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th December. The Salvation Army Band will join the St Mary of the Angels Choir, Young Angel Voices and the Korean Community Choir in an evening of joyful music.

3 - 12 January, Hearts Aflame Young Adults Catholic Summer Camp

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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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

8th December 2013, 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year A

Carols with the Angels

The annual Carols with the Angels is being held once again this year as we prepare for the birth of Christ. Because of the closure of our Church the Salvation Army have very generously offered to host the Carols in their Citadel, 92 Vivian St on:

Wednesday 18th December, 7.30pm

Hosted by Ian Johnstone, the programme features favourite carols for all to sing with the Wellington Citadel Salvation Army Band, Fr Peter Roe sm, Young Angel Voices Choir, St Mary of the Angels Korean Community Choir and St Mary of the Angels Choir.

Christmas and Holiday Timetable

The Christmas and Holiday timetable is available at all Masses today. Please take a copy so that you will know what time and where Masses are over the holiday period. The main changes are:

Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December

8pm Family Mass (Carols from 7.30pm) St John's Presbyterian Church
Midnight Mass (Carols from 11.30pm) St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria

Christmas Day, Wednesday 25th December

7am Mass Parish Hall
10am Mass A combined Mass with the Parish of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill St
Midday Mass Choral Mass at St John's Presbyterian Church, Willis St

Accommodation Required

A professional couple who have recently moved to Wellington are urgently looking for accommodation in the city. If you know of a suitable apartment that they could rent or lease please let me know. I can vouch that they would be very good tenants.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.
Parish Priest

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This Week's Readings

First Reading	Is	11:1-10
<i>He judges the poor with justice.</i>		
Second Reading	Rom	15:4-9
<i>Christ, the hope of all people.</i>		
Gospel Reading	Matthew	3:1-12
<i>Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Is	35:1-6. 10
Psalm	145	
Second Reading	James	5:7-10
Gospel Reading	Matthew	11:2-11

Last Sunday's Collection

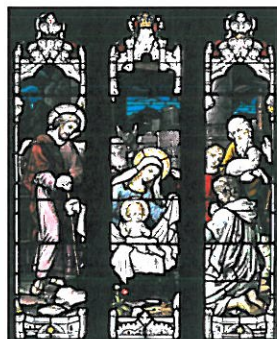
Total	\$3,728
Parish Expenses	\$2,647
Support of House	\$1,081



St Mary of the Angels Christmas Cards

St Mary of the Angels Christmas Cards are now available for purchase either after Mass on Sunday or from the Parish Office.

A6 \$15 for a pack of 12
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Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th December from 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the Presbytery Boardroom, above the Parish Hall. **Theme:** Types and schools of Spirituality II.

Session 5: (IV) Non-Roman Catholic Christian Spiritualities: (2) Protestant Spiritualities (Part 2)

(V) Spiritualities of Judaism, Islam and Eastern (Asian) Religions: (1) Jewish Spirituality (2) Islamic Spirituality.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Maurice O'Brien, Janina Knapp, Daniel McKone, Fr. George Duggan sm

Prayers for the Sick: Colleen Pocock, Fr Craig Larkin sm, Philip Birch, Jeanette Parker, Paul Neazor, Jim Coyle, John Foden, Ann Ross, Reny Thomas, Barbara Ross, Helen Havasi, Mary Egan, Lisa Alo, Patricia Smyth, Maurice Yates, Maureen McDonald, Dulcie Campbell, Joanna Veltman, Losalia Leo, 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.

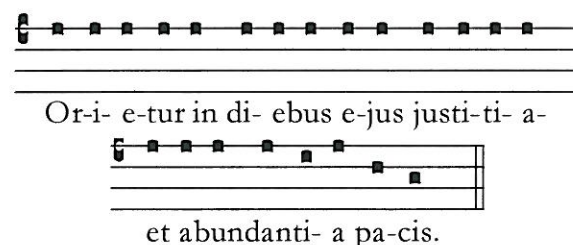
Responsorial Psalm 71

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace fore ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgement. **R**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails: He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R**
For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R**

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all the nations bless his name. **R**



In his days shall justice spring up, and abundance of peace.

Gifts for Advent

Handmade Carved Olive Wood Work from the Holy Land

Over the next few Sundays before Christmas a Palestinian Christian couple Ashraf and Tamara Qumseya, will be displaying handmade carved olive wood products from the Holy Land. They have come to Wellington from Beit Sahour near Bethlehem with their little daughter Tia to allow Tamara to take up a scholarship at Victoria University.

All of us know how difficult it is for Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land. Ashraf and Tamara are selling these olive wood products so that they can send the money back to their family and friends for Christmas.

The products are beautifully crafted by people who struggle for the basic necessities of life. If you purchase any of these gifts you are not only giving someone a lovely Christmas present but you are also helping Palestinian families close to where Jesus was born.

For more information please contact Ashraf and Tamara Qumseya, phone 021 900 7151 or email tamarakhair@hotmail.com



2nd Sunday of Advent

We begin this second week of our Advent journey with this wonderful proclamation of the end of violence and a promise of justice and peace. John the Baptist announces the special mission of Jesus.

May our hearts continue to welcome his coming with eager anticipation. May we experience today what it will be like to be freed from the power of injustice, conflict and division.

"Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever." - Psalm 72



PEACE

SMAYACs Final Prayer Group for 2013

This week is the final prayer group meeting for 2013. All young adults and the young at heart are invited to a time of prayer, reading and reflection, this Thursday 12th December at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Afterwards we will head out for some pizza and drinks at Heaven Woodfire Pizza 247 Cuba Street. All welcome.

Advent Reflection Group

All are invited to join the Scripture Reflection Group who meet on Monday evenings throughout Advent. We read and reflect on the following Sundays readings for Advent & Christmas, and discuss how we can carry these messages into our lives. The first meeting will be on Monday 25th November, 6pm-7pm. in the Presbytery Boardroom. Enquiries: Neil Coup, Ph: 021 896 924

Advent Mediations

On Fridays immediately after midday Mass there will be a 20 minute mediation on Advent, with prayers and chant, led by members of the choir. The Great 'O' Antiphons, the prophet Isaiah's foretelling of the coming of Christ, will be sung by the choir.

Catholic Social Services Christmas Gift Appeal

Catholic Social Services need donations of small Christmas gifts for children and adults to help make Christmas a special time for families in need. Gifts can be left in the basket at the back of the Church or delivered to 152 Brougham St. Gifts can also be arranged to be collected by phoning 385 8642 or emailing v.chiu@wncatholicssocialservices.org.nz

If you wrap the gift please indicate on the outside of the wrapping what it is and which age it may suit. The final date for collection is Friday 13 December 2013.

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