

This Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Second Reading Cor 1:1-3
The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Gospel Reading John 1:29-34
This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 8:23-9:3
Psalm 26
Second Reading Cor 1:10-13
Gospel Reading Matthew 4:12-23

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,089
Parish Expenses	\$2,903
Support of House	\$1,186



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Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Fr Brian O'Connell sm, Nora McCarthy, Marion Roe.

Anniversaries: John O'Brien, Sheila Mahony, Jacqui Veltman, Mary Hutchins, Margaret Heister, Edward Haughey, Gordon Ashbridge, Margaret Phillpott, Alan Shapleski, Margaret Baxter, William Lyons.

Prayers for the Sick: Miriam Menzies, Colleen Pocock, Philip Birch, John Foden, Ann Ross, Reny Thomas, Barbara Ross, Fr Craig Larkin sm, Helen Havasi, Mary Egan, Lisa Alo, Patricia Smyth, 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 39

**R. Here I am, Lord;
 I come to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord
 and he stooped down to me;
 he heard my cry.
 He put a new song into my mouth,
 praise of our God. **R**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
 but an open ear.
 You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
 Instead, here am I. **R**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
 that I should do you will.
 My God, I delight in your law
 in the depth of my heart. **R**

Your justice I have proclaimed
 in the great assembly.
 My lips I have not sealed;
 you know it, O Lord. **R**

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

The two year level one spirituality course, 'An Introduction to Christian Spirituality' will begin again this year. The sessions will be held each Thursday from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Pa Maria, Thorndon. If you wish to participate in this course please contact Father Michael Young sm. 473 8074 or smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz

A Challenging Year

Happy New Year. I hope you have all enjoyed the opportunity over the holiday period to spend some time with your families. For most of us life is always hectic so it is important that we take the opportunity to 're-charge' the batteries in preparation for another year.

We may wonder what 2014 holds for us. I have been pondering this question during the first days of January. It seems that nothing much changes – the things that challenged us before the holidays are still there when we return. The difference is that we approach them with renewed energy after a break.

The challenge for all of us in the Parish this year is the seismic strengthening of the Church. In fact this will challenge us not only this year but also during 2015. This project is in every respect a 'daunting' one but in my prayer each day I keep thinking of the task faced by the Parish Priest Father Stanislaus (Stan) Mahony sm when a disastrous fire destroyed Saint Mary of the Angels in May 1918. This happened in difficult times due to the shortage of materials because of the war. Work on our present Church began in 1919 and then another challenge presented itself when the contractor relinquished his task in 1920 so Father Stan and his friend Martin Maloney had to see the project through to the end. The beautiful Church we have today is the result of their remarkable efforts.

Father Stan is my great inspiration as we begin 2014 and face the challenge of raising the necessary funds to strengthen the Church. All of us need to respond to the task of fundraising if we are to successfully achieve the amount needed.

My prayer for the coming year is that through the intercession of Father Stanislaus Mahoney the work of earthquake strengthening the beautiful Church he left us can be achieved. It will not be an easy task but neither was it when the Church was being built between 1919 and 1922. If we all respond to the challenge then it will be possible once again to worship in the Church we all admire and love and which we call 'our spiritual home'.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.

Parish Priest



Father Stanislaus Mahony sm

St Mary of the Angels Choir

The St Mary of the Angels Choir (who sing at 12pm Mass on Sunday) is seeking new members. If you would like to join the choir please contact the Director of Music, Robert Oliver: robert.oliver@paradise.net.nz or approach a choir member after Mass. There is no audition.

Thank you, from Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

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For Your Diaries : 2014

16 February, St Pius X Parish Titahi Bay Golden Jubilee

On Sunday 16 February 2014, St Pius X Parish Titahi Bay will be celebrating its 50 years as a Parish. This celebration will take the form of the Parish Mass at 9.30am followed by light refreshments and opportunity for present and past parishioners to mingle and chat in the Parish Hall. The occasion has certain poignancy as from February 2015 the Parish will be amalgamated with Tawa to form a new parish. A warm invitation is extended to all ex-parishioners and others with an association with St Pius X Parish to join us on this occasion. Enquiries to Bob Cater ph: 236 7381 email: rubob@xtra.co.nz

28 February – 2 March 2014, Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A Retreat weekend for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. Information and support is available for men and women. Enquiries are strictly confidential. Contact Wendy Hill on 027 2549222 or email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.nz or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz

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

2014, Catholic Discipleship College

The Catholic Discipleship College in Auckland are taking applications for their 2014 residency programme. Give God nine months and let Him equip you for the rest of your life! Receive authentic Catholic teaching, grow in your prayer life, discern towards your next step in life, experience community life in a Christian environment, receive opportunities to use your gifts in His service. Visit www.cdc.ac.nz for more information, or email info@cdc.ac.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

19th January 2014, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Adult Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

The RCIA resumes again this Tuesday evening in the Parish Hall. Please keep the catechumens and candidates in your prayers as they prepare to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter.

Please pray also for their sponsors and the RCIA Team who help prepare and support these people on their faith journey.

Normal Timetable Resumes

Our normal weekday timetable resumes on Tuesday 21st January following the Christmas and New Year holidays. Mass and Reconciliation times are:

Monday - Thursday:

6.45am - Exposition
7.30am - Mass
11.30am - 12pm - Reconciliation
12.05pm - Mass
12.30pm - 1pm - Reconciliation
4.30pm - 5pm - Reconciliation
5.15pm - Mass

Friday:

6.45am - Exposition
7.30am - Mass
11am - 12pm - Exposition
11am - 12pm - Reconciliation
12.05pm - Mass
12.30pm - 1pm - Reconciliation
4.30pm - 5pm - Reconciliation
5.15pm - Mass

Anniversary Day – Monday 20 January

There will only be one Mass tomorrow which is Wellington Anniversary Day. The Mass will be celebrated at 9am.

*Father Barry Scannell s.m.
Parish Priest*

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