This Week's Readings

First Reading Sirach 15:15-20 He never commanded anyone to be godless.

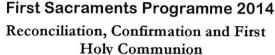
Second Reading Corinthians 2:6-10
God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:17-37
Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Leviticus	19:1-2
Psalm	102	
Second Reading	Corinthians	3:16-23
Gospel Reading	Matthew	5:38-48

Last Sunday's Co	ollection
Total	\$3,993
Parish Expenses	\$2,835
Support of House	\$1,158



Sacred Heart Parish, Thorndon; St Mary of the Angels, Central Wgtn. and Otari Parish – St Teresa's, Karori and St Thomas More, Wilton, invite registration from children who wish to be part of the First Sacraments Programme. Registration forms are available from the Church or Parish Office. The deadline for enrolment is Friday 28th February 2014.

Responsorial Psalm 118

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

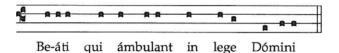
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. R

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R**

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R**

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R**



Blessed are they that walk in the law of the Lord

Offertory Hymn For 12pm Mass

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'A Mighty Fortress'

Engaged Encounter

Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. Weekends in 2014 are 28-30 March, 11-13 July, 21-23 November. Weekends are held at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay. For more details go to the website at http://www.ceewellington.org.nz or phone Kate & Simon Olsen Telephone (+64 4) 801 6192.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Su-Yen Bok, Rosalie Piodena, Nora Stagg.

Anniversaries: Grace Smith, Fr. Ken Scully sm, Nomaza Sidma-Jacob, Father Paul Bergin s.m, Victor Carvalho.

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.







Lenten Reflections

There will be a Lenten Reflection group beginning on Monday 3 March from 6-7pm in the Boardroom of the Presbytery. The reflection will be based around Pope Francis' Inauguration Homily where he said: "Today too, amid so much darkness, we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others".

If you would like to join this group please contact Monica O'Connell at toobeautifulforyou@gmail.com for more details.

Stewardship Reflection Day

Archbishop John Dew invites you to a Stewardship "Reflection" Day. The theme is: The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis' exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium. The day will take place at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria, Wellington on Saturday 29 March and will commenve at 9.30am.

Please RSVP by 25 March to Ann Williams at a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz or by calling 04 496 1777

Catholic Social Services Street Day Appeal

Collectors are needed in Wellington and Petone on Thursday 27 February 2014 for the Catholic Social Services Street Day Appeal. If you are able to give an hour of your time to help please phone Lesley or Vivien on 385 8642 or email v.chiu@wn-tholicsocialservices.org.nz.

Teachers Commissioning Mass

You are warmly invited to join with teachers and support staff in Catholic schools to celebrate Eucharist and to give support as they are commissioned and blessed in our ministry at 5.30pm Wednesday 26th February 2014 Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Thorndon, Wellington. "Jesus' Mission - Our Mission". For further information please contact Sue Davis, Ph 04 4961710 or email: s.davis@wn.catholic.org.nz

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

First Level Course: Introduction to Christian Spirituality

20 February from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Pa Maria, 78 Hobson Street.

CM-1: Introduction and the Presence of Grace (Part 1)

Second Level Course (Restricted): The Incomparable God – the Testimony of Israel

19 February from 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

I-CT-3: B. Testimony in Verbal Sentences (Part 1) – B.1. The God Who Creates
Michael Young, S.M

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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 6.00pm in St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall. The first Theology on Tap for this year will be held on Sunday 23rd February 6.30pm at Hotel Bristol. This months speaker is Fr Vaughan Leslie.

St Vincent de Paul

The next St. Vincent de Paul meeting is this Tuesday February 18th at 6pm in the Parish Hall. New members are most welcome.

Greenstone Doors Information Evening

Greenstone Doors is a new charitable trust operating in Central Lower Hutt with a focus on a positive experience in pregnancy and parenting. Volunteers are needed for fielding enquiries and pregnancy tests, supportive roles, counselling, manning the reception area, admin and more. Training will be provided. Find out more at an Information Evening: 26 February at 7pm, 15 Dudley St, Lower Hutt. Enquiries: Wendy Hill, info@greenstonedoors.co.nz or 0272549222

40 Days for Life

From March 5 through April 13, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. If you'd like more information please contact: PH. 2378343 or clare.fli@xtra.co.nz.



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For Your Diaries: 2014

20 February, Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington Branch invites all men to come and join their "Praise and Worship" meeting. The meeting will take place at 7.30pm at Connolly Hall, Guilford Tce, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral). Contact David if you wish to know more, on 387 9714.

22 February, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Dove Wellington invites all women to their first meeting for 2014 at at Connolly Hall (off Hill St) Thorndon, from 1.30 – 3.30pm. Speaker: Sheila Libano. Theme: Being Set Free. Please call Sandra on 475 5541 with any enquiries.

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 emailinfo@rachelsvineyard.org.nz or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz

1 March, A Lenten Retreat

A Lenten Retreat will be held on Saturday 1 March from 10.30am until 5.00pm. "Lent as a door to a deeper, intimate and powerful relationship with Jesus". An impressive line of Speakers, Reflections, Adoration and Confessions. Organised by the Centre for Divine Mercy and The ICPE Mission at St Gerard Monastery. It will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Thorndon.

2 March, Eucharistic Congress Convention

The Wellington Eucharistic Convention program will be held at Saint Patrick's College, Upper Hutt and commences at 8.00am with Adoration. The day will include talks, prayers, and reconciliation and concludes with Mass at about 5.00pm.

3 March, Lenten Reflections

Lenten Reflections will begin on Monday 3rd March from 6 - 7pm in the Boardroom of the Presbytery. They will be held each Monday during Lent.

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

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MASSES

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm

Monday to

7:30am, 12:05pm, & 5:15pm

Friday

11am Saturday

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

10:30am-11:00am

4:00pm-5:00pm

16th February 2014, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Seismic Design Plans

The design plans for the seismic strengthening of the Church are ready for presentation to the Parish. This will take place in our Parish Hall on: Sunday 2 March at 2pm

All parishioners are invited to attend this very important meeting. These plans are the fruit of several months of dedicated commitment by our consulting engineers, architects and building contactor. The plans will clearly set out what needs to be done to strengthen the Church and the enormous financial challenge this presents both to the Parish and the Archdiocese of Wellington. Please make an effort to attend this presentation.

Car -Parking

The Church car-park will be closed from Monday 24 February until Saturday 1 March. There will be workmen on site carrying out 'drilling' and investigative work around the foundations of the Church. Please do not try and access this area during this time because your car will be towed away.

Ash Wednesday

We have received an approach from St John's Presbyterian Church regarding a joint Ash Wednesday liturgy. I have indicated that we would be very happy to participate. That service will be at St John's Presbyterian Church at: 5.15pm on Wednesday 5 March.

There will be no 5.15pm Mass in our Parish that day. Please make an effort to participate in this ecumenical service with St John's who have been so overwhelmingly generous to us during our time of need.

Father Barry Scannell s.m. Parish Priest

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