

For Your Diaries : 2014

4 April, Book launch

All are invited to the launch of the book: 'But Is It Fair: faith communities and social justice' the 11th book in a series from Accent Publications and will be sold at a special launch price of \$25. The launch will take place from 6pm-7.30pm, Friday 4 April at Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce (behind the Cathedral). The guest speaker will be economist Brian Easton.

5 April, Home of Compassion Retreat

All are invited to a retreat at the Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, on Saturday, 5 April from 9.30am-4.00pm. The retreat will be lead by Fr Neil Vaney sm. Fr Neil was the founder & director of the Catholic Discipleship College in Auckland for 6 years. Bring your own lunch & Bible. A koha will be taken up. To register contact: Judith Milio ph 389 3272 email j.milio@xtra.co.nz

5 April, Bach Choir - Music for Easter

The Bach Choir presents a concert featuring Faure's Requiem and shorter works by Orlando Gibbons, Henry Purcell, Antonio Lotti, Sir Edward Elgar and John Sanders. 5pm Saturday 5 April at St Peter's on Willis. Tickets \$20 from www.eventfinder.co.nz, Marsden Books or at the door.

12 April, Dove Catholic Fellowship for women

Dove Catholic Fellowship for women invites all women to a full day meeting with outstanding international teacher/prayer minister Sandra Sellmer Kerston on Saturday 12th April 10am-3.30pm at Connolly Hall (off Hill St) Thorndon. Doors open at 9.30am for a cuppa, and prompt start at 10am. Tea and coffee will be supplied but please bring your own lunch. Enquiries Sandra 475 5541 or Margaret 973 0512 www.dove.org.nz

15 April, St John's Fellowship Group Lenten Service

St John's Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group extends a warm invitation to all parishioners to attend their annual Lenten Service on Tuesday 15th April at 11am at St John's Presbyterian Church. This is a short service conducted by Rev Allister Lane followed by a shared finger lunch in St Johns Hall. The Fellowship Group is a mixed group of mostly retirees. If you are interested in attending please contact Mary Gibbs ph: 383 8446.

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 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

Friday 11:00am-noon
12:30pm-1:00pm

4:30pm-5:00pm

Saturday 10:30am-11:00am
4:00pm-5:00pm

30 March 2014, 4th Sunday of Lent - Year A

Presentation of Seismic Design Plans

There will be another presentation today at 10.30am in the Parish Hall of the Seismic Design Plans. All parishioners are welcome.

Planned Giving and Donations

If you would like to make a one off donation to help cover the Parish deficit, donations received before Tuesday 1st April can be claimed as a tax rebate for the current financial year.

As we begin the new 2014-2015 financial year it is a good time to review your financial commitment to the Parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join the St Mary of the Angels Planned Giving Scheme. A tax rebate of 33.3% may be claimed on all your contributions.

Tax receipts will be issued in April for the 2013/2014 financial year.

Minsters of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers

We require more Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, especially for the 12pm and 5pm Masses on Sunday. If you would like to be considered for this ministry please contact the Parish Office or approach Sr Frances after Mass.

Easter Timetables

Easter timetables are available at each Mass today. Please take one home so you are fully informed of Mass times and venues over the Easter period.

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Daylight Savings

Daylight Saving ends next Sunday 6th April - clocks go back one hour

Fr Barry Scannell sm, Parish Priest

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This Week's Readings

First Reading Sam 16:1. 6-7. 10-13
In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

Second Reading Eph 5:8-14
Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Reading John 9:1-41
The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Ezek 37:12-14
Psalm 129
Second Reading Rom 8:8-11
Gospel Reading John 11:1-45

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,121
Parish Expenses	\$2,926
Support of House	\$1,195



First Sacraments Programme

Preparation for First Reconciliation is now well underway in the Pastoral Area with 50 children enrolled. The Second Parent Information Evening is on Thursday 3rd April at 7.30pm at St Thomas More Church.



Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Chris Pritchett, Deidre Sweeney, Su-Yen Bok, Fr Frank Garty

Anniversaries: Joan Smart, Gregory Engel, Clare Engel, Jack Ryan, Lee Kudzotsa, Birja Nand, Gerard O'Brien, Fr Mark Beban sm, Fr Robert Ryan, Margaret Hyland

Prayers for the Sick: Richard Wright, Chia Yuet Lin, Tham Ynet Lin, Philip Birch, John Foden, Ann Ross, Lisa Alo, Mary Egan, Maureen McDonald, Fr Craig Larkin sm, Reny Thomas, Colleen Pocock, Barbara Ross, Helen Havasi, Patricia Smyth, 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 22

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**



Dóminus regit me, et nihil mi-hi dé-erit:

The Lord ruleth me, and I shall want nothing.

Prayer for Seismic Strengthening Work

Gracious God, Creator of the Universe,
you made us in your own image and likeness.

You gave us wisdom and understanding,
grateful hearts and creative minds.

We pray that our beautiful Church will be
strengthened against the peril of earthquake
through the generosity of parishioners,
the community of Wellington
and people throughout New Zealand.

We ask, Lord, that you abundantly bless
those who have already donated funds,
skill and expertise to this project.

May St Mary of the Angels Church
be a symbol of a unified community
that will gather to praise and thank you.

Mary our Mother, pray for us.

Lenten Reflection Group

All are invited to join the Lenten Reflection group who meet on Mondays during Lent from 6 -7pm in the Boardroom of the Presbytery. The reflection's are 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". Please email Monica O'Connell for more details: toobeaufortyou@gmail.com

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

First Level Course: Introduction to Christian Spirituality

3rd April, 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Pa Maria, 78 Hobson St.

Theme: Spirituality and the Human Person

Session 1: Consciousness, a Task to Be Accomplished.

Second Level Course (Restricted): The Incomparable God

2nd April, 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Theme: Israel's Core Testimony. **Session 9:** Testimony in Verbal Sentences (Part 7) – An overview of Verbal Testimony; Adjectives: God with characteristic markings (Part 1); Generalising Adjectives from Specific Verbal Sentences; Exodus 34-6-7 A Credo of Adjectives.

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 the Parish Hall.

Theology on Tap

The St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Group invite all parishioners to join them at Theology on Tap at 6.30pm tonight, Sunday 30th March at Hotel Bristol on Cuba St. The guest speaker is Clare McLean from Family Life International who will talk about the 40 days for Life campaign.

40 Days for Life

You are invited to join other Christians in the 40 Days for Life Campaign; 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. The vigil commenced at the beginning of Lent and ends on the 13th April. A peaceful prayer vigil will take place outside the abortion clinic at Wellington Hospital daily from 8am to 8pm. Email clare.fli@xtra.co.nz for further details.

St Mary of the Angels Choir

The St Mary of the Angels Choir is seeking new members. The choir sings Gregorian chant and polyphony at the 12pm Mass each Sunday. 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.

2014 Home of Compassion Annual Street Appeal

The 2014 Home of Compassion Annual Street Day is on Friday 4th July. The Sisters require volunteers to help as collectors and area co-ordinators. Collection times are from 7am – 3pm. If you can help please phone Suzanne Aubert Compassion Centre on 385 9299 or Home of Compassion Island Bay on 383 4952 with your name email telephone and preferred collection area.

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