

## This Week's Readings

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Isaiah</b>	<b>56:1. 6-7</b>
<i>I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.</i>		
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Rom</b>	<b>11.13-15. 29-32</b>
<i>The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.</i>		
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>15:21-28</b>
<i>Woman, you have great faith.</i>		

## Next Week's Readings

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Isaiah</b>	<b>22:19-23</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>137</b>	
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Rom</b>	<b>11:33-36</b>
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>16:13-20</b>

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,939
Parish Expenses	\$3,359
Support of House	\$1,580



## Planned Giving and Tax Receipts

If you would like to join the St Mary of the Angels Planned Giving Scheme please contact the Parish Office. A tax rebate of 33.3% may be claimed on all your

## Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

### First Level Course: *An Introduction to Christian Spirituality*

Thursday 21st August, 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Pa Maria, 78 Hobson Street. **Theme:** Spirituality and the Person in Relation to the World

**Session 2:** A Common Purpose, an Integrated World of the Profane and Sacred (Part 1)

### Second Level Course: *(Restricted) The Incomparable God - the Testimony of Israel*

Wednesday 20th August, 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme:** Israel's Counter Testimony

**Session 4:** B. The Hiddenness of God (Part 2) - B.1. The Hidden Rule of God - continued; B.2. God's Governance: Personification and Providence

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Barbara Ross, Peter Dillon, Maria Muollo, Su-Yen Bok, John Gordon, Fr Phil King Turner sm, Fr Denis Scully sm

**Anniversaries:** Maria Kasproicz, Kevin Fitzgerald, Kathleen McCready, Catherine O'Neill, Anne McDonald, Anna Zanolto, Noeline Ryan, Dean Gifford

**Prayers for the Sick:** Jeanette Parker, Richard Wright, Ann Ross, Fr Craig Larkin sm, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, Maureen McDonald, Philip Birch, John Foden, Joanna Veltman, Kathleen Phelan, Imelda Reeve, Jan Tuinman



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 66

**R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Confi-te- antur ti-bi popu-li omnes.

*Let all the people praise thee.*

## 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.

## Taize Prayer

The Sisters of Compassion are offering Taize Prayer on the first Friday of each month from 7pm-8pm at the Home of Compassion Chapel in Island Bay. The first day will be Friday 1st August 2014. All are welcome to join the prayer group.

## Catholic Deaf Community

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 24 August. A NZSL interpreter will be present.

## Peace in the Middle East

All of us are aware of the desperate situation of many people in the Middle East who are suffering from the effects of war. Caritas have issued a press release which can be found on their website: [www.caritas.org](http://www.caritas.org)

We are asked to not only pray for peace in the Middle East but also to respond to the Caritas appeal.

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## SMAYACs

### Prayer Group

All young adults and the young at heart are invited to a time of prayer, reflection and readings every Thursday at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

### Roast Dinner Sunday

After the 5pm Mass at St Josephs, this Sunday the 17th August, join us for a roast dinner at Hotel Cambridge just down the road. They have a \$15 roast dinner special which is very good value. Either meet us for 5pm Mass or meet us there. Should be good fun!

### 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 Robert Oliver: phone 934 2296 or email [robert.oliver@paradise.net.nz](mailto:robert.oliver@paradise.net.nz)

### St Vincent de Paul

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society's Saint Mary of the Angel's conference is on Tuesday August 19th in the Presbytery at 6pm. New members are welcome.

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A retreat weekend from 3-5th October for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. Information is available for men and women. All enquiries strictly confidential. "There is hope for your future." (Jer 31) Contact Wendy Hill on 027 254 9222 or email [info@rachelvineyard.org.nz](mailto:info@rachelvineyard.org.nz)

### St Brigid's Feilding 125th Jubilee

St Brigid's Parish in Feilding invite you to their 125th Jubilee on 24th - 26th October (Labour weekend). Registration and meet & greet over nibbles and drinks will happen on Friday 24th October. Saturday will include the Stations of the cross, morning tea, memorial Mass, lunch, visits to local sites of interest to the parish, family games and a Jubilee dinner. The weekend will end on Sunday with a Jubilee Mass and BBQ lunch. Cost: \$40 per person. For more information contact: [stbjubilee@gmail.com](mailto:stbjubilee@gmail.com) or 0800 505 194

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## For Your Diaries : 2014

### 24 August, Catholic Deaf Community

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 24 August. A NZSL interpreter will be present.

### 29 August, NZSO Haydn's Creation

The NZSO will be presenting Haydn's Creation in Wellington's Michael Fowler Centre on Friday 29 August 6.30pm. Under the direction of early music specialist Nicholas McGegan and featuring the Orpheus Choir of Wellington, Madeleine Pierard soprano, Robin Tritschler tenor and Jonathan Lemalu bass-baritone, this magnificent work retelling the creation of the world and taking inspiration from the Bible's The Book of Genesis, will surely enchant. For more details go to [www.nzso.co.nz](http://www.nzso.co.nz)

### 29 July - 2 September, Life in the Spirit Seminar

You are invited to attend a Life in the Spirit Seminar taking place over 6 weeks, each Tuesday, from 29th July to 2nd September 2014, 10.30am to 12 noon. Please note change of venue to: St Joseph's Church, 42 Ellice Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington. For further information and to register please contact Judith Milio, ph 4 389 3272; email: [j.milio@xtra.co.nz](mailto:j.milio@xtra.co.nz). Registrations will close on 18th July 2014.

### 5-7 September, Marriage Encounter Weekend

When was the last time you had a weekend away just for the two of you? Marriage Encounter is holding its weekend marriage enrichment experience on 5 - 7 September at the Magnificat Retreat Centre near Featherston. All couples deserve this special weekend which provides an atmosphere for couples to concentrate on each other in privacy, free of the usual distractions and pressures of modern life. To book on the weekend or obtain further information please phone Olivia & Brett on 0800 362 686.

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### First Friday Taize Prayer at the Home of Compassion

All are welcome to join the Taize prayer group on the first Friday of each month. 7pm-8pm at the Home of Compassion Chapel, Island Bay.

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St Mary of the Angels Parish

### Church and Presbytery:

**17 Boulcott Street,  
Wellington Central  
Telephone: 473 8074  
Parish website: [www.smoa.org.nz](http://www.smoa.org.nz)**

*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*

### Parish Priest

Fr Barry Scannell SM  
[smoapp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoapp@xtra.co.nz)

### Assistant Priest

Fr Tom O'Connor SM

### Adult Education

Fr Michael Young SM

### Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

### Director of Music

Robert Oliver  
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### Parish Accountant

Jeanette Temelo  
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### Parish Office

[smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz)

### 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

## 17th August 2014, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

### Fundraising for St Mary of the Angels Church

At all Masses today parishioners will be given a copy of the brochure and donor card that has been specifically printed for the Church seismic strengthening project. This was also given to those who attended the launch of the project at Parliament on Thursday 7 August.

I invite everyone to respond generously to this appeal. We cannot begin work until sufficient funds have been raised and the first target is \$3,000,000. Once we have raised this amount we can begin work on Stage 1.

We are asking the wider community of Wellington and New Zealand to help us with our Church. We need to show that wider community that as parishioners of the Parish we are doing all we can to support the fundraising. A receipt will be issued for all donations. We are registered with the Charities Commission so all donations are tax deductible.

Thank you for considering your response to this appeal. We have the plans to strengthen the Church and we can begin once sufficient funds are received. Each week we will update you on the number of responses and the amount raised.

### Adult Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Perhaps you know someone who is curious about the Catholic Faith?

The Adult Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the process through which adults are gradually introduced to the Catholic faith and way of life. St Mary of the Angels is holding an introductory evening on this Tuesday 19th August at 7.15pm in the Parish Hall.

If you would like more information or wish to enrol please contact the Parish Office: email [smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz) or phone 473 8074.

A pamphlet with an invitation is available at Masses today. Please give one to someone who might be interested in the Catholic faith.

*Father Barry Scannell s.m.  
Parish Priest*

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