

For Your Diaries : 2014

31 August, St Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust AGM

The Annual General Meeting of St Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust will be held in the Parish Hall today at 1.30pm. Parishioners are very welcome to attend this meeting.

5 September, Challenge 2000 Street Day Appeal

The Challenge 2000 Street Day Appeal is on Friday 5th September. Please give generously.

5 September, 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.

5-7 September, Marriage Encounter Weekend

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.

7 September, Archdiocese Young Church Mass

All are invited to the next Archdiocese Young Church Mass on Sunday 7 September, 7pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. This month's Mass will be hosted by Challenge 2000 and celebrated by Archbishop Dew.

13 September, Archdiocesan Stewardship 'How To' Day

You are warmly invited to join Archbishop John as he convenes our next Stewardship "How To" day on Saturday, 13 September at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. The theme for the day is 'Belonging'. The day will begin at 9.30am with registration and tea/coffee and Archbishop John will offer the opening prayers at 10.00am. Lunch is not provided, so do please bring your lunch with you and something to share. RSVPs should be to Joanne Gomez on (04) 496 1788 or info@wn.catholic.org.nz

3 November, Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship Grant

This scholarship is available within the Archdiocese to assist students with their tertiary education. Apply in writing for application form to: Sisters of Compassion, PO Box 1474, Wellington. Closing date – 3 November 2014

Traditional Latin Mass is celebrated each Sunday at 12.30pm at Pa Maria, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon. Enquiries: Neil Coup 021 896 924

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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

31st August 2014, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

The Friend's of St Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust

The Annual General Meeting of the St Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust will be held today at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend this meeting. Afternoon tea will follow the business of the meeting.

Fundraising for the Seismic Strengthening of the Church

All parishioners should now have a copy of the fundraising brochure for the seismic strengthening of the Church. In last week's Angelus I reported that 22 parishioners had responded to the appeal by returning their donor card. In the past week a further 12 parishioners have returned their cards. We sincerely thank all of you who have responded generously to the Seismic Strengthening Appeal.

The fundraising committee are actively contacting people who are not parishioners asking them to support our fundraising campaign. However, in asking others to support us we also need confirmation that parishioners will support the strengthening of their own Church. We cannot begin work or apply for a grant from the Lotteries Board until we have at least 3 million dollars.

Please consider carefully what you are able to do for the Seismic Strengthening Appeal. There are many ways to contribute and these are indicated on the Donor Card. If you have not received a Fundraising Brochure they are available after Mass.

Maori Pastoral Care Appeal

A retiring collection for Māori Pastoral Care will be taken at all Masses today. This year's appeal focus includes support for the Young Catholic Leaders Programme. The Archdiocese has run Young Catholic Leader annually since 2004 - a five-day, live-in programme is for students heading into Year 13 at Secondary School.

The Māori Pastoral Care Appeal assists young people who would not otherwise be able to afford the cost of attending this programme. The benefits of this programme are huge and far reaching. Please give generously and keep the Māori Pastoral Care Ministry in your prayers.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.
Parish Priest

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This Week's Readings

First Reading Jer 20:7-9
The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

Second Reading Rom 12:1-2
May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:21-27
Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Ezek 33:7-9
Psalm 94
Second Reading Rom 13:8-10
Gospel Reading Matthew 18:15-20

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$5,065
Parish Expenses	\$3,596
Support of House	\$1,469



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 contributions.

Archdiocesan Stewardship 'How To' Day

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Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Winnie McDermot, Joan Killen, Barbara Ross, Su-Yen Bok

Anniversaries: Monica Hourihan, Tom Kennard, Louis Hannan, Carmel Pledger, Brian Stempa, Brett Gray, John Casserley, Scott Loader, Mark Loader, Ula Loader, Eunice Clark, Patricia Goulter

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 62

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
 for you my soul is thirsting.
 My body pines for you
 like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
 to see your strength and your glory.
 For your love is better than life,
 my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
 in your name I will lift up my hands.
 My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
 my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help;
 in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
 My soul clings to you;
 your right hand holds me fast. **R.**



De-us, De-us me-us, si-ti-vit in te a-ni-ma me-a!

O God, my God, for thee my soul hath thirsted.

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.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults are invited to learn about the Catholic faith and way of life. The St Mary of the Angels programme is held on Tuesday evenings at 7.15pm in the Parish Hall, 17 Boulcott St Wellington.

If you would like more information or wish to enrol please contact the Parish Office.

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

First Level Course:

An Introduction to Christian Spirituality

Thursday 4th September, 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Pa Maria, 78 Hobson Street. **Theme:** Spirituality and the Person in Relation to the World

Session 4: The Church and the World

Second Level Course: (Restricted)

The Incomparable God - the Testimony of Israel

Wednesday 3rd September, 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme:** Israel's Counter Testimony

Session 6: C. Ambiguity and the Character of God (Part 2):

C.2. Does God Contradict? - continued;

C.3. Is God Reliable?



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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.

Theology on Tap

St Mary of the Angels Young Adults invite everyone to join them at Theology on Tap tonight from 6.30pm - 7.30pm upstairs at Hotel Bristol, Cuba St. This month's speaker will be Chris Beard, Director of the University Ecumenical Chaplaincy. Chris will speak on ecumenical experiences and opportunities and the "Rooftops" organisation, based at Victoria University.

The Rooftops vision is to encourage Christians to engage with and take their first steps into public square discussion and debate. Rooftops provide support and training for Christian students, graduates and others to make informed contributions to public forums.

For more info visit www.ecumenicalchaplaincy.org.nz and come to hear Chris speak. There will be plenty of opportunity for Q&A. All welcome!

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.

St Vincent de Paul Pregnancy Assistance

Do you know someone who may need clothing, bedding, cloth nappies or a bassinet? Pregnancy Assistance gives out free baby items to pregnant women and new parents on low wages or in need. Phone 389 7122 for more information, or come in and ask for us at the Vinnie's shop, 207 Riddiford St, Newtown. This service is available from 10am - 2pm, Wednesday to Friday.

St Vincent de Paul also welcomes donations of baby clothes, and other items. Please contact Annette Law to arrange item collection. Phone 389 7122 or email pa.svdp@gmail.com

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