

## For Your Diaries : 2014

### 14 September, Life Teen Election Forum

Life Teen invites all young adults to an Election Forum hosted by Shane and Simone Olsen tonight at 7pm, St Patricks Parish Hall, Kilbirnie. Shane works as chair of the Justice and Peace Commission, Simone works as Communications Advisor for the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference. Both have knowledge of the NZCBC statement on the elections & will discuss Catholic voting perspectives.

### 14, 21 & 28 September, National Organ Month

St John's in the City is celebrating National Organ Month by showcasing its historic instrument in three recitals at 2.30pm each Sunday in September. Door sales: \$20/\$10 concession/children free.

### 18 September, An evening with Sister Margaret Mayce OP

You are warmly invited to an evening with Sister Margaret Mayce OP. Thursday 18 September 7.30pm-9pm at Sts Peter and Paul Church, 35 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville. This will be a time of prayer and pondering during Social Justice Week around the theme: The Guiding Principles of Human Rights, in particular those of Women and Children. More info: domswm@clear.net.nz or 4770751.

### 18 September, Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship (Wellington Branch)

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship warmly invites you and your friends to our Monthly Praise and Worship meeting on Thursday 18th September 2014 at 7.30pm at Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace. Theme for this meeting: 'Put Your Faith In Christ'. Enquiries to David Monastra: 388 1079 or 027 447 7280.

### 20 September, Dove Catholic Fellowship for women

Dove Catholic Fellowship invites all women to their meeting Saturday 20 September 1.15pm-3.30pm. Note venue change at Mercy Centre Guildford Terrace (off Hill St) Thorndon. Speaker: Fr John Rea, Theme: 'The Times and their Signs'. Join us for praise and worship, solid biblical teaching, prayer ministry and fellowship. Enquiries Sandra 475 5541 www.dove.org.nz

### 21 September, Catholic Deaf Community Mass

The Catholic Deaf Community invites all Deaf to join them for the 9.30am Mass at St Martin de Porres Church, 6 Park Ave, Lower Hutt, on Sunday 21 September. A NZSL interpreter will be present.

### 24 September, Public Meeting: Abortion

Debbie Garratt, founder and director of Real Choices Australia, is hosting a public meeting to discuss abortion risks, the problem of coercion and true informed consent. 7.30pm Wednesday 24 September, Room SU 217, Student Union Building, Victoria University Kelburn Campus. For more info, including a map to the venue please visit: www.prolife.org.nz

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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**

*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

### Assistant Priest

Fr Tom O'Connor SM

### Adult Education

Fr Michael Young SM

### Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

### Director of Music

Robert Oliver  
robert.oliver@paradise.net.nz

### Parish Accountant

Jeanette Temelo  
smoamanager@xtra.co.nz

### Parish Office

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

## 14th September 2014, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### It can't come soon enough!

I will be glad when the election for a new government is finally over next Saturday. It is not that I dislike elections – in fact over the years I have always enjoyed the lead-up to polling day and the candidate meetings in the local community hall, especially when vigorous debate took place. It was certainly robust but mostly done with each candidate respecting the other. However, this year things seem very different. In my opinion there is something amiss when the media focus of the first two weeks of an election campaign was on 'hacked' and stolen information from someone else's internet account.

I was given the privilege of voting over forty years ago. I have always found it an exciting time. The polls have often been proved wrong and sometimes it was very late on election night before the result was known. This all added to the excitement of the whole experience.

This year is different. Social media enables us to communicate instantly with each other. As the celebrant at many weddings I am always requested by the bride and groom to remind guests not to send photo's of the wedding to others from their mobile phone until the couple have had a chance to post their own photo's online. Sadly, some people do not always respect this request. People do not respect other's privacy. Perhaps that is why I have never been inclined to open a 'Facebook' or 'Twitter' account.

Election Day cannot come quick enough for me. What should have been an exciting and important lead-up to our democratic right to vote for the Government of our choice has turned sour. Initial coverage of the election campaign, by the press and social media, was centered around alleged illegality of a privacy breach. I feel uneasy when an election process has been dominated by information stolen from someone else's internet account. It negates policy and important issues we should be addressing and it sows mistrust and disdain throughout society and in our communities. It centers debate around personal ethics and moral conduct of individuals rather than each political party's policies.

It may be important for us to read the NZ Catholic Bishop's Statement on the election, for a different approach to the election process: www.catholic.org.nz

*Father Barry Scannell s.m.*

*Parish Priest*

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## This Week's Readings

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Num</b>	<b>21:4-9</b>
<i>When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.</i>		
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Phil</b>	<b>2:6-11</b>
<i>He humbled himself, therefore God has exalted him.</i>		
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>3:13-17</b>
<i>The Son of Man must be lifted up.</i>		

## Next Week's Readings

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Is</b>	<b>55:6-9</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>114</b>	
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Phil</b>	<b>1:20-24, 27</b>
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>20:1-16</b>

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,648
Parish Expenses	\$3,300
Support of House	\$1,348



## 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 18th September, 7.30 - 9.30pm at Pa Maria, 78 Hobson St. **Theme:** Spirituality & Growth and Development in the Spiritual Life **Session 2:** Mysticism

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

Wednesday 17th September, 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme:** Israel's Counter Testimony.  
**Session 8:** D. God and Negativity (Part 1) - D.1. The First Consideration of God's Negativity: Covenant Sanctions.

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Teodora Dacpano, Patricia Smith, Winnie McDermot, Su-Yen Bok

**Anniversaries:** Freda Fernie, Francis Renouf, Fr. Regis O'Reilly s.m., Peter Feenan, Pip Baxter, Brian Stempa, Marie McWilliams, Gerry Zuccollo, Braczek Tadewcz, Carmel Pledger, Louis Hannan

**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, Imelda Reeve, Jan Tuinman, Helen Havasi, Dulcie Campbell, 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 102

### R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Give heed, my people, to my teaching;  
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable  
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **R.**

When he slew them then they would seek him,  
return and seek him in earnest.  
They would remember that God was their rock,  
God the Most High their redeemer. **R.**

But the words they spoke were mere flattery;  
they lied to him with their lips.  
For their hearts were not truly with him;  
they were not faithful to his covenant. **R.**

Yet he who is full of compassion  
forgave their sin and spared them.  
So often he held back his anger  
when he might have stirred up his rage. **R.**

