# 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

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

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## 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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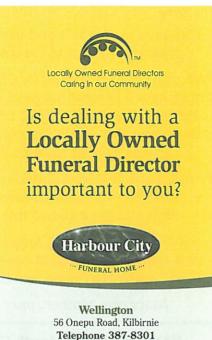
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#### **MASSES**

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

Monday to

7:30am, 12:05pm,

Friday

& 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

Friday

Saturday

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

4:30pm-5:00pm

11:00am-noon

12:30pm-1:00pm

4:30pm-5:00pm 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

# T IN YOUR FAITH

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## This Week's Readings

First Reading Num 21:4-9 When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11 He humbled himself, therefore God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading John 3:13-17 The Son of Man must be lifted up.

## **Next Week's Readings**

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

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Last Sunday's Co	ollection	
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.

## Responsorial Psalm 102

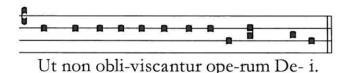
## R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

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.



That they may not forget the works of God.

# **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.







# Prayer for Seismic Strengthening Work

Gracious God, Creator of the Universe, vou 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.

# **National Organ Month Concerts**

St John's in the City is celebrating National Organ Month by showcasing its historic instrument in three recitals at 2.30pm during September. Door sales tickets: \$20 or \$10 concession, (children free). The three recitals are a fundraiser for the refurbishing of the 1875 Lewis organ. 14 September - Douglas Mews

21 September - Kevin Duggan (visiting Danish organist) 28 September - Diane Halliday (director of music at St Peter's) & Chelsea Whitfield.

# An evening with Sister Margaret Mayce OP

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Sister Margaret represents Dominican Sisters International at the United Nations, co-ordinating the Dominican NGO and raising awareness of issues and initiatives that are in support of: the eradication of poverty; human rights for all; people centred, sustainable economic and social development; and the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls. For more info: domswn@clear.net.nz or 4770751.

# **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.

## 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 3rd November 2014.

### Social Justice Week

"It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions." Pope Francis

This week is Social Justice week. This is a significant time for us as Catholics to reflect upon the major social justice issues within our communities, our country and our world. This year's focus is Catholic Social Teaching which has seven key principles:

Human dignity - Each of us is made in God's image. Preferential option for the poor - Protecting those in need. Common Good - the good of each and all. Participation - Everyone with a part to play. Stewardship - being responsible guardians of the earth. Solidarity - walking together.

For more information about Social Justice Week visit www.caritas.org.nz or www.wn.catholic.org.nz

Subsidiarity - Empowering communities.

## St Vincent de Paul

The next meeting of the St Mary of the Angels Conference St Vincent de Paul Society will take place on Tuesday 16th September in the Presbytery at 6pm. New members are most welcome.

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