

For Your Diaries : 2014

12 October, SMAYACs Potluck Dinner

You are warmly invited to join the St Mary of the Angels Young Adults for a potluck dinner after the 5pm Mass tonight at St Joseph's Mt Victoria.

16 October, St Pats Old Boys Association Annual Dinner

All 'Town' and 'Stream' Old Boys are invited to attend our annual dinner on Thursday 16th October at 6pm in St Patrick's College Hall, Kilbirnie. Guest Speaker: Cori Gonzalez-Macuer (from, *What We Do in the Shadows*). Tickets \$45.00. Email: secretary@spcob.org.nz or Hadyn Nicholls 04 9734244. www.spcob.org.nz

16 October, Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship (Wellington Branch)

All men are warmly invited to our monthly Praise and Worship meeting on Thursday 16th October at 7.30pm at Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace. Theme: "You are chosen to be free". Enquiries to David Monastra: 3881079, 0274477280.

18 October, Dove Fellowship for Women

Dove invites all women to their meeting Saturday 18th October, 1.15-3.30pm at Connolly hall Guildford Terrace. Speaker: Bunty Buncie – a woman of vitality and fun, for 25 years she has travelled the nations, bringing the message of God's love and hope to an aching world. Join us for praise and worship, solid biblical teaching, prayer ministry and fellowship. Enquiries Sandra 475 5541 www.dove.org.nz

20 October, Book Launch - Fr Michael Hill IC

Fr Michael Hill IC is launching his recently published biography of the life of Blessed Antonio Rosmini at Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, on Monday 20th October at 6.30pm. Bishop Charles Drennan will introduce Father Hill and Kate de Goldi will chair the gathering. All very welcome. Refreshments will follow.

28 October, St John's Fellowship Group

St John's Fellowship Group extend a warm invitation to our parishioners to join them at their monthly meetings. The next gathering is on Tuesday 28 October, 11am at St John's Presbyterian Parish Hall, corner of Dixon and Willis Sts. Fr Barry Scannell will speak about the seismic strengthening of St Mary of the Angels.

31 October - 2 November, Recharge, Catholic Men's Retreat

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship have organised a Catholic Men's Retreat in Wainui, Canterbury from 31 October - 2 November. Retreat speakers are Brendan Malone and Bishop Denis Browne who will speak about the theme "Be Strong and Stand Firm". To register visit www.recharge.org.nz or call Jim Gribble 09 278 6326 or Greg Sullivan 09 846 0691. Enquiries to David Monastra: 3881079, 0274477280.

1 November, Vespers for All Saints

All are invited to Vespers for All Saints Day with the St Mary of the Angels Choir at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Vespers start at 4.40pm followed by Mass at 5.30pm. After Mass the choir will present a short concert.

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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

12th October 2014, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Thank You

Thank you to those parishioners who have completed donor cards for the Seismic Strengthening in the past week. Some parishioners have made a second contribution which is so heartening for the fundraising committee. Other parishioners have committed to a weekly, fortnightly or monthly contribution to the fundraising for the next three years. All of this is a great inspiration as we continue to work hard to achieve the first goal of \$3.1 million so that we can apply for a Lottery Grant and to commence Stage 1 of the project.

The brochures and donor cards are available at all Masses if you have not yet received one.

Synod on the Family

It has been an extraordinary time in Rome for the first few days on the Synod on the Family. Pope Francis arrived an hour before the Synod began on Monday morning, he mingled with the participants and then joined the queue to get a cup of coffee. What an amazing man.

Please keep this very important meeting in your prayers. I am sure Archbishop John will have plenty to share with us on his return.

Mission Sunday

Next week is Mission Sunday when we have the opportunity of acknowledging missionaries with our prayer and material support. In the Angelus today there is a Mission Appeal envelope which you are able to return to MISSIONZ.

SMAYACs Pot Luck Dinner

Everyone is warmly invited to a 'potluck dinner' tonight after the 5pm Mass at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. The main course will be provided, but if you are able to bring a savoury dish or a dessert it would be greatly appreciated. This is a good opportunity to support our young adults and especially our university students who only have a couple of weeks of term time left before exams and summer holidays.

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This Week's Readings

First Reading Is 25:6-10
The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14
Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Is 45:1, 4-6
Psalm 95
Second Reading Thess 1:1-5
Gospel Reading Matthew 22:15-21

Last Sunday's Collection

Total \$
 Parish Expenses \$
 Support of House \$



Planned Giving

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.

Columban Calendars

2015 Columban Calendars are now available for purchase from the Parish Office for \$10 each.

All proceeds go toward supporting St Columbans Mission Society.



Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Fr Vince Hunt, Fr Laurie Sakey, Rosven Pinopio, Su-Yen Bok

Anniversaries: Sidney Hall, Maria Doriguzzi, Bryan Outtrim, Colin Hooper, Desmond Ashe, Olive Va'a, Lawrence Keegan, Kathleen Cosgrave, O'Brien Reeve

Prayers for the Sick: Graham Townsley, Richard Wright, Ann Ross, Fr Craig Larkin sm, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, Philip Birch, Maureen McDonald, John Foden, Joanna Veltman, Imelda Reeve, Jan Tuinman, Dulcie Campbell, Kathleen Phelan, Fr Kevin O'Donoghue sm



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

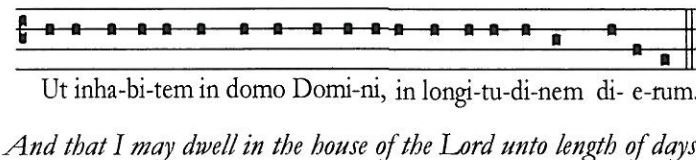
R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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.**



Ut inha-bi-tem in domo Domi-ni, in longi-tu-di-nem di-e-rum.
And that I may dwell in the house of the Lord unto length of days.

Vespers for All Saints

St Mary of the Angles Choir invites all parishioners to Vespers for All Saints Day, 4.40pm on the 1st November at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Vespers start at 4.40pm followed by Mass at 5.30pm, and a short concert.

Reflection: Our Family Synod

Pope Francis opened the Synod on Marriage and Family Life last weekend with an impassioned plea for his bishops to heed the voices of the Catholic world and not to impose what he called "intolerable moral burdens" on the faithful. The Synod comprises 200 bishops, including our Archbishop John Dew, and a number of lay people invited for their expertise in topics related to the theme.



There is huge interest around the world in this gathering which continues till next Sunday, October 19. Discussion and debate will centre on moral issues relative to modern family life, including abortion, contraception, homosexuality and divorce. While there is likely to be some vigorous exchanges, we should not expect immediate change in the Church's teachings, although there will be definite indicators to where change might eventually come.

In his opening address, Pope Francis had some cautionary but encouraging words:

"Synod gatherings are not meant to discuss beautiful and clever ideas, or to see who is more intelligent. Rather it's an opportunity to work generously with authentic freedom and humble creativity."

Such an approach should spur us on to support this unique occasion with sincere prayer. Pope Francis is leading the way to meaningful reform. He asks for our prayer. We must not let him down.

Fr James Lyons

Wool Wanted

Wool (any colour!) to be knitted into small woollen items for Catholic charities. Please contact Neil ph: 021 896 924.

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.

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.

Rosary Statue

The Parish Praesidium of the Legion of Mary once again has the Rosary Statue of Our Blessed Lady available to be shared around the Parish for families and individuals to be a focus of prayer in our Parish. If you would like to have the Statue for a week or so please sign up on the roster at the back of the Chapel/Parish Hall.

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Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

First Level Course: *An Introduction to Christian Spirituality*

Thursday 16th October, 7.30 - 9.30pm at Pa Maria, 78 Hobson St. **Theme:** Spirituality & Growth and Development in the Spiritual Life **Session 4:** The Three Ages and The Three Ways (Part 1)

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

Wednesday 15th October, 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme:** Israel's Counter Testimony.
Session 10: D. God and Negativity (Part 3) - The Second Consideration of God's Negativity: Theodicy in the Old Testament - continued.

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