

This Week's Readings

First Reading Gen 9:8-15
I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Second Reading St Pet 3:18-22
The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Gospel Mk 1:12-15
He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18
Psalm: Psalm 115
Second Reading: Rom 8:31-34
Gospel: Mk 9:2-10

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,619
Parish Expenses	\$3,141
Support of House	\$1,478



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.

Catholic Social Services Street Day Appeal

Collectors are needed on Thursday 26th February in Wellington, Kilbirnie and Petone. If you are able to give an hour of your time to help, please phone Vivien on 385 8642 or email v.chiu@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Glen Satherley, Graham Townsley

Anniversaries: Richard Brugnol, Marivac Del Rosario, Joan Abbott, Cecilia Dickson, Leslie Kriebel, Donald Mcivor, Father Barry Edwards, Father Michael O'Meehan sm, John Morris, Nelson Nunns

Prayers for the Sick: Richard Wright, Fr Craig Larkin sm, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, Rosalie Coyle, Maureen McDonald, John Foden, Joanna Veltman, Imelda Reeve, Jan Tuinman, Kath Symes, 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.

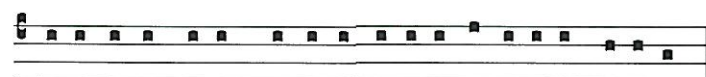
Responsorial Psalm 24

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.
 Lord, teach me your paths.
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
 for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
 and the love you have shown from of old.
 In your love remember me,
 because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
 He shows the path to those who stray,
 he guides the humble in the right path;
 he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**



Uni-versae vi- ae Domi-ni, mi-se-ri-cordi- a et ve-ri-tas.-

All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A retreat weekend will be held from 10th-12th April 2015 for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. Information is available for men and women. All enquiries strictly confidential. Contact Wendy Hill rvnzretreats@gmail.com or 027 2549222 or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service with Fr John Rea on Thursday, 5 March, in Sacred Heart Cathedral beginning at 8pm (please note the later time). All are welcome. Come and experience the healing touch of Jesus.

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.

Liturgical Reception for Cardinal John

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Wellington Eucharistic Convention

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Theology on Tap

Sunday 22 February, 6.30pm upstairs at Hotel Bristol
 This month we have Julianne Hickey from Caritas talking about their lent appeal "Light a Fire in the Heart of the World". We hope to see you there!

Parish Barbeque

An invitation is extended to the young people of our Parish, to come to a BBQ to welcome back new and returning students after the 5.15pm Mass on Friday 20 March. Come and enjoy food and fellowship in our Parish Hall.

Marist St Pats RFC

Would you like to play rugby for Wellingtons Catholic Rugby Club Junior and Senior player registrations are now being accepted. For more info check out www.msprugby.co.nz

Home of Compassion

There will be a time of prayer during the weeks of Lent to pray for peace, in the Ukraine, and especially the world wide threat of ISIS. You are warmly invited to join us in this intentional prayer every Wednesday beginning 25th February, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March, at the Home of Compassion Chapel, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay, at 7p.m. - 7.30p.m. Please Note: There will be NO Taize Prayer on the 6th March.

Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 24 February beginning at 7.30pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, times of silence and concluding with Benediction followed by supper.

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

First Level Course: An Introduction to Christian Spirituality

Venue: Pa Maria, 78 Hobson Street, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Theme: Spirituality and Liturgy and Devotion Session 5 Sacraments (Part 3) 26 February 2015

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

Venue: Parish Hall, 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm 25 February

Theme: Israel's Unsolicited Testimony Session 9 C. The Human Person as God's Partner (Part 4)

- C.3. Characteristic Markings (Practices and Disciplines) of Covenantal Humanness - continued

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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

MASS TIMES

Sunday

7am St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall
9am Sacred Heart Cathedral
12pm St John's Presbyterian Church
5pm St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria

Monday to Friday

St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall
7:30am, 12:05pm & 5:15pm

Saturday

11am St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall
11am Mass 4th Saturday of each month

ADORATION

St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall
Monday to Friday 6:45am - 7:30am
Friday 11:00am-12:00pm

RECONCILIATION

St Mary of the Angels Presbytery
Monday to Thursday 11:30am-12:00pm
12:30pm - 1:00pm
4:30pm - 5:00pm

Friday

11:00am-12:00pm
12:30pm - 1:00pm
4:30pm - 5:00pm

Saturday

10:30am-11:00am
4:00pm - 5:00pm

Parish Priest

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Assistant Priest

Fr Carl Telford SM

Adult Education

Fr Michael Young SM

Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

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22nd February 2015, 1st Sunday of Lent - Year B

Lent a Season for All

Last week I was speaking with a physiotherapist and the topic of Lent somehow arose in our conversation. Although a baptized Christian, any involvement with Church or religion was long ago as a secondary school student. However, to my surprise she mentioned how she and a friend always give up something for Lent. It was not because of any religious belief that they made this decision. And interestingly they have been doing it for some years.

It reminds us that the liturgical season of Lent crosses boundaries and religious traditions. Many of us in Parish ministry celebrate Ash Wednesday with our brothers and sisters from a neighboring Christian tradition. Here at St Mary of the Angels we gather with St John's Presbyterian Church in the City for an Ash Wednesday Liturgy. This is our 3rd year of our coming together on Ash Wednesday (we also share Pentecost and Advent Vespers). And it all came about when Reverend Allister Lane asked if he and his parishioners could come to our Church and participate in an Ash Wednesday liturgy. His congregation never had any tradition of ashes and they were curious as to what happened on Ash Wednesday. This coming together has brought us very close. St John's have been so generous to us (as have the Cathedral and St Joseph's) since our Church closed.

I wonder how many other stories there are from Wellingtonians who will give something up this Lent, not because they are preparing for Easter but because it is good for their health.

First Sacraments Programme

The first sacraments programme for the Parishes of the Central Pastoral Area (Cathedral, Otari and St Mary of the Angels) will begin shortly. Throughout the course of this year the children will receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office. To be eligible children should be 8 years of age or older before 1 November 2015 and have already been baptized.

Father Barry Scannell S.M.