### This Week's Readings

First Reading

Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Second Reading Rom 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

Gospel Mk 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

## **Next Week's Readings**

First Reading: Ex 20:1-17 Psalm: Psalm 18 Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25 Gospel:

Last Sunday's Collection	
Total	\$4,528
Parish Expenses	\$3,070

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.



### Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Father Bern Ryan sm, Paula Leauai

Anniversaries: Aileen Gallagher, Fr Chris Penders AA, Phil Busby, Trevor Randall, Frederick Brennan,

Donald Duerr, Coralie Leyland, Rita Kirwan, Baldo Sutich, Denis Boyd, Deidre Sweeney

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 115

# R. I will walk I the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. R.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. R.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord. in your midst, O Jerusalem. R.



Pla-cebo Domi-no in re-gi- one vi-vo-rum.-I will please the Lord in the land of the living.

# 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 ww.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.

## XLT (Exalt) Youth Worship Night

A special invite to a new monthly event for the Young Church (Year 9 - 13 students and Young Adults 18 -35). XLT - a night of relevant worship and Eucharistic Adoration. A collaboration between the Archdiocese of Wellington, Life Teen & ICPE Mission.

Come to our first XLT ever on Friday 13 March, 7 to 9pm, venue to be announced.

# St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Catholics

Our prayer group meets: 5 February at 6pm in the St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall. Come along for the first of our twice-monthly reflection of the gospel and prayer. We will have a social catch-up afterwards.

#### **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 finishing on 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.

# St Mary of the Angels Choir

The St Mary of the Angels Choir is seeking new members. The choir sings Gregorian chant and polyphony at the 12pm Mass each Sunday. If you would like to join the choir please contact Robert Oliver: phone 934 2296 or email robert.oliver@paradise.net.nz or say hello to one of the friendly choir members after Mass. There is no audition.

# **Archdiocese Commissioning Mass 2015**

You are warmly invited to join with teachers and support staff in Catholic schools to celebrate Eucharist and to give support as they are commissioned and blessed in our ministry. Mass will take place at 5.30pm on Thursday 5th March 2015 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Thorndon, Wellington. For further information please contact Sue Davis, Ph 04 4961710 or email: s.davis@wn.catholic.org.nz

# 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 5 March 2015

Theme: Spirituality and Liturgy and Devotion Session 6 Popular Devotions and Music and Architecture

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

Venue: Parish Hall, 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm

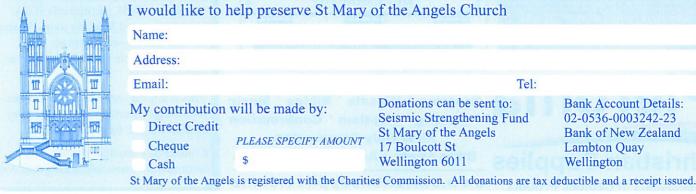
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Theme: Israel's Unsolicited Testimony Characteristic Markings (Practices and Disciplines) of Covenantal Humanness - continued; C.4. Covenantal Existence

Session 10 C. The Human Person as God's Partner (Part 5) – C.3.

as Alternative Humanness; C.5. Covenantal Humanness in Two Texts

# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS EARTHQUAKE STRENGTHENING APPEAL



# For Your Diaries: 2015

### 3 March, Liturgy Workshop

You are warmly invited to a Liturgy workshop on Tuesday 3 March on Liturgy and the Multicultural Church presented by Fr Ricky Manalo. Fr Ricky is an American Paulist priest who teaches at Santa Clara University and serves on a number of groups including the North American Academy of Liturgy. Fr James Lyons from the Cathedral has made this workshop possible and it has the endorsement of Fr Patrick Bridgman who is the liturgy advisor. Venue: SS Peter and Paul Church, Lower Hutt. 7.30 – 9.00pm. Entry by koha please. RSVP to Ann Williams 496 1777 or a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

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### 6 March, Liturgical Reception for Cardinal John

To welcome Cardinal John back from Rome following his appointment to the College of Cardinals. There will be a reception at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill St, Thorndon, Wellington, at 6pm on Friday, 6th of March. This will begin with a time of prayer (Evening Prayer of the Church) followed by light refreshments. All are welcome.

### 20 March, 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 or Friday 20 March. Come and enjoy food and fellowship.

### 10-12 April, Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

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### 5-7 June, St Theresa's, Plimmerton 75 Jubilee

St Theresa's Catholic parish of Plimmerton, in the

Wellington Archdiocese, will be celebrating their 75th jubilee on the weekend 5-7 June 2015. Anyone interested in celebrating with the parish is most welcome. To find out more go to www.plimmertoncatholic.org.nz or phone the parish office 042331279.



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### Parish Support for Supper

The Parish has been asked to help with providing some food for the large numbers expected at the function for Cardinal John. I need someone to co-ordinate the response from St Mary of the Angels. The request from Mary-Elizabeth Bayliss who is the co-ordinator of the hospitality says:

> "we are asking each Parish to provide support by making sandwiches and slices. I hope that St Mary of the Angels will be willing to make up four loaves of sandwiches and a couple of trays of slices"

I would appreciate if a generous and willing parishioner would co-ordinate the response from our Parish. Please let either Sister Frances or myself know at Mass today.

#### Welcome

We warmly welcome any young people and students who have recently arrived in Wellington. There will be a barbeque in the Parish grounds on Friday 20 March following the 5.15pm Mass to welcome all those Catholic students and young people who have come to the city to study

# **First Sacraments Programme**

Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. (Sacred Heart Parish, Thorndon; St Mary's of the Angels, and Otari Parish – St Teresa's, Karori and St Thomas More, Wilton) Registration forms can be picked up at any of the three Parish Offices, Churches or Schools. To be eligible your child should be 8+ years of age before 1 November 2015 and already be baptised. For any queries contact Estelle Henrys ph 4753825 or ev.henrys@gmail.com

Father Barry Scannell S.M.