This Week's Readings

First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

Second Reading 1 In 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

Gospel Jn 15:1-8

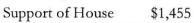
All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26 Psalm: Psalm 97 Second Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Gospel: Jn 15:9-17

Last Sunday's Collection

Total \$4,546 Parish Expenses \$3,091





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.

Living in Colour

Post-abortion healing and recovery: A weekly programme for 8 life-changing weeks. You can live in colour. Email: hopeandhealing4u@gmail.com or Phone: 237 8343

Responsorial Psalm 21

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

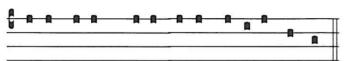
My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! R.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. R.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to

declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done'. R.



Apud te laus me- a in eccle-si- a magna.

With Thee is my praise in a great church.

Guided Five Day Non-Residential Retreat

"Seen Through the Eyes of Mercy": An Ignatian retreat inspired by Pope Francis. For further information and to register, phone (Pā Maria) 472 2734 or email bgcummings@xtra.co.nz.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Clare Dwyer, Rosalie Coyle

Anniversaries: Vicki McPhee, Jane Martin, Stewart Dickson, Mark Fitzgerald, David Butler, Ian Jones,

Terry Chamberlain, Joseph Hermon, Marietta Hopman

thank

you.

Prayers for the Sick: Richard Wright, Fr Craig Larkin sm, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, 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.







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.

Study Theology

Study Theology by distance or on-campus: Applications are invited for students wishing to study part-time GradDip in Theology from Good Shepherd College, Auckland, in Semester 2, 2015. Applications close 29 May 2015. Email admin@gsc.ac.nz for forms.

Marriage Encounter

When was the last time you had a weekend away just for the two of you? Marriage Encounter is holding its weekend marriage enrichment experience on 15 – 17 May 2015 at the Magnificat Retreat Centre near Featherston. All couples deserve this special weekend which provides an atmosphere for couples to concentrate on each other in privacy, free of the usual distractions and pressures of modern life. To book on the weekend or obtain further information please phone Olivia & Brett on 0800 362 686.

Caritas: Nepal Emergency Appeal

In the wake of the massive 7.9 earthquake that has hit Nepal, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has committed an initial NZD50,000 for the immediate recovery efforts. We will work with the global Caritas network to ensure that we meet immediate needs for shelter, food and water, whilst being there for the long term rebuilding of lives and livelihoods. We have launched an Emergency Appeal to help those affected by the earthquake. These funds will go into our Nepal Disaster Fund.

Internet banking deposit to Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand, account number: 03 0518 0211216 00 (reference: Nepal) Donate online at www.caritas.org.nz

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Post a cheque to Caritas, Freepost 689, PO Box 12193, Thorndon, Wellington 6144.

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 7 May 2015

Theme: A Brief History of Spirituality I Session 2 The Patristic Church: Introduction and the Age of Persecutions

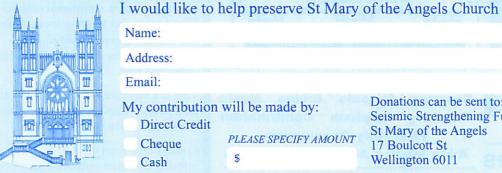
Second Level Course (Restricted): The Incomparable God – the Testimony of Israel

Venue: Parish Hall, 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Theme: Israel's Unsolicited Testimony Session 16 E. Creation as God's Partner (Part 2) – E.2. Creation in

Jeopardy - continued.

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For Your Diaries: 2015

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16 May, St Bernard's College Old Boys Function

All SBC Old Boys and supporters, friends and families are invited on 16th May 2015 from 12:30pm at the Hutt Old Boys Marist clubrooms. We have teamed up with Hutt Old Boys Marist Rugby Club to kick off the new SBC OBA (St Bernard's College Old Boys Association) in collaboration with the HOBM "Old Timers Day". This is a great opportunity for SBC Old Boys to catch up and to meet your committee. Please come and join us.

5-7 June, St Theresa's, Plimmerton 75th 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.

13-17 July, Guided Five Day Non-Residential Retreat

"Seen Through the Eyes of Mercy": An Ignatian retreat inspired by Pope Francis. Making use of his words, a favourite movie of his and his favourite artwork. Monday 13 July - Friday 17 July. 9.30am - 4.00pm each day. Cost \$200. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Venue: Pā Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon, Wellington. For further information and to register, phone (04) 472 2734 or email bgcummings@xtra.co.nz

23-26 October, Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish Celebration

Sacred Heart Cathedral parish and schools are delighted to showcase their 'presence' over 165 years and invite all to join their celebration over labour weekend. For more information visit the parish website www.mcshwellington.org

Traditional Latin Mass

Traditional Latin Mass will be offered on Sunday, 10 May at San Antonio Church, 78 Oroua St., Eastbourne, at 12.30pm. See us on Facebook: https:// www.facebook.com/WellingtonLatinMass. There is Latin Mass on 2nd, 4th, and 5th (if any) Sundays of the Month 12.30nn at San Antonio Church in Eastbourne. For Enquiries, ring/text Neil at 021896924

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MASS TIMES

Sunday

St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall 7am Sacred Heart Cathedral 12pm St John's Presbyterian Church 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

6:45am - 7:30am Monday to Friday 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

11:00am-12:00pm Friday

12:30pm - 1:00pm

4:30pm - 5:00pm

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

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3rd May 2015, Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B

Father Michael Fitzgerald s.m.

Father Michael who has been part of the Marist community at St Mary of the Angels for the past three months is returning to Fiji to teach philosophy at the Pacific Regional Seminary. Last year Father Michael returned to the New Zealand Province of the Society of Mary after 43 years working in the Pacific with the Oceania Province. However, another philosophy lecturer has recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer so Father Michael has generously agreed to return to Fiji to resume teaching. He leaves on Monday 18 May.

We thank Father Michael for his ministry at St Mary of the Angels and wish him every blessing as he returns to Fiji. I am sure we will see him from time to time when he returns to Wellington to visit his family.

Seismic Strengthening of the Church

It is just over a month since work began on the seismic strengthening of the Church. It is easy to notice the huge amount of work taking place outside the Church and in the grounds as preparations are made so that building supplies and drilling equipment can be moved on site. I can assure you that there is also much work going on inside the Church. A large drilling rig is in operation drilling the holes for the 63 ground anchors which will secure the building in the event of any 'uplift' from a large earthquake. Cutting of the concrete floor is also underway in preparation for the ground beams.

While we have the necessary finance for Stage I (\$3.1 million) there is still a considerable amount of money to raise (\$6.2 million) to ensure that work can continue to complete Stage II of the project. Please keep this in your prayers. We are relying of the generosity of parishioners, the wider Wellington community and people throughout New Zealand to complete the seismic strengthening of this beautiful historic building,

Father Barry Scannell sm Parish Priest