#### This Week's Readings

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

Second Reading

1 Jn 4:7-10

God is love.

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

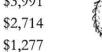
## **Next Week's Readings**

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Psalm: Psalm 46
Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23
Gospel: Mk 16:15-20

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## **Dove Wellington**

Dove Wellington invites all women to their meeting on Saturday 16 May, between 1.30-3.30pm at Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace. This month we are blessed and excited to have Father Tony Alex as our guest speaker. It will be a meeting not to be missed, if possible. For enquiries, please phone Rachel on (04) 2332553.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is also hosting a retreat in Auckland from Friday 31 July to Sunday 2 August 2015. We have a dynamic group of speakers and encourage women of all ages to attend this weekend. Please visit www.dove.org.nz for further information.

#### Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Father Kevin F O'Donoghue sm, Clare Dwyer, Rosalie Coyle

Anniversaries: Father Gus Hill sm, Oinah MacPherson, Mary Egan, John Smith

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.







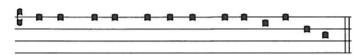
#### Responsorial Psalm 97

# R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R**.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R**.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R**.



No-tum fe-cit Domi-nus sa-lu-ta-re su-um.

The Lord hath made known his salvation

### **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.

## **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.

# Beatification of Archbishop Oscar Romero

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.

Mass for the beatification of Archbishop Oscar Romero: Monsenor Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, was assassinated for his advocacy of human rights in March 1980. He has been recognized as a martyr and will be beatified in El Salvador on May 23rd. A Mass to mark this step a Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Friday, May 22nd at St Joseph's church, Ellice St, Mount Victoria.

The Mass will be in English and Spanish with Mons. Gerard Burns presiding. All welcome.

# Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington invites you to come and join us for our monthly meeting of prayer, praise and social time on Thursday 21st May at 7:30pm in Connolly Hall, Guilford Terrace, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral). Theme: "Courage. Be one in your witness to me". Speaker: Michael Powell Want to know more? Ring John Taylor (04) 389-8915 or 021-107-8538 or e-mail: jnjtaylor@paradise.net.nz

#### 24-Hours Of Rosaries For the Unborn Child

24 hours of Rosaries will be held at St Josephs Church, Upper Hutt starting on the 13th of May, Our Lady of Fatima, after the 9am Mass and continuing through the day and night until just before the 9am Mass the following day. At the beginning of each hour two rosaries will be prayed, followed by personal and silent prayer. St Joseph's invites others to participate at any time during these 24 hours.

## **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.

## 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

14 May 2015

Theme: A Brief History of Spirituality I Session 3 The Patristic Church: The 'Schools' of Alexandria and Antioch and Monasticism and Mysticism: Introduction

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

Venue: Parish Hall, 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm

13 May 2015

Theme: Israel's Unsolicited Testimony

Session 17 E. Creation as God's Partner (Part 3) – E.3. The World

and Nullification

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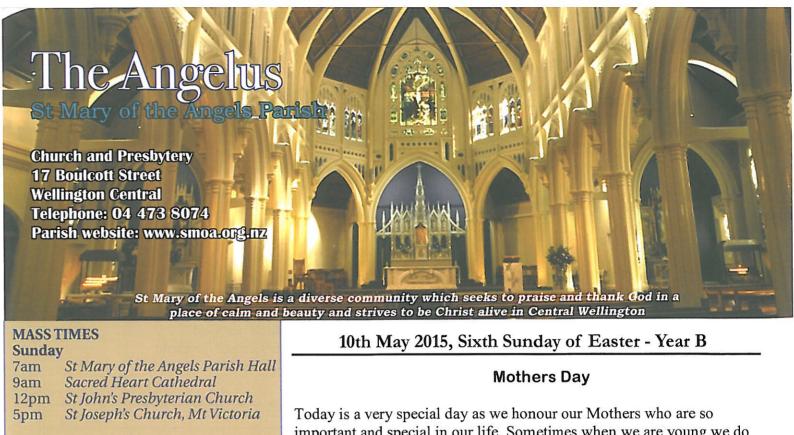
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St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall 7:30am, 12:05pm & 5:15pm

#### 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** 11:00am-12:00pm Friday

#### 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

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10:30am-11:00am Saturday

4:00pm - 5:00pm

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Fr Carl Telford SM

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Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

**Director of Music Robert Oliver** 

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#### A Mother's Heart

What is that noise inside of you? A mother told me this question came from her nearly three year old as she held her close. This conversation followed:

That's my heart you can hear.

Why is it making that noise?

What does the noise sound like?

It's a hitting sound.

It's really a pumping sound. Blood is pumped through the heart to keep us alive.

*Is it just for mothers?* 

No, dear. Everyone has a heart. If we didn't have a heart we wouldn't be able to do all the things we have to do.

Where do you get your heart from?

It comes from God. Like everything else in our bodies, the heart is a gift from God. Not only does your heart keep you alive, it helps you to love. God gives us a heart so we can love.

Does God have a heart?

Oh yes. God has the biggest heart because God loves everybody.

I have a big heart?

How do you know?

Because I love all of you.

The mother held that conversation in her heart for over 40 years. She said the memory of it was a wonderful comfort. It's my everlasting Mother's Day present, she said. Today we each give thanks for our own mother, especially for her heart.

Fr James Lyons