

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 1:1-11
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23
He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel Mk 16:15-20
The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
Psalm: Psalm 103
Second Reading: Gal 5:16-25
Gospel: Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,809
Parish Expenses	\$3,270
Support of House	\$1,539



Dove Wellington

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is 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.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society's Saint Mary of the Angels conference is on Tuesday May 19th in the Presbytery at 6pm. New members are welcome.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Father Kevin F O'Donoghue sm

Anniversaries: Brian Flynn, Michael Cenek, Margaret Fogarty, Mary Davidson, Maxwell Fernie, Michael Mahony, Mary Egan

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.

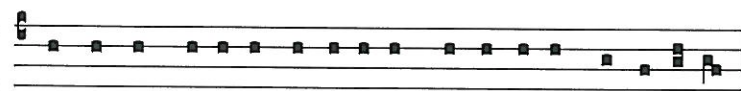
Responsorial Psalm 46

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, slap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**



Ascendit De-us in ju-bi-lo, et Domi-nus in vo-ce tubae.

*God is ascended with jubilee: and the Lord
with the sound of the trumpet.*

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.

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.

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.

165th Reunion

Parishioners and students, past and present, of Wellington's Sacred Heart Cathedral, Primary School, St Mary's College and the former Marist Brothers Thorndon, are invited to a reunion over Labour Weekend, 23-25 October. The occasion marks 165 years of continuous Catholic presence and education on the Thorndon site known as Golder's Hill. Features include a historic display in the National Library, a gala dinner and class reunions. Registration and programme details on www.mcswhellington.org/165-years-of-catholic-education Enquire also to The Secretary, 165 Jubilee, P O Box 1937, Wellington 6140.

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 21 May 2015
Theme: A Brief History of Spirituality I Session 4 The Patristic Church: Monasticism and Mysticism (continued)
– Desert Spirituality and the Seeds of Monasticism

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

Venue: Parish Hall, 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm 20 May 2015
Theme: Israel's Unsolicited Testimony Session 18 F. The Drama of Partnership with God (Part 1) – F.1. Dramatic Pattern in the Partners; F.2. Israel's Articulation of God

SMAYACs Prayer Group

Come and join us for an hour of Gospel reflection, prayer and fellowship this Thursday, 21 May in the St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall. Afterwards, we will head to a nearby pub for a social catch-up.

Theology on Tap

Come and join us at the Hotel Bristol, Cuba St on Sunday 31 May at 6.30pm. This month we have Simon O'Connor, who is a catholic MP, representing the Tamaki electorate. He is the Chairman of the Health Select Committee.

Beatification of Archbishop Oscar Romero

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 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

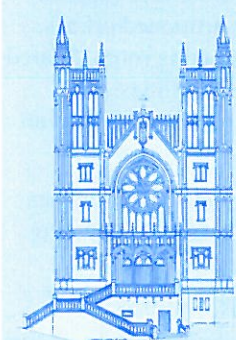
Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington invites you to come and join us for our monthly meeting of prayer, praise and social time on Thursday 21st May at 7.30pm in Connolly Hall, Guilford Terrace, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral). Theme: "Courage. Be one in your witness to me". Speaker: Michael Powell. Want to know more? Ring John Taylor (04) 389-8915 or 021-107-8538 or e-mail: jnjtaylor@paradise.net.nz

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For Your Diaries : 2015

19 May, St Vincent de Paul Society

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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

31 July- 2 August, Dove Wellington

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2-4 October 2015, Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A weekend of spiritual and emotional healing for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. Information is available for men or women. All enquiries strictly confidential. Contact Wendy Hill, 027 254 9222 or rvnzretreats@gmail.com or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz

Traditional Latin Mass

Traditional Latin Mass will be offered on Sundays, 24 and 31 May at San Antonio Church, 78 Oroua St., Eastbourne, at 12.30pm. There is Latin Mass on 2nd, 4th, and 5th (if any) Sundays of the month 12.30pm at San Antonio Church in Eastbourne. For Enquiries, ring/text Neil at 021896924

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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

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17th May 2015, Ascension of the Lord - Year B

Ecumenical Pentecost Vespers

Each year we join with St Peter's Anglican Church and St John's Presbyterian Church to celebrate Pentecost Vespers. This will be held next Sunday 24 May at 7.30pm at St John's Presbyterian Church on the corner of Willis and Dixon St.

This ecumenical service sees our Choir combine with the choirs from St John's and St Peter's. The combined voices of our three choirs makes this a beautiful liturgy on the Feast of Pentecost.

I hope that many St Mary of the Angels parishioners will attend. It is so important, not only because St John's have been so generous to us since our Church closed but this coming week is also the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'. What a wonderful way to conclude this important ecumenical event by gathering with our brothers and sisters in faith to sing the beautiful prayer of 'Vespers'.

Please mark it in your diaries and come next Sunday evening at 7.30pm to St John's for this memorable occasion.

