

For Your Diaries : 2016

16 March, Deaf Café - for Deaf and hearing impaired people

Deaf Café is for anybody – just turn up! You can meet and chat with new people or catch up with old friends over a cuppa and cake and biscuits. Deaf Cafe is free. Wednesday 16 March from 10am to 12pm at St Peter and Paul's Hall, 60 Knights Road, Lower Hutt.

17 March, Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington

Come along and join us on Thursday 17th March at 7:30pm for prayer, praise and social time in Connolly Hall, Guilford Terrace, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral). Theme: It's St Patrick's Day! How relevant is St Patrick in this day and age? Guest speaker: Fr Rob Devlin (of 'Soup Kitchen' fame). Want to know more? Ring John Taylor 04 389-8915 or 021 107 8538 or email: jntaylor@paradise.net.nz

17 March, St Patrick's Old Boys Association AGM

The St Pats Annual General Meeting will be held in the staff room of St Patrick's College Wellington, Evans Bay Parade, Wellington on Thursday 17th March 2016 at 6pm. Mass in the Chapel will commence at 5.30pm. The AGM will be followed by refreshments and a chance for attendees to catch up with other Old Boys from both Town and Stream. All are welcome to attend.

18-20 March 2016, Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A retreat weekend for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. An opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. All enquiries are strictly confidential. Contact Wendy Hill rvnzretreats@gmail.com or 027 254 9222 or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz

19 March, Dove Fellowship for Women

Dove Wellington invites all women to their meeting on Saturday 19 March, between 1.15-3pm, at Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Wellington. Our guest speaker is Father Kevin Connors; who will be speaking into Dove Wellington's scripture for 2016, Titus 3:4-8. Come and find out how by the grace of our merciful God we are all made holy. It will be a great time to understand some of God's wisdom in our lives. You are all most welcome. Please contact Rachel Blackaby on (04) 2332553 if you have any queries.

20 March Futuna Chapel Open Day

Fortuna Chapel is holding an open day on Sunday 20th March. The programme runs from 11am-4.30pm.

22 March, Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be held at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Tuesday 22 March at 7.30pm. At this Mass the sacred oils will be blessed for the coming year. All welcome.

23 March, Helen's Story

7.30pm Lighthouse Theatre, 52 Beach St Petone. Fundraiser for the Te Omanga Hospice. See poster in foyer. For tickets phone 569 0689 or email events@teomanga.org.nz or. (\$25)

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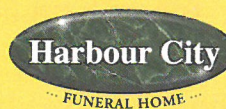
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St Mary of the Angels is a diverse community which seeks to praise and thank God in a place of calm and beauty and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington

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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13 March 2016, 5th Sunday of Lent, Year C

Farewell

Today we farewell Angela Won from our Korean Community who after 24 years in New Zealand leaves in the coming week to return to Seoul. Angela, her husband Thomas and their two sons John and Paul were baptized and received into full communion with the Church at St Mary of the Angels in 1996.

Since that time the family have made a great contribution to St Mary of the Angels through their involvement in the Korean Community. It was necessary for Thomas to return to Seoul for work and now that John and Paul have completed their secondary and tertiary studies Angela will return to Korea.

We thank Angela for the significant contribution she and many other members of the Korean Community have made and continue to make in our Parish. We wish Angela every blessing and look forward to seeing her again when she returns to visit John and Paul.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned Giving envelopes for the next financial year are now available. The envelopes are labelled alphabetically by surname and can be found in the entrance foyer of each Church after Mass on Sundays, and in the entrance to the St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall during the week. Please collect your envelopes as it will save us the cost of postage.

If you are not part of the Planned Giving programme you are very welcome to contribute to the Parish in this way. There are two ways to contribute to the Parish through the Planned Giving Programme;

- Direct Credit
- Planned Giving Envelopes

We really need the generosity of all parishioners at this time of real financial challenge. For more information or to become a Planned Giver, please contact the Parish Office.

Combined Palm Sunday Mass

There will be **no 9am Mass next Sunday, 20 March**. We will have a combined Palm Sunday Mass with the Cathedral Parish at 10am.

Easter Timetables

Easter timetables are available at all Masses today and on our website. Please take a copy of the timetable home with you so you know when and where services will be held over Holy Week.

Father Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

Gospel Reading John 8:1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 21

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Reading Luke 22:14 - 23:56

Last Sunday's Collection

Total \$4,755

Parish Expenses \$1,522

Support of House \$3,233



St Vincent de Paul

The St Vincent de Paul Society's next meeting is on Tuesday March 15th in the Presbytery at 6pm. New members most welcome.

First Sacraments Programme

The First Sacraments programme for 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 must be 8 years of age or older before 1st November 2016, and have already been baptised.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Doris Decruz, Aileen Gallagher, Fr Chris Penders AA, Phil Busby, Trevor Randall, Frederick Brennan, Donald Duerr, Coralie Leyland, Rita Kirwan, Baldo Sutich

Prayers for the Sick: Denis O'Neill, Im Seon Ao, Paul Barber, Bill Prior, Richard Wright, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, Maureen McDonald, John Foden, Joanna Veltman, Imelda Reeve, Jan Tuinman, Kathleen Phelan, Jeanette Parker



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 125

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

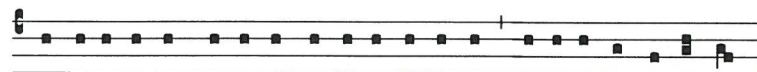
The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**



Magni-fi-ca-vit Domi-nus fa-ce-re no-bis cum: facti sumus laetentes.

The Lord hath done these things for us: we are become joyful.

Confirmation Programme for Adults

In April we will be holding a Confirmation Program for those 18 years of age and over, who have not been Confirmed. This will comprise of 4 one hour sessions on Tuesday evenings, commencing on Tuesday 12th April at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Registration forms are available on the tables at all Masses. Please complete the form and return to the Parish Office. For further enquiries please contact Fr Joe Savesi or one of the Pastoral Team.

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.

Caritas Challenge 2016

One day of Difference for a life time of change

Challenge 2000 in partnership with CARITAS is holding a 24 hour non-stop youth fundraising formation event to build solidarity with those living in poverty or injustices. The focus this year is on improving the lives and livelihoods of the poor and marginalised people in Cambodia.

The event offers hands on experience that is fun, informative and interactive. We stay overnight in homemade shelters, have group activities and workshops, listen to guest speakers about their experiences in Cambodia and have plenty of time to meet different people from throughout the Wellington Region.

When: Friday 1 April - Saturday 2 April. **Where:** Back yard at Challenge 2000, 27 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville. **Who:** For all young people, year 7 to year 13. University students, young workers and Challenge staff provide supervision and support. Registrations close on Tuesday 29th March 2016.

For more information or to register contact Courtney on (04)477 0045 or Nicole or 021655697. This is an important event that makes a difference - make Lent meaningful. Please donate to CARITAS by sponsoring our young people.

St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Group (SMAYACs)

If you are a new or returning student or young adult to Wellington, you are very welcome to join the St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Group.

We meet regularly on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month following the 5.15pm Mass in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for a time of prayer or Adoration followed by

Upcoming Events:

17 March - Prayer Group. Meet in the Parish Hall following 5.15pm Mass for a time of reflection and prayer. **20 March** - Theology on Tap with guest speaker: Cardinal John Dew. Meet at the Hotel Bristol, 131 Cuba St at 6.30pm.

If you would like to join our 5pm Music group you are also very welcome!

Lenten Meditations

After mid-day Mass on the **Fridays of Lent**. Fifteen minutes of prayer and song led by members of the choir.

Caritas Lenten Appeal

Cyclone Winston has had a devastating effect on Fiji. Caritas' strong relationship with the Archdiocese of Suva and the Marist Rural Training Centre in Tavenui will enable them to meet the needs of some of the affected communities. Please support the Caritas Lent Appeal (envelopes available at all Masses) or go online at www.caritas.org.nz to donate to the Fiji fund or phone Caritas on 0800 221 022.

Thanks from Catholic Social Services

Catholic Social Services wish to express their thanks to everyone for their generous response to welcoming our new families from Syria, Afghanistan and Columbia. We thank you for the donations of time, goods and space; for your openness to sorting goods for the households and for those who were involved in the setting up of the homes for the different families. Red Cross and their volunteers have been very appreciative of all the church communities have given to enable the families feel welcome and cared for. The houses looked so warm and welcoming. Whakawhetai koutou katoa and please keep these families in your prayers.

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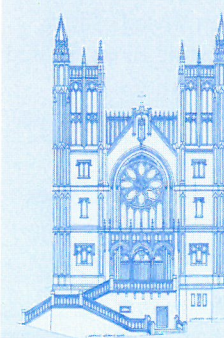
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