## For Your Diaries: 2016

#### 3 April, Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations - St Teresa's

Devotion, including Exposition and Benediction, to be held in St Teresa's chapel at 2.30pm to 3.30pm followed by refreshments in church foyer. In preparation of the celebration of this Feast day we will commence the Novena after the 3pm service on Good Friday. All welcome to join us.

3 April, Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations - St Francis de Sales 2pm-5pm. St Francis de Sales, Island Bay, Wellington. Led by Fr David Dowling and Fr Francis D'Souza. Profound teachings, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration, Prayer, Reflection, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Holy Mass followed by light refreshments and Fellowship. All are welcome. For program details, visit: www.CentreForDivineMercy.org or call: 022 6452 862

#### 6 April, Sacramental Programme - 1st Parent Session

The first parents session for the 2016 Sacraments Programme will take place at 7.30pm at St Thomas More Parish, 36 Worcester St.

10 April, A celebration of New Zealand music for cello & piano Joseph Spooner (cello) and Kathryn Mosley (piano) present a celebration of New Zealand music for cello and piano, including works by Alfred Hill, Arnold Trowell, and Christopher Norton. 10th April, 3:30pm St John's in the City corner of Willis and Dixon Streets, Wellington. Admission free and refreshments supplied (suggested donation \$20).

#### 16 April, Bach Choir Concert

The title of the Bach Choir's first concert for 2016 comes from Parry's anthem "Hear my words, ye people", a work for choir, soloists and organ which finishes with his own hymn tune "Laudate Dominum" (O praise ye the Lord). The programme also includes music by Purcell, Mozart and James Whitbourn. 7pm Saturday 16 April St Peter's on Willis St. Tickets \$30/\$20 or \$10 tertiary students with ID. Eventfinder/choir members door sales. www.bachchoirwellington.org.nz

16 April, Copyright Workshop for Liturgical Ministry and Finance 10am-11.30am Saturday 16 April at Plimmerton Parish Hall. A workshop for musicians, liturgy teams, PowerPoint editors and those administering payment for copyright licensing. The presentation will present an initiative that may offer all a way to solve the copyright nightmare and provide access to a range of resources for musicians.

## 21 & 28 April, 5 & 12 May, Praying with Icons Talk Series

Praying with Icons is a series of four talks throughout April (21 & 28) and May (5 & 12) given by Fr John Allardyce, SM. 7.30pm - 9pm at Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon. For further information and/or to register please contact Fr Brian Cummings sm at bgcummings@xtra.co.nz or phone 04 212 4691.





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# **MASS TIMES**

Sunday 7am

St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall Sacred Heart Cathedral 9am St John's Presbyterian Church 12pm St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria 5pm

**Monday to Friday** 

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

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 Friday

6:45am - 7:30am 11:00am-12:00pm

RECONCILIATION

St Mary of the Angels Presbytery

11:30am-12:00pm Monday to Thursday

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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## 3 April 2016, 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year C

## **Confirmation Programme for Adults**

The St Mary of the Angels Confirmation for Adults Programme begins soon! If you have not been Confirmed, or know someone who would like to be, please register your interest with the Parish Office this week.



The programme 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 at all Masses today and from the Parish Office during the week. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office or to a member of the Pastoral Team. For more information please contact Fr Joe Savesi (dennys4life@hotmail.com) or one of the Pastoral Team.

## **Tax Receipts**

In the coming week the Parish will be issuing receipts for taxation purposes for contributions that parishioners have made through the Planned Giving system. These will be available at Mass next Sunday 10 April. If you do not collect the receipt on Sunday it will be posted to you the following week. Please ensure we have your correct postal address.

Receipts will also be issued for those parishioners who are contributing to the Seismic Strengthening of the Church using the automatic payment method.

If you have any queries please ring our accountant Jeanette Temelo. She works in the Parish Office on Mondays and Fridays.

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.

Father Barry Scannell sm Parish Priest

#### This Week's Readings

First Reading

Acts

2:42-47

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

Second Reading

Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

Gospel Reading

John

20:19-31

## **Next Week's Readings**

First Reading Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Psalm

**Gospel Reading** 

Second Reading

Apocalypse 5:11-14

21:1-19

# **Last Sunday's Collection**

Total: \$5,392



## First Sacraments Programme for Children

The First Sacraments programme for Parishes of the Central Pastoral Area begins soon! The first parent meeting will be held at St Thomas More Parish (36 Worcester St), 7.30pm on Wednesday 06 April.

Throughout the course of this year children enrolled in the programme will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Communion. The programme for Confirmation begins at 10.45am on Sunday 01 May at St Teresa's Parish, Karori.

Please contact the Parish Office for a registration form or for further information. To be eligible, children must be 8 years of age or older before 01 November 2016. and have already been baptised.

## Responsorial Psalm 117

## R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' R

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord. a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. R

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. R



## Thank you

Thank you to all the parishioners who contributed to the combined liturgies at the Cathedral over Easter. Thank you to the Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, volunteers for the washing of the feet, greeters, and all who helped in preparing the Cathedral for the liturgies. Thank you also to our choir for their effort in preparing music for our Easter celebrations.

#### Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Clint Ell, Delia Williams, Anastasia Di Leva

Anniversaries:

Denis Boyd, Deidre Sweeney, Fr Michael Tomasi sm, Joan Smart, Mavis Henderson-Newport, Anita Rae, Fr Mark Beban sm, Fr Jim Beban sm, Margaret Hyland, Gerard O'Brien, Birja Nand, Leo Connolly



Prayers for the Sick: Kerry Duncan, Greta Fernie, Maureen Ayling, 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.







## 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.

## 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.

**Upcoming Events:** 

7 April, 6pm: Adoration - SMOA Parish Hall 21 April, 6pm: Prayer Group - SMOA Parish Hall 15 April, 5.15pm: TGIF! - Mass at SMOA Parish Hall followed by dinner out.

24 April, 6.30pm: Theology on Tap - Hotel Bristol, 131 Cuba St. Speaker: Peter Yung (Family Life International)

May & June: Life in the Spirit Seminar Series Wednesdays 7.30pm-9pm: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May, & 1st, 8th June (six weeks total). St Thomas More Church in Wilton. A great opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus.

## Urbi et Orbi - Extract from Pope Francis' Easter Message

"Dear Brothers and Sisters, a Happy and Holy Easter!

The Church throughout the world echoes the angel's message to the women: "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised... Come, see the place where he lay" (Mt 28:5-6).

This is the culmination of the Gospel, it is the Good News par excellence: Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death.

That is why we tell everyone: "Come and see!" In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a testimony to unconditional and faithful love: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast... "Come and see!": Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness.

With this joyful certainty in our hearts, today we turn to you, risen Lord! Help us to seek you and to find you, to realize that we have a Father and are not orphans; that we can love and adore you. Help us to overcome the scourge of hunger, aggravated by conflicts and by the immense wastefulness for which we are often responsible. ...

...Lord, we pray to you for all the peoples of the earth: you who have conquered death, grant us your life, grant us your peace! Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter!" - Pope Francis Easter 2016



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