#### For Your Diaries: 2017

#### 30 July, Synod Information and Discernment Session

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#### 1 August, David Trott's Organ Recital

Our Organist David Trott is giving a recital at Old St Pauls on Tuesday 1 at 12.15pm. Please come along to support him.

#### 1 August, Help Katherine Manfield's Legacy Live On

RSVP now to secure your tickets to this exclusive fundraising event. 5.30pm – 7pm, Marsden Auditorium, Samuel Marsden Collegiate School, Marsden Avenue, Karori. Tickets \$50pp. Book online at www.katherinemansfield.com

#### 1 August, The Parenting Place

Sacred Heart Cathedral School has teamed up with Jenny Hale from The Parenting Place to present 'Raising Happy, Confident and Resilient Children'. This is a fundraising event for our small school, with all proceeds going towards a new school playground. From 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm), at 40 Hill St, Thorndon. Tickets are \$25 and are available online at: www.eventbrite.co.nz/edit?eid=35336832417#

#### 3 August, What is it like to be a Prophet in Today's World?

Mons. Gerard Burns will address this on at 7.00 - 8.30pm at St. Anne's Church Hall, Emmett St. Newtown.

#### 3 August, A Caring Space

An invitation for those who care for a loved one. 11am-2pm at the Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. Or Monday 14th August at St Andrew's, 11 Steyn Avenue, Plimmerton, 11am – 2pm.

#### 6 August, Palliser Viols

The next concert is Sunday 6 August from 3-6pm, in the Newtown Community Centre. Admission \$25 (\$15 concessions).

#### 9 August Onwards, Winter Film Series,

5 Evenings, 7.00pm-9.30pm. Places available for the Wednesday night screening 9, 16, 23, 30 August & 6 September and the Thursday night screenings 10, 17, 24, 31 August & 7 September. Kōha. Pā Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon.

#### 10 August, The Hope of Pope Francis

Join a challenging eConference streamed live free over the internet. Group participation will be facilitated by the Parish Leadership Ministry team and The Catholic Institute, Wellington. Thursday 10 August 12 noon - 4.30pm at the Catholic Centre, 22-30 Hill St, Thorndon, Wellington.

#### 13 August, Bicentenary of the Founding Marist Brothers

To mark this occasion there will be a Mass held in the Cathedral at 2.00pm, followed by afternoon tea.

#### 29 August, OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

If you know of anyone who is interested in the Catholic faith and please encourage them to make contact with Fr Joe Savesi sm through the Parish Office.



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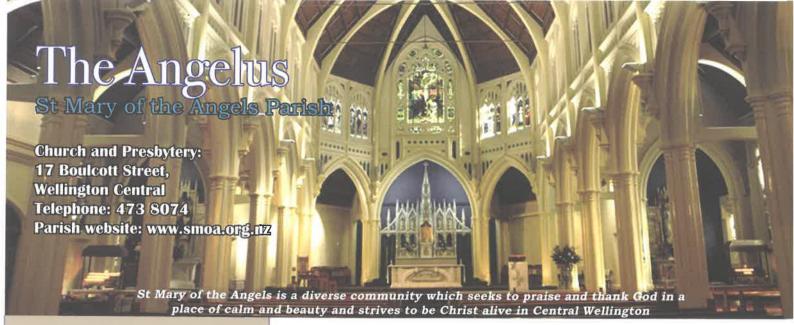
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#### **MASSES**

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm

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Monday to Friday

Saturday

& 5:15pm

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Friday 11:00am-noon

12:30pm-1:00pm 4:30pm-5:00pm

Saturday 10:30am-11:00am

4:00pm-5:00pm

# 30 July 2017, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### The Seed that Bears Fruit

We have been reading over the past couple of weeks the parables of the seed and the sower. In these parables Jesus talks about the ground into which the seed is sown. When the soil is rich the seed bears a great harvest. Sometimes that harvest takes time but like the Word of God it never returns empty handed.

This Sunday our Parish is hosting the community of St John's Presbyterian Church to thank them for their generosity and hospitality to us during the time the Church was closed for seismic strengthening. On the day St Mary of the Angels closed following the Seddon earthquakes in July 2013 the Rev Allister Lane from St john's rang me to ask if there was anything they could do to help us. Each Sunday for the next 4 years we celebrated our Choral Mass there at mid-day. During this time we were also generously hosted by the Cathedral Parish and St Joseph's in Mount Victoria for other Sunday Masses.

The story of the connection between St Mary of the Angels and St John's goes back to the time of the first priest in Wellington, Father Jeremiah O'Reily OFM. In 1843 when he arrived in Wellington Father O'Reily helped the Presbyterian community with services and funerals as they awaited the arrival of their own minister from Scotland. St John's have never forgotten that generosity.

Over the years St Mary of the Angels has enjoyed a very close relationship with St John's. They have hosted us many times while our Church has been closed for renovating or painting etc. At some stage in the future we will be able to repay that hospitality when St John's own beautiful wooden Church will need upgrading and strengthened to the current seismic code.

The seed that Jesus talks about in these parables has certainly flourished because of the generosity of Father O'Reily nearly 175 years ago. May it continue to grow as we endeavor to nourish the ecumenical relationships with our Christian brothers and sisters in the inner city.

Father Barry Scannell s.m. Parish Priest

#### This Week's Readings

First Reading 3:5, 7-12 Kings You have asked for wisdom.

8:28-30 **Second Reading** Romans He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:44-52 He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

#### **Next Week's Readings**

First Reading	Dan	7:9-10, 13-1
Psalm	144	
Second Reading	Peter	1:16-19
Gospel Reading	Matthew	17:1-9

# **Last Sunday's Collection**

Total: \$5,533



#### **Becoming Catholic?**

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) program will begin shortly. An enquiry night for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith will begin on Tuesday 29 August at 7.15pm in the Parish

If you know of anyone who is interested in the Catholic faith please encourage them to make contact with Fr Joe Savesi sm through the Parish Office.

## **David Trott's Organ Recital**

David Trott is giving a recital at Old St Pauls on Tuesday 1 August at 12.15pm. Please come along to support him and let him know if you have any special requests.

#### Responsorial Psalm 118

#### R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. R.

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. R.

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. R.

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. R.



Quomodo di-le-xi le-gem tu- am Domi-ni.

O how I have loved thy law, O Lord!

#### **August Winter Film Series "Called Beyond** Ourselves"

5 Evenings, 7.00pm-9.30pm. Places available for the Wednesday night screening 9, 16, 23, 30 August & 6 September and the Thursday night screenings 10, 17, 24, 31 August & 7 September. Kōha. Pā Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon. For further information and/or to register please contact Fr Brian Cummings SM: phone (04) 212 4691 or 021 703 580 or email bgcummings@xtra.co.nz.

#### Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Father Peter Walsh sm, Sister Marie Feiss CSB, Sister Aileen Vear CSB

**Anniversaries:** Marion Alexander, Jadwiga Kolaczynska, Maria Sledzinski, Eileen Gregory, John L'Estrange,

Zita Outtrim, Marian Gibbs

Prayers for the Sick: Jeff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Margaret Such, Bryce Toimata, Colleen Kennedy, Gil Lescher, Mary

Crompton, Jenni Rowell, Jeanette Parker, Teresa Jeong, Dr Peter Brooke, Fr Kevin

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Please remember these and any others in the Parish who are ill. If you know of anyone confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact Sister Frances at the Parish Office.

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#### Parish Preparation for the Archdiocesan Synod – Update

The Wellington Archdiocesan Synod will be held on the weekend of 15-17 September. Cardinal John has explained that preparation for the Synod should be "a discernment process, listening to the Spirit then to one another as we seek to understand where God is leading us."

Discernment involves reflection, not discussion or debate, and being open to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, focusing on what we can do to help build our archdiocese of the future. Most Synod topics are drawn from Pope Francis' priorities - leadership, people at the edges of society and of the Church, ethnic diversity, relations with Māori, refugees and migrants, care for creation, ecumenism, young people, marriage and family.

At St Mary of the Angels we will follow a two-step process for parishioners to reflect on any of the topics and then share responses with your representatives so they can take these to the Synod.

First, during August we invite you to take time for prayer and meditation on the topics either individually or by arranging small groups with others. We will provide more details and support materials at the beginning of August.

Second, in September, we invite you to share your reflections with the parish representatives at meetings after masses or in writing if you prefer.

The St Mary of the Angels Young Adults will host an information and discernment session tonight at 6.15pm in the St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall. It will be an opportunity to find out about the Synod, and get some initial thoughts. Some of our parish representatives to the Synod will be there.

#### Help Katherine Manfield's Legacy Live On

Katherine Mansfield is New Zealand's most famous short story author whose writing is admired and studied throughout the world. Help us keep Katherine Mansfield's legacy alive by attending this fundraising event to launch the house and garden restoration project. Come and enjoy a glass of bubbles and canapés with the Prime Minister and hear him speak about his love of literature. RSVP now to secure your tickets to this exclusive event. With all proceeds going towards the Katherine Mansfield House and Garden restoration project. Tuesday 1 August 2017 5.30pm – 7pm, Marsden Auditorium, Samuel Marsden Collegiate School, Marsden Avenue, Karori. Tickets \$50pp. Book online at www.katherinemansfield.com

#### **Bicentenary of the Founding Marist Brothers**

2017 is the bicentenary of the founding of the Marist Brothers in France in 1817. To mark this occasion there will be a Mass held in the Cathedral on Sunday August 13 at 2.00pm, followed by afternoon tea. Former staff, students, relatives, supporters and friends of the Brothers, as well as current staff and students of schools where the Brothers have taught, are cordially invited.

Email:

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#### **SMAYACs Adoration**

The SMAYACs have adoration this Thursday 3 August in St Mary of the Angels Church at 6pm. Afterwards, we will go somewhere for dinner and a social catch up.

#### **Catholic Faith Documentary Viewing**

The SMAYAC's invite you to watch the ninth instalment of the documentary series on the Catholic Faith Thursday 10 August from 6-7pm in the St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall. Next week's episode is titled "The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit". Please come along and invite someone to come with you.

#### **Altar Servers Needed**

We require more Altar Servers fort he 11am Mass. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office or Margaret Clark on 4792 820.

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