

For Your Diaries : 2017

3 December, Advent Vespers

Combined Advent carol service with St Johns Presbyterian Church at 7.30pm in St Mary of the Angels Church.

3 December, Catholic Institute Open Lecture

All are welcome to the Catholic Institute's 2017 Open Lecture at 8pm in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Hill Street, Wellington. Koha at the door.

7 December, 'A Test of Faith'

We hope that many of you will be able to attend this Gala Fundraising event at the Embassy Theatre at 5.30pm. Enjoy a drink and some food before the screening of the film. Tickets are \$100 and are available from the Parish Office.

8 December, Mass and Holy Hour

Starting at 7.30 pm on the Eve of the March in St Anne's Church, Emmett St, Newtown. For more information phone 237 8343.

9 December, National March for Life NZ

Parishes, groups and all people of goodwill are invited to be a part of this historic event. Gather at 2pm in Civic Square ready to walk to Parliament. www.marchforlifenz.org.nz

10 December, Bach Choir Concert

The Mass in Times of War. The Bach Choir will present a concert of two wonderful Masses, by Haydn and Kodaly, at St Peter's Church, Willis St on at 3pm. Tickets \$30/\$25 concession, children free.

13 December, Carols with the Angels

Come and join us in the Church for Carols with the Angels at 7.30pm. This is the first time for 5 years that we will be celebrating this in our Church.

17 December, Organ Concert

Organist Bruce Cash plays Messiaen's 'La Nativité de Seigneur' on the Maxwell Fernie Organ at 1.30pm in St Mary of the Angels Church.

20 December, Palliser Viols

Palliser Viols and Baroque Vocies present 'Gaudete' Christmas Music and Viol Consorts at 7:30 pm in St Mary of the Angels.

29 April - 19 May 2018, Pilgrimage

Extensive pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan planned for 2018 For full brochure and itinerary, contact Pukekohe Travel on 0800 785 386 or tours@pukekohetravel.co.nz.

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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

3 December 2017, 1st Sunday of Advent - Year B

'A Test of Faith'

During the seismic strengthening of the Church a film crew from Bytesize Productions recorded the unique construction work by our contractor L T McGuinness Ltd. This footage, together with a history of the Church has been made into a full length documentary called: 'A Test of Faith'.

We hope that many of you will be able to attend this Gala Fundraising event at the Embassy Theatre this week at **5.30pm on Thursday 7 December**. Enjoy a drink and some food before the screening of the film. Tickets are \$100 and are available from the Parish Office.

Combined Advent Carol Service

Tonight 7.30pm St Mary of the Angels Church

Tonight at 7.30pm we come together with St John's Presbyterian Church for a Carol service led by the choir's of our two congregations.

This will be the first time in five years that we will be able host the Advent Carols in our Church. St John's were so generous to us over the four years our Church was closed. I hope that a large number of parishioners will come tonight to show our appreciation to St John's for their generosity. What better way to illustrate the closeness of our two communities than to worship together to prepare for the Birth of Christ.

Please bring a plate of food for a supper.

Thank You

A sincere thank you to those parishioners who came yesterday to work on tidying up the gardens in the ground of the Church. I sincerely appreciate all the work that was achieved to ensure the grounds are looking at their best for Christmas.

The Cardinal's Care Appeal 2017

Envelopes are available today on the tables at the entrance to the Church for Cardinal John's Care Appeal.

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MASSES

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

Monday to Friday 7:30am, 12:05pm, & 5:15pm

Saturday 11am

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday 11am Mass with Sacrament of Anointing

ADORATION

Monday to Friday 6:45am-7:30am

Friday 11am-noon

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Thursday 11:30am-noon
12:30pm-1:00pm
4:30pm-5:00pm

Friday 11:00am-noon
12:30pm-1:00pm
4:30pm-5:00pm

Saturday 10:30am-11:00am
4:00pm-5:00pm

This Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8
Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:3-9
The revelations we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading Mark 13:33-37
Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalm 84
Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel Reading Mark 1:1-8

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,798



St Mary of the Angels Christmas Cards

St Mary of the Angels Christmas Cards are now available for purchase either after Mass on Sunday or from the Parish Office.

A6 \$15 for a pack of 12
DLE \$15 for a pack of 12



Responsorial Psalm 79

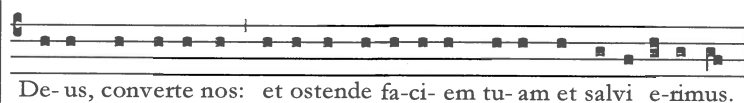
R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**



Convert us O Lord: and show us thy face and we shall be saved.

Columban Calendars

2018 Columban Calendars are now available for purchase from the Parish Office for \$12 each.

All proceeds go toward supporting St Columbans Mission Society.



Data Projector Operators

We urgently need more people to help with the Data Projector at the 5pm Mass on Sunday evening. This is a very important ministry and suited to our younger parishioners who are more 'computer savvy' than those of us born before the computer age. If you would like to volunteer with this ministry please contact Father Barry, Sister Frances or the Parish Office on 04 473 8074. This is an urgent request.

5pm Mass Music Assistance

The musicians and singers who support the 5pm Mass are keen for some more members. Both more musical instruments and voices would be great. We rehearse before Mass. A stronger group helps everyone. Come and talk to us after mass or contact Kathy Perreau at kathyperreau1@gmail.com 021 570 413 or Tania tania.a.savage@gmail.com

Pilgrimage

Extensive pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan planned for 29 April-19 May 2018. For full brochure and itinerary, contact Pukekohe Travel on 0800 785 386 or tours@pukekohetravel.co.nz.

Palliser Viols

Eight singers of Baroque Voices (directed Pepe Becker) and the six-part consort, Palliser Viols, will present together with the first performance of Ross Harris' *Gaudete*. Admission is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children and members of REMU. Wednesday 20 December at 7.30 in the Church. There will be door sales, but advance bookings can be made by emailing Robert Oliver at chant4robert@gmail.com. Come and hear this glorious music in the superb acoustics and ambience of our Church.

Visiting Friends

St Vincent de Paul are hosting our annual Christmas brunch with our neighbours at Wellington Women's House. If you are interested in assisting with donating a \$25 gift card or items to fill 20 gifts bags for the woman boarding at the house over Christmas, please email marketing@vinnieswgtg.org.nz or call Millie on 04 389 7122. The morning tea will be hosted on the second Saturday of December.

Life Teen Summer Camp Aotearoa

Are you 18+ and looking for your next faith-related adventure? Life Teen Summer Camp is currently looking for Summer Missionaries for their upcoming camp! Camp will run from the 13th till the 21st of January 2018 in Otaki. Life Teen Summer Camp is a great way for young people to engage in their Catholic faith (and serve teenagers from all over New Zealand). For information visit <https://lifeteen.nz/mission> or email lifeteensummercampnz@gmail.com

Carols with the Angels

Carols with the Angels is on Wednesday 13 December, at 7.30pm in the Church. Please come and join in this special occasion with it being the first time in 5 years that we are celebrating this in our Church.

Recipes for Restoration

The cookbook is available after all Masses next week. The basic cost of the book is \$30. This price covers the cost of printing and makes a small contribution to the seismic strengthening fund. However, we invite you to pay what you can for the book with the assurance that all funds go toward the seismic strengthening.

This book is a 'must have' for every parishioner's kitchen, and a great gift for others for Christmas.

Bach Choir Concert

The Mass in Times of War. The Bach Choir will present a concert of two wonderful Masses, by Haydn and Kodaly, at St Peter's Church, Willis St on Sunday 10 December at 3pm. Ivan Patterson conducts, Douglas Mews organ accompaniment, and vocal soloists. Tickets \$30/\$25 concession, children free.

Organ Concert

Bruce Cash will be playing our marvelous Maxwell Fernie organ, so well suited to the music of Messiaen. He will precede his performance with an illustrated lecture, something he has done to great acclaim. Sunday 17 December at 7.30pm in the Church. A koha will be requested for this performance.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Angela Cumming

Anniversaries: Majorie Feitsma, Fred Scoon, William Jenkins, Frances Haughey

Prayers for the Sick: Bill Carroll, Mary Anne Merrin, Mary Rose Keller, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Margaret Such, Bryce Toimata, Colleen Kennedy, Gil Lescher, Mary Crompton, Jenni Rowell, Teresa Jeong, Dr Peter Brooke, Richard Wright, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, John Foden, Imelda Reeve, Jan Tuinman, John Mora, Maria Kim, Carol Aldridge, Maureen McDonald



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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