

For Your Diaries : 2017

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.

15 December, Advent Meditation

On each Friday of Advent, following 12.05pm Mass, there will be a short Advent meditation, with members of the choir singing the 'O' Antiphons.

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.

17 December, SMAYAC's Christmas Dinner

We will be going out to dinner after the 5pm mass at 6:30pm. The restaurant is Heaven's Woodfire Pizza at 245 Cuba St. Please RSVP by Thursday 14 December, by emailing smayacs@gmail.com, or tell us via the event on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SMOAYoungAdults. We hope to see you there.

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.

13-21 January 2018, 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! For information visit <https://lifeteen.nz/mission> or email lifeteensummercampnz@gmail.com

23-25 March 2018 Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A weekend of spiritual and emotional healing for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. All enquiries strictly confidential. Contact Wendy Hill 027 254 9222 or rvnzretreats@gmail.com

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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Remembering St Mary of the Angels in your will provides an ideal opportunity to make a statement of your faith and to give resources that will support your Church for years to come.

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The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish

Church and Presbytery:

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Parish website: www.smoa.org.nz

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

10 December 2017, 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year B

A Test of Faith

Those who attended the premiere launch of the documentary 'A Test of Faith' last Thursday evening at the Embassy Theatre were treated to a wonderful insight into the construction work that has taken place over the past four years with the seismic strengthening of the Church. The documentary also included the story of the Church in Wellington from 1843 and in particular the three Churches that have been built on the present St Mary of the Angels Church.

If you would like to see this amazing documentary you can purchase a DVD at Mass today or from the Parish Office. The cost is \$30 and all proceeds go to the Seismic Strengthening Fund.

Congratulations

We warmly congratulate our Marist confrere Father Paul Martin sm who has been appointed by Pope Francis as the Bishop of Christchurch. Father Paul entered the seminary with me in 1985 and among other appointments was the Rector of St Patrick's College from 2008 until 2014. He has more recently served the Society of Mary as the General Bursar in Rome.

Please keep Father Paul in your prayers as he prepares to take up this role in Christchurch. He has many challenges in the Diocese following the earthquakes of 2010 and 2011.

Carols with the Angels

This will be celebrated this Wednesday 13 December at 7.30pm. It is the first time in 5 years that we have held this very beautiful and popular Christmas Carols in the Church. Our Choir will be joined by the Young Angels Voices, the Wellington Citadel Salvation Army Band and the Korean Community Choir.

Christmas Timetable

There are copies of the Christmas timetable on the tables at the entrances to the Church today. Please take one and place it in a prominent place so that you can easily view our Christmas liturgies. The timetable is also on the Parish website: smoa.org.nz

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Parish Priest

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MASSES

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

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

Saturday 11am

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday 11am Mass with
Sacrament of Anointing

ADORATION

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

Friday 11am-noon

RECONCILIATION

Monday to 11:30am-noon
Thursday 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 40:1-5, 9-11
Prepare the way for the Lord.

Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14
We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

Gospel Reading Mark 1:1-8
Make straight the paths of the Lord.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
Psalm Luke 1:46-50
Second Reading 1 Thess 5:16-24
Gospel Reading John 1:6-8, 19-28

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,203



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
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Advent Meditation

On each Friday of Advent, following 12.05pm Mass, there will be a short Advent meditation, with members of the choir singing the 'O' Antiphons.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Ramoo Nathani, Denis Burke

Anniversaries: James Coyle, Daniel McKone, Maurice O'Brien, Janina Knopp, Teresa Vital, Shona Rippin, Fr George Duggan sm

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.

Responsorial Psalm 84

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Ostende no-bis mi-se-ri-cordi- am tu-am: et sa-lu-ta-re tu-um da no-bis.

Show us thy mercy: and grant us thy salvation.

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.



Cardinal's Care Appeal

This year the Archbishop's Advent Appeal has been rebranded as the Cardinal's Care Appeal Envelopes. Gifts to the 2017 Care Appeal will provide food, housing, counselling, security and support to countless men, women and children who need help through Church agencies and will also launch critical initiatives that have arisen from the 2017 Synod. Funds directed to support Synod initiatives will be distributed through a grants process that will boost organisations, ministries and individuals that serve our Church and strengthen our communities.

Recipes for Restoration

The cookbook is available after all Masses. 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.

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.

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.

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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

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.

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