

For Your Diaries : 2017

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.

18 December, Working Bee

Sister Frances would like to some help to prepare the Church for Christmas. If you are able to do that please come to the Church tomorrow from 1pm to 3pm.

20 December, Palliser Viols

Palliser Viols and Baroque Voices present 'Gaudete' Christmas Music and Viol Consorts at 7:30 pm in St Mary of the Angels. Admission is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children and members of REMU. There will be door sales, but advance bookings can be made through the Parish Office or by emailing Robert Oliver at chant4robert@gmail.com.

13-21 January 2018, Life Teen Summer Camp Aotearoa

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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

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A LEGACY OF FAITH



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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St Mary of the Angels Parish

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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

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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

17 December 2017, 3rd Sunday of Advent - Year B

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide Update

David Seymour's 'End of Life Choice' bill has had its first reading in Parliament and has been referred to a Select Committee. The bill seeks to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide in New Zealand for those over 18 years with a terminal illness or an irremediable condition. The bill passed its first reading by a significant margin of 76 votes to 44.

The Health Select Committee conducted an inquiry last year about the issues of euthanasia and assisted suicide, releasing their report in August 2017. Over 21,000 submissions were received, of which 80% were opposed to the legalisation of euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Legalising euthanasia or assisted suicide would endanger the lives and wellbeing of people who are vulnerable, including those suffering from mental health issues, elderly people, and the disabled.

You can find further information on the Nathaniel website
www.nathaniel.org.nz/euthanasia.

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

Working Bee

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Welcome

We warmly welcome the Bishop Elect of Christchurch, Father Paul Martin sm as a concelebrant at the 9am Mass today. He will be ordained as the 10th Bishop of Christchurch on 3 March 2018. We assure Father Paul of our prayers as he takes up this responsibility with its many challenges following the devastating earthquakes of 2010 and 2011.

Thank You

The Pastoral Team would like to thank sincerely the ladies who so faithfully look after the Church linen, washing and ironing each week. This is a wonderful ministry and very much appreciated. Should you like to be part of their team, please contact Fr Barry Scannell sm or Sister Frances.

*Father Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest*

This Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

I exult for joy in the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Thess 5:16-24

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading John 1:6-8, 19-28

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Psalm 88

Second Reading Romans 16:25-27

Gospel Reading Luke 1:26-38

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,604



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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Responsorial Psalm Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

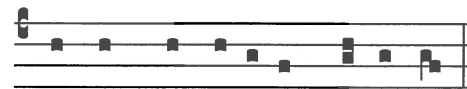
My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R.**

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. **R.**

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy. **R.**



Gaudens gaudebo in Domi-no.-

Rejoicing I rejoice in God

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.

Thank You

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to warmly thank all parishioners who have made donations to help the needy this year, whether monetary, food or in goods. May you all have a happy and blessed Christmas and we hope for your continued support next year. Thank you so much.

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.

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 or from the Parish Office. Come and hear this glorious music in the superb acoustics and ambience of our Church.

A Test of Faith

Those who attended the premiere launch of the documentary 'A Test of Faith' 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.

Life Teen Summer Camp Aotearoa

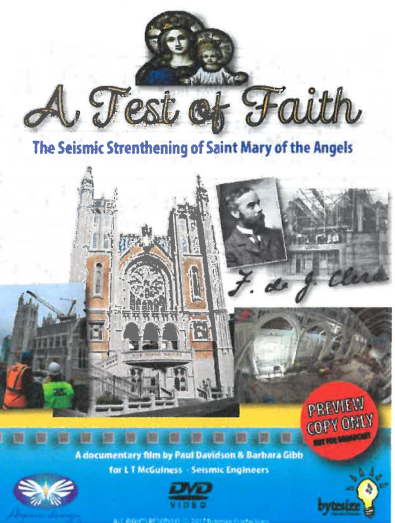
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5pm Mass Music Assistance

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.



Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Ramoo Nathani, Denis Burke

Anniversaries: Su Yen Bok, Phyllis Clifford, Ronald McDonald, Kura Turner

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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