

For Your Diaries : 2018

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8 February, Greenstone Doors Information Evening

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11 February, 40 Days for Life Opening Event

Come and hear about the importance of protecting unborn children, mothers and families from abortion in our community. Held at 2 pm in Knox Hall, 574 High St., Lower Hutt.

13 February, Mass for Life

Join Cardinal Dew in a Mass to pray for the protection of life from conception to natural death and the success of this Lent's 40 Days for Life campaign. Held at 7pm in St Anne's Church, Emmett St, Newtown.

15 February Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

The Joshua Fellowship extend an open invitation to men and women of all ages for a Mass followed by supper. Please bring some finger food to share o at 7:30pm in in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street.

25 February, First Sacrament Programme Enrolments Close

Please contact the Parish Office at smoa.office@xtra.co.nz or 04 473 8074 for more information or to enroll your child before this date.

23-25 March 2018 Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

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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

28 January 2018, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Thank You

A sincere thank you to the many people who have sent good wishes on my recognition in the New Year's honours list. I feel very privileged to receive this award and it was most unexpected.

I think it is an honour for everyone who has played a part in the seismic strengthening of the Church. The strengthening of the Church was accomplished because of the skill of our professional consultants and building contractor and the very many generous donors to the project. Without each of you the work would never have been possible.

I see this award as a tribute to you all. Thank you for ensuring that this beautiful church has been preserved for our prayer and worship to God.

Changing of the Guard

In the coming week Father Kevin Conroy sm takes up the role of Parish Priest of St Mary of the Angels. I know that Father Kevin will receive from you the same wonderful support I have experienced over the past 10 years.

I will be here in the Parish until after Easter to assist Fr Kevin with his transition to Parish Priest and to also continue the work associated with the seismic strengthening. There is still much to achieve before my departure. The Crypt and Choir Room reinstatement is well underway and should be completed in the next month. Work continues on the grounds especially the lighting and reinstatement of the seats. We are planning the re-carpeting of the Sanctuary as well as some electrical work and the securing of the Reredos. I will continue raising funds for this work so that the Parish does not have any debt. My last day in the Parish will be Sunday 8 April when I will leave to take up the role of Parish Priest for the Catholic Parish of Napier.

New Pastoral Team Members

Father Peter McAfee sm joins the Pastoral team this weekend. Father Peter worked in the Parish some years ago. In recent times he has been Rector of the Marist Seminary in Auckland and also held the responsibility for vocations to the Society of Mary. He is a gifted singer and musician and we look forward to him sharing these wonderful gifts with us.

In April Father Michael Fitzgerald sm will join the Pastoral team. He is returning to the New Zealand Province of the Society of Mary after 30 years in Fiji. He was briefly here in the Parish for three months in 2015.

I am sure you will warmly welcome Father Peter and Father Michael to St Mary of the Angels.

*Father Barry Scannell s.m.,
Parish Priest*

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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 Deut 18:15-20
I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

Gospel Reading Mark 1:21-28
This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Job 7:1-4. 6-7.
Psalm 146
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23
Gospel Reading Mark 1:29-39

Last Sunday's Collection

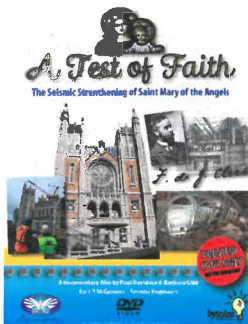
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A Test of Faith

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.

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.



Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Fr Don Hamilton sm, Fr Graeme Blackburn

Anniversaries: Virginia Turner, Joan McGrath, Marianna Grinskis, Sandra Moran, Br Luke Paget sm, Brian McKeown, Stella Brown, Joan Shanahan, Sophie Robison, Matthew Barnett, Catherine Symes, Fr Gordie Kerrins sm

Prayers for the Sick: 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, 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 94

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**
O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**



If to - day you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

Waitangi Day

The annual Waitangi Day Mass for the Archdiocese will be celebrated on Tuesday 6 February at St Mary of the Angels at 9am. Cardinal John Dew will be the celebrant. St Mary of the Angels together with the Maori community of Te Ngakau Tapu are responsible for preparing the liturgy and we are the hosts. I hope that as many parishioners as possible are able to attend this very important Mass on Waitangi Day. Please bring a plate so that we can share some food with our visitors.

Prayer for Life

Loving God,

Inspire in us a deepening respect for life and the human dignity of every person.

Guide and strengthen us in caring, especially for the vulnerable, for those with disabilities, for those who are sick, lonely or depressed.

Help us to value the elderly.

Encourage us in enabling people with disabilities to live their lives to the full.

Support and empower all those working to protect life, especially against euthanasia and assisted suicide.

We make this prayer with full confidence in your guidance, compassion and love.

Amen.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington

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Jesus for New Zealand

When speaker of the house, Rt Hon Trevor Mallard, removed the name of Jesus Christ from the Parliamentary prayer it was a decision that demanded an immediate response from the Church. As believers we could not remain silent. Silence would affirm and validate his decision. This is not a protest march but an opportunity for believers to come and lift the name of Jesus over our Government and nation through praise and prayer. We, in effect, become a clear message to the speaker and the government that this is no ordinary name. That's why you need to be there... that's why we all need to be there. Numbers matter to politicians. Please come and join on **Tuesday 30 January from 12-1.30pm on Parliament Grounds**. We get one shot at making our voice heard, so lets come together and do something to make a difference.

Sacraments Programme for Children

Children from St Mary of the Angels who are Year 4 and above are encouraged to join the First Sacraments programme if they have not received First Reconciliation, Confirmation or First Holy Communion. Enrolments for the programme are due by 25 February 2018. Please contact the Parish Office at smoa.office@xtra.co.nz or 04 473 8074 for more information or to enrol your child.

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Welcoming Former Refugees to Wellington

Over the past two years Parishes and organisations in Wellington have worked to stock and prepare 168 homes for 559 former refugees being resettled in the Wellington region. 15 refugee households will be arriving in Wellington in late February. We are again looking for groups able to assist with collecting household and pantry items, setting up houses and people to check and sort household items. If you can help please contact Catholic Social Services (04 385 8642) or email refugees@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz

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Greenstone Doors Information Evening

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