For Your Diaries: 2018

6 February, Waitangi Day Mass

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8 February, Greenstone Doors Information Evening

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11 February, 40 Days for Life Opening Event

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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

Extending an open invitation for a Mass followed by supper. Please bring some finger food to share at 7:30pm in in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill St.

17 February, Dove Women's Fellowship

Dove Women's fellowship will begin this year at 1.15pm at Connolly Hall, 40 Hill St, Thorndon. Contact Shura 0210724042 for enquires.

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.

2 March, Charity Concert for Lifeline Aotearoa

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MASSES

Sunday

7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm

Monday to

Saturday

7:30am, 12:05pm,

Friday

& 5:15pm 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

Parish Priest

Father Kevin Conroy s.m.,

4 February 2018, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Starting Off

After completing week one as Parish Priest I am beginning to appreciate some of the finer points of the role. I find Father Barry's continued presence very helpful and I am most grateful. By the time he leaves us after Easter I should have gained sufficient knowledge for him to leave in peace. I look forward to serving you. Let us pray for one another.

One of my highest priorities in these weeks is to encourage you to write a submission to Parliament's Justice Select Committee if you have not already done so. The End of Life Choice bill has begun its journey through the parliamentary process and is at its consultative stage. This is an opportunity for us to individually witness. It is an opportunity to promote the dignity of human life in its most vulnerable forms. We do not have a lot of time with the closing date for submissions set at 20 February, 2018. Guidelines for writing an individual submission are at the main entrances to the church. For more information go to www.nathaniel.org.nz

Waitangi Day Mass

The annual Waitangi Day Mass for the Archdiocese will be celebrated this coming Tuesday 6 February in St Mary of the Angels Church at 9am. Monsignor Gerard Burns 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. The hall will be open before Mass for you to drop off food.

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 Sunday 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.

This Week's Readings

First Reading 7:1-4, 6-7 Tob I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

Gospel Reading Mark 1:29-39 He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading 13:1-2, 44-46 Lev Psalm 31

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1 Gospel Reading Mark 1:40-45

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,026

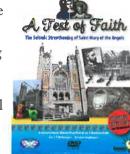


A Test of Faith

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.



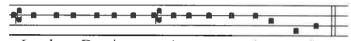
Responsorial Psalm 146

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

Praise the Lord for he is good; Sing to our God for he is loving: To him our praise is due. R.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem And brings back Israel's exiles, He heals the broken-hearted, He binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; He calls each on by its name. R.

Our Lord is great and almighty; His wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; He humble the wicked to the dust. **R**.



Lauda-te Domi-num qui sa-nat contri-tos corde.

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Charity Concert for Lifeline Aotearoa

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Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Pat Clegg, Fr Don Hamilton sm

Anniversaries: Marykutty Thomas, Peter Kim, Adolf Eibl, Graham Townsely, Patricia Lockhart QSM, Olive

Drane, Brendan O'Connor



Prayers for the Sick: Nancy Grealish, 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.







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.

Fr David Orange's Exhibition

You are warmly invited to the opening of an exhibition of paintings by Fr David Orange on Monday 5 February from 5pm-8pm at the Odlin Gallery, corner of Huia & Myrtle Streets, Lower Hutt. The exhibition will continue daily from 10am-5pm until Sunday 18 February. Proceeds will support Sister Goretti's Mission to the poor in Nigeria.

Dove Women's Fellowship

Dove Women's fellowship will begin this year with Praise and Worship on Saturday 17 February at 1.15pm at Connolly Hall, 40 Hill St, Thorndon. Our scripture for 2018 is Lam 3: 22-24 with the theme of hope. All women welcome. Contact Shura 0210724042 for enquires.

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Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington

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 on Thursday 15 of February at 7.30pm in in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street. Fr Peter Ewart the Joshua Wellington Chaplain will be the celebrant. If you want to know more ring John Kinney on 027 6777 225 or email johnsandra@slingshot.co.nz

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

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A retreat weekend for those whose lives have been touched by abortion from 23 - 25 March 2018.

This is an opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. All enquiries are strictly confidential. Contact Wendy Hill at rvnzretreats@gmail.com, phone 027 254 9222 or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz

Greenstone Doors Information Evening

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