

For Your Diaries : 2018

23 April, Movie Night Fundraiser

Greenstone Doors is holding a Movie Night Fundraiser on at 5.30pm. Join us at The Lighthouse Cinema in Petone to see "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society". Tickets are \$20 each.

24 April, Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour beginning at 7.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

25 April, ANZAC Day Mass

The ANZAC Day Mass will be celebrated at 9am in St Mary of the Angels. Please bring a plate for morning tea in the hall.

25 April, Gloria in Excelsis

Come and enjoy the music of Bach, Elgar, Hollins and more. St Mary of the Angels Church at 4pm. Entry is free.

26 April, Modern Slavery, Trafficking & Exploitation in NZ

Dr. Rebecca Miller and Peter Devoy from the Ministry of Immigration will be speaking on modern day slavery in New Zealand and what we can do to help. Held in St. Anne's Hall, Emmett St, Newtown at 7.30pm. Gold coin donation.

27 April, St Bernard's Old Boys

An informal gathering called 'Beersies' will be held at the Angus Inn, Lower Hutt from 5.30pm on Friday 27 April. See you all there, please spread the word!

29 April, St Vinnies Morning Tea

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting the morning tea following the 9am Mass in the crypt where the morning tea is now held.

29 April, Nations Bless Israel

Starting at 7am wherever God sends you, then coming together to Parliament at night to cross to the live event from 7-9pm. RSVP is essential by 25 April: Email Joanna.moss@nzfoi.org, phone 04 802 5956, 022 154 7865

4-6 May, Peace Retreat

Greenstone Doors is holding a Peace Retreat for single mothers. This is a fully sponsored retreat and is being held at the Magnificat Retreat Centre in Southern Wairarapa. To register please email greenstonedoors15@gmail.com

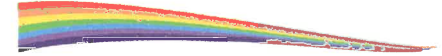
May 10, Spiritual Theology Course

Held at Pā Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon, held weekly over 10 evenings. Contact Fr Brian Cummings sm on 04 212 4691, 021 703 580 or email bgcummings@xtra.co.nz

16 July, Non-Residential Guided Retreat

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The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish

Church and Presbytery:

17 Boulcott Street,

Wellington Central

Telephone: 473 8074

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

22 April 2018, 4th Sunday of Easter

Vocations

The Feast Day of Saint Peter Chanel, Proto-martyr of the Pacific is on 28 April. As a congregation the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers) was approved in 1836 by Pope Gregory XVI on the condition that they would take the Gospel to the peoples of South Western Pacific. Peter was on the first voyage of Marist missionaries, being dropped off on the island of Futuna with Brother Marie Nizier Delorme in 1837 before the boat went onto New Zealand.

Traditionally in the Society of Mary we have a novena of prayer, (nine days) prior to the feast day to pray for priestly and religious vocations to the Society of Mary. We started the novena on Thursday and I invite you to focus some of your daily prayer, if you are not already, in these remaining days, on people discerning their vocation in life. We are each called to live our baptismal call in a particular way whether it be to marriage, as a committed single person, a consecrated lay person, as a religious such as Sister Frances, as a diocesan priest or as a religious priest such as the Marists who serve at St Mary of the Angels.

Living Christian discipleship with focus and passion from following one of these vocations is a grace. After all, we have only one shot at life and for some people it is very short as can be seen by the large numbers of people who have lost their lives in wars. We remember them this week on ANZAC Day and we pray for their souls.

Sadly, wars and injustices have not been eradicated despite the sacrifice by millions over the years. With the many troubles in our world, people of faith need to remain vigilant otherwise they can feel overwhelmed by seemingly hopeless situations. As Christians we need to believe with all our being that Jesus Christ has conquered the world and is with us to the end of time. The world needs us to be ambassadors of faith, hope, justice and love.

There are many ways to be a Christian ambassador and the novena of prayer prior to Saint Peter Chanel's Feast Day is one way to help fellow Christians to discover the pathway of Christian discipleship that God is calling them to.

*Father Kevin Conroy s.m.,
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	Acts	4:8-12
<i>This is the only name by which we can be saved.</i>		
Second Reading	1 John	3:1-2
<i>We shall see God as he is.</i>		
Gospel	John	10:11-18
<i>The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading:	Acts	9:26-31
Psalm:	21	
Second Reading:	1 John	3:18-24
Gospel:	John	15:1-8

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,917



Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood

The 4th Sunday of Easter is a special Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray for our seminarians Jovanie and Alfred and those discerning the call to priesthood. Could someone you know become tomorrow's priest? Pray for this person. Invite him to consider priesthood. Affirm his gifts and qualities. Encourage him to be open to the possibility of priesthood.

Pope Francis: *"Today the Lord continues to call others to follow him. We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous 'yes', nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord. To listen to that voice, to discern our personal mission in the Church and the world, and at last to live it in the today that God gives us."*

Fr David Dowling,
Vocations Director
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Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Dan Lynch

Anniversaries: Vicki McPhee, James Jackson, Rosalie Coyle, Malcolm McClure, John Blake, Joseph Churchward, Ches Tomaszuk, Jean Auld, Lnton Eskrigge

Prayers for the Sick: Fr David Dowling, Nancy Grealish, Mary Rose Keller, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Colleen Kennedy, Gil Lescher, Mary Crompton, Teresa Jeong, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, John Foden, 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 117

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **R.**

I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. **R.**



Alle-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Thank You

A sincere thank you to those who have generously responded to the request in the Angelus for donations to complete the work on the Church and grounds. A total of \$109,848 has been raised towards the final total of \$156,552. The work in the sanctuary area is complete. Our focus now is an ongoing maintenance programme for St Mary of the Angels.

ANZAC Day Mass

The ANZAC Day Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 25 April at 9am. It is a time to pray in thanksgiving for those who have given so much for peace and freedom. The Polish Ambassador and members of the Polish Community will be in attendance. Please bring a plate for the morning tea in the hall that follows. Come and be part of this significant liturgical event.

Modern Slavery, Trafficking & Exploitation

Many of us have learnt of William Wilberforce who in the 19th Century led the crusade towards abolishing slavery. Still, to this day 45 million people around the world are victims to modern day slavery with New Zealand only just last year making its first successful prosecution for human trafficking and exploitation. Dr. Rebecca Miller and Peter Devoy from the Ministry of Immigration will be speaking on modern slavery in New Zealand and what we can do in the fight against it. Held on the 26 April in St. Anne's Hall, Emmett St, Newtown at 7.30pm. Gold coin donation.

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Holy Hour

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Morning Tea Following 9am Mass

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Nations Bless Israel

A global call beginning in NZ to bless God and Bless Israel according to Mal. 1:11 & Gen 12:3. Starting on Sunday 29 April at 7am in your area wherever God sends you, then coming together to Parliament at night to worship and praise God and Bless Israel in its 70th year. We will then cross to the live event from 7-9pm. Due to being held in Parliament RSVP is essential by 25 April: To rsvp email Joanna.moss@nzfoi.org, phone 04 802 5956, 022 154 7865 or fill out your details on the sheet at the back of the Church. Visit nationsblessisrael.website for more info.

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