

For Your Diaries : 2018

17 June, Greenstone Doors Fundraiser

Greenstone Doors is holding a High Tea fundraiser at 2.30pm, St David's Hall, Naenae, tickets are \$15. To book a ticket please phone 566 5037 or email greenstonedoors15@gmail.com. All are welcome.

18 June, Christian Meditation Group

Join us each Monday evening for an hour of Christian meditation in the ancient form of contemplative prayer. 7pm, Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Ph. 04 383 7134 or 04 383 7769.

19 June, Suzanne Aubert's Birthday Celebration

Mass will be celebrated at 6pm in St Anne's Church, Newtown.

19 June, St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next St. Vincent de Paul meeting at 6pm in the Crypt. New members are always welcome, so if putting your faith into practice by helping the needy sounds like you, please come along.

21 June, Joshua Meeting for All!

This Joshua meeting is open to both men and women. Held in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral) at 8pm (cuppa available from 7.30pm).

28 June, Believe - Young Adult Formation

The hour and a half long sessions continue at 6pm in the parish hall. Go to facebook.com/SMOAYoungAdults/ for more details.

8 July, Sea Sunday

Join us as we recognise and thank the 1.5 million seafarers whose hard work and sacrifice provide us with over 90% of the goods and supplies we use everyday.

16 July, Non-Residential Guided Retreat

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21 July, Kapatiran Prayer Fellowship

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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

17 June 2018, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christianity, Refugees & Migrants

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has marked out today as a day of prayer for refugees and migrants. (See more details and resources at caritas.org.nz)

In the annual Papal message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis uses the verbs, to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate as appropriate Christian responses to every stranger for the sake of their fundamental dignity. [Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2018, Vatican.]

There is a connection with our Gospel reading today [Mk 4:26-36]. The image of the mustard seed growing into a large shrub able to shelter the birds of the air reflects what many people around the world, including some in New Zealand, are doing for refugees and new migrants.

However, the Gospels make it clear that correctly responding to Jesus, accepting his invitation to love radically, is a stretch for ordinary consciousness. Our minds are pedestrian; his words are wings. He sees more in us than we do in ourselves. It is not easy to know yourself as a mustard seed and to be in the presence of someone who sees you as a sheltering tree of life.

There is a world within you
no one has ever seen,
a voice no one has ever heard,
not even you.
As yet unknown
you are your own seer,
your own interpreter.
And so, with eyes and ears
grown sharp for voice or sign,
listen well---
not to these words
but to that inward voice,
that impulse beating in your heart
like a far wave.
Turn to that source, and you
will find
what no one has ever found,
a ground within you
no one has ever seen,
a world beyond the limits
of your dream's horizon.

[Paul Murray, The Absent Fountain, Dublin, Dedalus Press, 1991]

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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: Ezekiel 17:22-24
I have made the small tree great.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34
The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm: 138
Second Reading: Acts 13:22-26
Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,088



N.B. The Angelus will show mistakes in our staffing until the current print-run is used up.

Our Pastoral Team for 2018 is:

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Conroy SM.

Assistant Priests: Fr Joe Savesi SM, Fr Peter McAfee SM.

Pastoral Assistant: Sr Frances Gibbs CSB.

Music Director - Robert Oliver chant4robert@gmail.com

Suzanne Aubert Commemorative Mass

The Sisters of Compassion and the Catholic Parish of Wellington South invite you to celebrate Suzanne Aubert's birthday at the annual Mass, celebrated by Cardinal John Dew. Please join us at 6pm on 19 June in St Anne's church, Newtown. For more details email heritagecentre@compassion.org or phone 04 282 1953.

Mass has been offered for:

Anniversaries: Wilma Giles, George Swensson, Patrick Smyth, Trevor Hyde, Althea Walters, Patricia McEneaney, Su-Yen Bok

Prayers for the Sick: Barbara Stairs, Victor Stairs, Brendan Gilmore, 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.

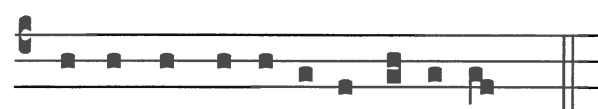
Responsorial Psalm 91

R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree And grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**



Bo-num est confi-te-re Domi-no.

It is good to praise the Lord

Young Angel Voices

Young Angel Voices is looking for more members. Boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 12 who love to sing are invited to try. There is no audition. The group meets on Thursday afternoons for an hour from 4.30pm. Contact Robert 021 0257 4375.

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir is a group of students and school leavers who love to sing. They meet on Fridays, and sing everything from Bach to Johnny Cash. There is no audition and everyone is welcome. Contact chant4robert@gmail.com or 0210 257 4375 if you are interested.

Caritas Emergency Appeal for the Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh

Since August, 700,000 Rohingya have fled from Myanmar to Bangladesh. Many refugees have settled in a refugee camp in Cox's Bazar. Though the Rohingya are now safe from persecution and being supported by organisations on the ground, they are now faced with the risk of flooding from monsoon rains. Heavy rain and high-winds may destroy shelters, create landslides and pose health risks. Caritas is working with Caritas Bangladesh and others to build retainer walls, stronger shelters and to meet the needs of the Rohingya people.

As Pope Francis said, "embrace all those fleeing from war and hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation to leave their homelands." The Rohingya are an example of his message. Caritas invites you to stand in solidarity with the Rohingya by supporting our emergency appeal.

Right now, each donation is doubled (up to \$250,000) by the New Zealand Aid Programme.

To give call 0800 22 10 22 or go online to www.caritas.org.nz/donate.

Joshua Meeting for All!

This Joshua meeting is open to both men and women. Come along and hear Chris Olsen speak about the "Open Home Foundation International as the hands and feet of Jesus in Africa and beyond". Held in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral) on Thursday 21 June at 8pm (Cuppa available from 7.30pm) If you want to know more phone Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email scjready@gmail.com

Apostleship of the Sea

It was Saint Teresa of Calcutta who once said that the greatest of illness in the world is loneliness. People want to feel loved and valued and also appreciated. Apostleship of the Sea is one of the great works of the Church. We take seriously the call of Christ himself to welcome strangers and support those in need. We do this by welcoming and supporting seafarers, port workers and fishers to Aotearoa New Zealand when they come ashore for rest and recuperation. Please join us on Sunday July 8 in any Parish as we recognize and thank by praying and donating to the 1.5 million seafarers whose hard work and sacrifice provide us with over 90% of the goods and supplies we use everyday.

Believe - Postponed to 28 June

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A Test of Faith

The documentary 'A Test of Faith' provides 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 from the Parish Office. The cost is \$30 and all proceeds go to the Seismic Strengthening Fund.

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