

For Your Diaries : 2018

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Hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal on Wednesday 27 June at 7.30pm in St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown. Fritz Mascarenhas will be speaking on the Theme 'Awaken' (Eph 5:14). Everyone is welcome!

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.

1 July, Refugee Resettlement Movie Fundraiser

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8 July, Sea Sunday

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16 July, Non-Residential Guided Retreat

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21 July, Kapatiran Prayer Fellowship

You are invited to our upcoming Life in the Spirit Programme (KLSP) to be held from 21 July to 25 November 2018. Held on Saturdays from 1pm at St Bernadette's Church Hall, 194 Naenae Rd, Naenae Lower Hutt.

27-29 July, Dove Women's Retreat Weekend

At Willow Park Christian Camp, Eastern Beach, Auckland. To register or for further information visit our website www.dove.org.nz or phone Shona Williams 07 543 0101 email shonawilliams58@gmail.com

3-5 August, Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A weekend of spiritual and emotional healing for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. 03-05 August 2018. All enquiries strictly confidential. Contact Wendy Hill 027 254 9222 or rvnzretreats@gmail.com

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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

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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

24 June 2018, The Nativity of St John the Baptist

A Voice Leading to the Word

It is striking that we observe John the Baptist's birthday in the context of a Sunday Mass. St Augustine's sermon on the topic gives us plenty of food for thought and sheds light on the topic.

... John's mother was old and barren while Christ's mother was young and a virgin. John's father was struck dumb for not believing that he would be born. The Virgin Mary believed and conceived in faith....

John marks the frontier between the Old and the New Testaments. ... He represents the Old Testament and at the same time introduces the New. His parents were old, in keeping with his first role: while yet in his mother's womb he was saluted as a prophet, in recognition of his second. Although he was not yet born at the time of Mary's visitation, he leaped in his mother's womb. His mission was made clear, even before he was born. He was revealed as Christ's precursor, before he so much as saw him....

*Zachary fell silent and lost his power of speech until John, the precursor, was born and restored his speech. Is not Zachary's silence a hidden prophecy, kept secret and, as it were, pent up before Christ could be proclaimed? His speech was restored at John's birth, his voice was made clear when he came as he had been foretold. The restoration of Zachary's power of speech is like the rending of the veil of the temple when Christ was crucified. If John proclaimed himself, he could not have restored his father's speech. Zachary's tongue was loosened because a **voice** was born. When John was announcing our Lord's coming he was asked: 'Who are you?' He replied: 'I am the **voice** of one crying in the wilderness.' John was a **voice**, but in the beginning the Lord was the **Word**. John was a **voice** for a time: but Christ, who in the beginning was the **Word**, is the **Word** in eternity. [Augustine, Sermon 293, 1-3]*

We are responding, each in our unique way, to an inner desire to become more like Christ, more like the Word of God. It follows, therefore, that how we use our voice is very important. Am I using my voice to announce the presence of the Word of God? Do I use my voice to bring new life to others?

Father Kevin Conroy s.m.
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6
Behold I will make you a light to the nations.

Second Reading: Acts 13:22-26
Christ's coming was announced beforehand by the preaching of John.

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80
John is his name.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24
Psalm: 29
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15
Gospel: Mark 5: 21-43

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,972



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.

In Residence: Fr Brian Wysocki SM

Pastoral Assistant: Sr Frances Gibbs CSB.

Music Director - Robert Oliver chant4robert@gmail.com

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Rachel's Vineyard Retreats
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Mass has been offered for:

Anniversaries: Michael Molloy, Dee John McMahon, Hugh Cullen, Claire Schima, Mario Pilotti, Michael Schima, Su-Yen Bok, Glenda Edmonds

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.

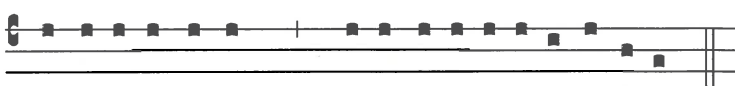
Responsorial Psalm 138

R. I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

O Lord, you search me and you know me,
you know my resting and my rising,
you discern my purpose from afar.
You mark when I walk or lie down,
all my ways lie open to you. **R.**

For it was you who created my being,
knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you for the wonder of my being,
for the wonders of all your creation. **R.**

Already you knew my soul,
my body held no secret from you
when I was being fashioned in secret
and moulded in the depths of the earth. **R.**



Confi-tebor ti-bi, mi-ra-bi-li a ope-ra tu-a.

I will praise thee, wonderful are thy works.

Dove Women's Retreat Weekend

Come and join us for a weekend to be "Refreshed - Renewed - Restored" on Friday 27 July to Sunday 29 July. The theme for 2018 is "Harvest" with guest speakers Wilma Conroy and Anne Claessens. Venue: Willow Park Christian Camp, Eastern Beach, Auckland. There are optional weekend registrations for residential or non-residential. To register or for further information visit our website www.dove.org.nz or phone Shona Williams 07 543 0101 email shonawilliams58@gmail.com

Holy Trinity Parish Catholic Book Club

Explore the Truth, Beauty, and Goodness of the Catholic faith through its great books! At Holy Cross Church Parish, Centre, 90 Miramar Ave, Miramar, 6-7pm, last Sunday of every month (starting Sunday June 24). Light supper will be provided. Connect with fellow passionate Catholics for like-minded discussion. For enquiries, contact 04 388 2840 or email htpCatholicBookClub@gmail.com

Refugee Resettlement Movie Fundraiser

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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.

Rosary

The Rosary is recited on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays at 11.30am. On Fridays the Rosary is prayed after the 12.05pm Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Believe

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Holy Hour

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