

For Your Diaries : 2018

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28—30 September, National Catholic Men's Event – MAX18NZ

The event offers a unique opportunity to deepen an understanding of God's call and challenge within our lives. Held at Kings College, Auckland over the weekend of 28/30 September. See flyer on display at the church entrance and also www.max18nz for more information. MAX = Men Alive for Christ.

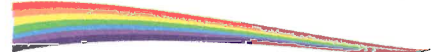
5-7 October, Ecclesia Dei Society of NZ Retreat

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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

Parish Priest

Fr Barry Scannell SM

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Fr Kevin Conroy SM

Fr Joe Savei SM

Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

Director of Music

Robert Oliver

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Parish Accountant

Jeanette Temelo

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Parish Office

smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz

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

16 September 2018, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who is Jesus? Wrestling with the question of Jesus' identity plays a part in deciding to live the Christian life. His activities of exorcising, proclaiming, teaching, and healing invite speculation. Ultimately these activities were revelations to humans of God's beautiful design. However, humans are all too often preoccupied with the "things of humans". When this happens the identity of Jesus slips into the shadows of one's priorities.

How do the "things of God" and the "things of humans" differ? David Rhoads suggests the following: *The things of God are, faith, courage, losing one's life for the Good News, being least and being servant, and doing good. The things of humans are, lack of faith, fear, saving one's life, being great, lording it over people and doing harm. [Reading Mark: Engaging the Gospel, Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2004.]*

In her book, *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*, Our Sunday Visitor, 2012, Sherry Weddell describes with detailed statistics the crisis of Catholics leaving the Church in the United States. She shares the evidence that most departures happen in young adulthood, and that most who leave never come back.

From Chapter 1, God Has No Grandchildren, she writes: *If this trend does not change, in ten years it will cease to matter that we have a priest shortage. The Builders will be largely gone, the Boomers retiring, and our institutions – parishes and schools – will be emptying at an incredible rate.*

She then explores possible reasons for the emptying of pews across all ages in ethnic groups. She discovered a sobering finding in surveys researching the beliefs of Catholics: *The majority of adult Catholics are not even certain that a personal relationship with God is possible.*

Is this too negative and not trusting that the Holy Spirit has the matter in hand? Or, is the way of the world stifling any possible enquiry into the "things of God" and possible relationship with him and thereby stifling the revelation of God's beautiful design?

Last Tuesday was the enquiry evening for possible candidates in our parish's Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults. Not only will we keep them, their sponsors and the leaders in our prayers but hopefully we will be motivated to go deeper with our relationship with Jesus Christ. Is it time for the parish to explore fresh ways to help parishioners make this journey?

Father Kevin Conroy s.m.

Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

You are Christ. The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12.17-20

Psalm: 53

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,917



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 Saveni SM, Fr Peter McAfee SM.

In Residence: Fr Brian Wysocki SM

Pastoral Assistant: Sr Frances Gibbs CSB.

Music Director - Robert Oliver chant4robert@gmail.com

Temporary Staff Changes

Thank you for your prayers for Fr Peter McAfee, his surgery on Monday went well. He will be on leave for a month. We are fortunate to have on loan from the Marist community, Wairoa, Fr Barry O'Connor, sm. Fr Barry will be with us until 30 September.

Mass has been offered for:

Anniversaries: Joan Lynch, Helen Havasi, Freda Fernie, Mary Dysart, Fr John Aitken sm, Pepe Va'a,

Mary Chinnock, Betty Mary Compton, Mary Frawley, Anthea Walters,

Prayers for the Sick: Stephen Reeve, Bea Stewart, Miriam Wilkins, Barbara Stairs, Victor Stairs, Brendan Gilmore, Nancy Grealish, Mary Rose Keller, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, 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 114

R I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living

I love the Lord for he has heard

the cry of my appeal;

for he turned his ear to me

in the day when I called him. **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,

with the anguish of the tomb;

they caught me, sorrow and distress.

I called on the Lord's name.

O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;

our God has compassion.

The Lord protects the simple hearts;

I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**

He has kept my soul from death,

my eyes from tears

and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord

in the land of the living **R.**



Pla-cebo Domi-no in re-gi- o- ne vi-vo-rem.

I will please the Lord in the land of the living.



Columban Calendars

2019 Columban Calendars are available for purchase from the Parish Office for \$12 each.

All proceeds go toward supporting St Columbans Mission Society.

Catholic Marriage Preparation Course 'Love is a Decision'

Getting married soon? or is someone you know getting married in Summer 2018/2019? Bookings are open now for the final two marriage preparation courses for 2018. The ADW Marriage Preparation Course 'Love is a Decision' will be run in Wellington on October 7 & 14 and November 18 & 25. Courses for 2019 start again in March. Please contact Felicity Giltrap at the Family and Young Church Office 04 496 1719 or email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz for more information or to book for a course.

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Ecclesia Dei Society of NZ Retreat

You are warmly invited to attend the Ecclesia Dei (Latin Mass) Society of NZ Retreat. Bishop Basil Meeking, Emeritus Bishop of Christchurch, will lead the retreat and he will give three inspiring talks: It is the Mass that Matters: (1) Calvary Continued; (2) God Feeds us; (3) One Church, One Eucharist. The Latin Mass will be offered each day with Rosary, devotions, Adoration, Reconciliation and time for meditation. On Friday 5 October to Sunday 7 October at The Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. The cost for the full retreat with all meals \$250.00; Day attendance (no meals or accommodation) \$40.00; other options available on request. Contact Neil Coup on 04 589 6924; 021 896924, or Jan Curran; 07 838 2646; janetcurran@jtcurren.co.nz

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The Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship

These scholarships provide financial assistance to tertiary students from Wellington and Palmerston North Dioceses for their third year of tertiary studies. Please apply through www.compassion.org.nz/latest-news or the Facebook page by 31 October 2018. Contact Sr Lusiana Raratini at sr.lusi@compassion.org.nz.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

Inviting men to come along and join us on Thursday 20 September at 7.30pm (fellowship from 7pm) in The Loaves and Fishes Hall next to the Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth streets Thorndon. Cardinal John Dew will be speaking following his trip to the 'World Meeting of Families' in Ireland and his next trip to Rome. If you want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027 356 9555 or email joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Burying a Poet

A photographic exhibition of the tangihanga of James K Baxter and The Sister & The Poet. Jerusalem art exhibitions are on display at the Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, Home of Compassion, Island Bay. Open Mon-Sat 10am-3pm & Sun 12noon-3pm. Email heritagecentre@compassion.org or Phone 04 282 1953.

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.

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