

For Your Diaries : 2018

25 September, Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour beginning at 7.30pm in Viard House, Cathedral Presbytery, to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

26 September, Teaching Night

Held at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown on at 7.30pm. Fr John Rea will be speaking on the theme the gift of healing. Evening includes Praise & Worship, group discussion and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

27 September, Healing Service

Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service at St Bernadette's Church, 194 Naenae Rd, Naenae beginning at 7.30pm. Bring all those who need Jesus' healing. All are welcome.

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

The Latin Mass will be offered each day with Rosary, devotions, Adoration, Reconciliation and time for meditation. At The Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. Contact Neil Coup on 04 589 6924; 021 896924, or Jan Curran; 07 838 2646; janetcurran@jtcurren.co.nz

7 October, Rosary Aotearoa

Rosary Aotearoa is encouraging parishes and groups to gather at different locations around the country at 3pm to pray the Rosary. For more information and to register a group and location see www.rosarynewzealand.nz.

13 October, Vigil Mass for canonization of Archbishop Oscar Romero

To mark the canonization, a thanksgiving Mass will be held with Mons. Gerard Burns at the Home of Compassion chapel Island Bay at 5pm. A recent documentary about Romero will be shown at 3pm in the same venue.

19-21 October, Bishop Viard College 50th Jubilee

Present and past students and staff are preparing to celebrate this important college milestone on Labour weekend this year. Details of our programme are on the college website along with the registration form www.viard.school.nz. You can also email us at viard50th@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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Fr Barry Scannell SM

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MASSES

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm

Monday to Friday 7:30am, 12:05pm, & 5:15pm

Saturday 11am

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday 11am Mass with Sacrament of Anointing

ADORATION

Monday to Friday 6:45am-7:30am

Friday 11am-noon

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Thursday 11:30am-noon
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

23 September 2018, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a loud voice in the world that says, "We do not need God, the Church, or a priest. We are in control. We can take care of ourselves. If we are not in control then we need to work harder to get in control." Beneath all the great accomplishments of our time there is a deep current of despair. While efficiency and control are the great aspirations of our society, the loneliness, isolation, lack of friendship and intimacy, broken relationships, boredom, feelings of emptiness, and a sense uselessness fill the hearts of many people. The cry that fails to be articulated is, "Is there anybody who loves me; is there anybody who really cares?"

If we were advising God how to change all this we would probably suggest that he send a sort of super hero type of messiah who would magically fill the emptiness in peoples' hearts. The Gospel today shows that God did not take that approach. Jesus, did not pursue fame, recognition, control or power as the world sees it. Rather, he showed great **vulnerability** and through this vulnerability he revealed God's love for the world. In response the world crucified and pushed Jesus aside. His message of love was rejected by a world in search of power, efficiency and control.

Jesus simply asks us, "Do you love me?" He whose only concern had been to announce the unconditional love of God had only one question, "Do you love me?" In our world where loneliness and despair are all too evident, there is an enormous need for men and women to know the heart of God, a heart that forgives, that cares, that reaches out and wants to heal. The Christian is the person who is in love with Jesus and being in love with Jesus they reveal the heart of God to the world.

It is from this love of Jesus that our desire to serve comes from. The service may be at the altar or proclaiming the Word, providing music, joining the St Vincent de Paul Society, being present in the church as a Guardian, journeying with new members of the Church, cleaning and providing hospitality in the crypt. There are many ways to serve in Jesus' name.

Last Friday we celebrated the Requiem Mass for Gill Lescher, long time parishioner. We acknowledge how her love for God led her to serve in ways that helped to build the faith community here, helped to show the heart of God. From being an early member of the 5.00 pm Mass music group, to being a founding member of the church Guardians to reaching out to those in need by joining the SVP and journeying with people who wanted to become Catholic Christians. We thank God for the example of people like Gill.

*Father Kevin Conroy s.m.
Parish Priest*

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity.... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm: 18

Second Reading: St James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,123



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

Temporary Staff Changes

Thank you for your prayers for Fr Peter McAfee, he is convalescing from surgery and 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:

Recently Deceased: Gill Lescher

Anniversaries: Breda Smith, Olive Va'a, Zoe Moriarty

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, 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.

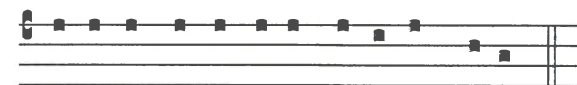
Responsorial Psalm 53

R The Lord upholds my life

Oh God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R.**

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **R.**



Domi-nus susceptor est a-nimae me- ae.

The Lord is the protector of my soul.

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.



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.



Bishop Viard College 50th Jubilee

Present and past students and staff are preparing to celebrate this important college milestone on 19-21 October (Labour weekend) this year. A weekend of events starting with a Powhiri on the Friday and ending with mass celebrated by Cardinal John Dew on the Sunday will give many the opportunity to remember and give thanks for the gift of Catholic education in our community. The college extends a warm welcome to all past students, staff, board of trustees, parents and friends of Bishop Viard to join us for all or part of the weekend. Details of our programme are on the college website along with the registration form www.viard.school.nz. If you prefer you can also email us at viard50th@gmail.com

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.

Teaching Night

Held at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown on Wednesday 26 September, at 7.30pm. Fr John Rea will be speaking on the theme the gift of healing. Evening includes Praise & Worship, group discussion and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

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.

Vigil Mass for canonization of Archbishop Oscar Romero (1917-1980)

Archbishop Romero will be canonized on 14 October in Rome. Romero was noted for his defence of the poor and of human rights during times of great social conflict in El Salvador. He was assassinated while celebrating Mass on March 24, 1980. To mark the canonization, the Wellington JPD commission in conjunction Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand and local Justice and Peace groups have organized a thanksgiving Mass with Mons. Gerard Burns at the Home of Compassion chapel Island Bay, 5pm, Saturday 13 October. A recent documentary (75 mins) about Romero will be shown at 3pm in the same venue. All welcome. Inquiries to Mgrs Gerard Burns 04-496-1737

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Holy Hour

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Healing Service

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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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