

## For Your Diaries : 2018

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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](http://www.rosarynewzealand.nz).

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### 10-14 December, Young Catholic Leader Programme

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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](http://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

[smoapp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoapp@xtra.co.nz)

### Assistant Priests

Fr Kevin Conroy SM

Fr Joe Savei SM

### Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

### Director of Music

Robert Oliver

[robert.oliver@paradise.net.nz](mailto:robert.oliver@paradise.net.nz)

### Parish Accountant

Jeanette Temelo

[smoamanager@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoamanager@xtra.co.nz)

### Parish Office

[smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz)

### 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

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

## 30 September 2018, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I read a spiritual writer once who referred to the mind as a good servant but a poor master.

There is the story of the student who asked the teacher, "Professor, do fish think?"

"Do fish think?" The professor repeated the question. "Let me see. There is a fish pond in the back of my house. Every evening for three weeks, I threw fish food in the water near the left bank. The fish came and ate. Then one evening I threw fish food into the pond near the right bank. I noticed the fish were still going to the left bank. For nearly three weeks I threw fish food near the right bank, but the fish were still going to the left bank. Then one evening the fish noticed the food was over at the right bank. They swam across the pond. But they were so starved from not eating, they rolled over and died right before they came to the food. Do fish think? Yes, but not fast enough.

By speaking of the mind as a good servant, spiritual writers are suggesting that by welcoming God's grace into our hearts we are able to keep our mind flexible and supple, we can hope and dream in the future but live in the present.

This suggests that we should hold our knowledge lightly, always countering it with not-knowing. If not, we run the risk of prejudging and not being open to the fullness of truth. This points to our need for constant metanoia, personal conversion. We should allow the Gospel message to form our thinking.

*"John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.'"* [Mark 9:38]

The thinking of the disciples has led them to confuse Christian community with a club, or gang, pack or herd. Because they have met people outside of the group of disciples of Jesus who are doing good deeds they have concluded that the outsiders are a threat; that they might poach their territory. Their thinking needs to change. If Jesus is truly resident in their hearts then their minds need to search for ways to build bridges with these "outsiders".

Father Kevin Conroy s.m.  
Parish Priest



## This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Numbers 11:25-29  
*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

**Second Reading:** St James 5:1-6  
*Your wealth is rotting.*

**Gospel:** Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Gen 2:18-24  
**Psalm:** Ps 127  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 2:9-11  
**Gospel:** Mark 10:2-16

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,948



**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 Savei 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 who has been convalescing from surgery and will return this week. We have been fortunate to have on loan from the Marist community, Wairoa, Fr Barry O'Connor, sm. Today is his last day helping out. Thank you Fr Barry.

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Gill Lescher

**Anniversaries:** Norma Burns, O'Brien Reeve, Tina Lyons, Paul Barber, John Casserley, Eileen Dysart, Claire Bourke, Leo Buchanan

**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 18

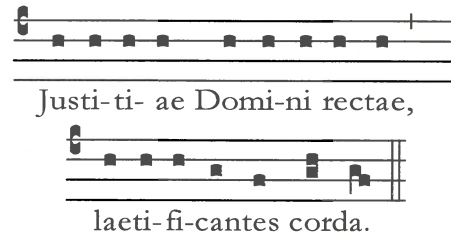
R. **The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
 it revives the soul.  
 The rule of the lord is to be trusted,  
 it gives wisdom to the simple. R.

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
 abiding for ever.  
 The decrees of the Lord are truth  
 and all of them just. R.

So in them your servant finds instruction;  
 great reward is in their keeping.  
 But who can detect all his errors?  
 From hidden faults acquit me. R.

From presumption restrain your servant  
 and let it not rule me.  
 Then shall I be blameless,  
 clean from grave sin. R.



*The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts.*

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## 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.

## 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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## Rosary

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