

For Your Diaries : 2018

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18 October, Joshua Men's Fellowship Wellington

Fellowship from 7pm for 7.30pm start. Held in The Loaves and Fishes Hall next to the Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner of Hill and Molesworth streets, Thorndon.

19-21 October, Bishop Viard College 50th Jubilee

Details are on the college website along with the registration form www.viard.school.nz. You can also email us at viard50th@gmail.com

27 October, Stewardship Retreat

Held at Sacred Heart Church Petone, Britannia St from 9.30am-3.45pm. Register by emailing a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz or phone 04 496 5182.

27 October, Joy Cowley Book Launch

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2 November, St Pats Old Boys Association Mix & Mingle

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12-16 November, Residential Retreat

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10-14 December, Young Catholic Leader Programme

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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

7 October 2018, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Some Pharisees question Jesus about his teaching on marriage and divorce. In response Jesus focusses on the unity created by marriage. He quotes Genesis 2:24: "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." The emphasis by Jesus on the **unitive** dimension of marriage opens up a central aspect of the vocation of Christian marriage. A beautiful role of Christian marriage in the world is to point to the bond of love between God and creation and the importance of reconciliation in our lives, to restore that bond where it is damaged.

In a recent Jesuit publication, I found the following spiritual exercise which may help us in our relationships: Reconciling God, Creation and Humanity: An Ignatian Examen.

In Laudato Si' Pope Francis asked us to care for creation and to reconcile our relationship with God, creation and one another. Borrowing from the great Ignatian tradition of Examens the following may be helpful in our personal prayer. Begin the Examen by placing yourself in a posture that allows yourself to be open to the ways the Spirit is working in you:

1] **I give thanks to God for creation and for being wonderfully made.** (Where did I feel God's presence in creation today?)

2] **I ask for the grace to see creation as God does – in all its splendour and suffering.** (Do I see the beauty of creation and hear the cries of the earth and the poor?)

3] **I ask for the grace to look closely to see how my life choices impact creation and the poor and vulnerable.** (What challenges or joys do I experience as I recall my care for creation? How can I turn away from a throwaway culture and instead stand in solidarity with creation and the poor?)

4] **I ask for the grace of conversion towards ecological justice and reconciliation.** (Where have I fallen short in caring for creation and my brothers and sisters? How do I ask for a conversion of heart?)

5] **I ask for the grace to reconcile my relationship with God, creation and humanity, and to stand in solidarity through my actions.** (How can I repair my relationship with creation and make choices consistent with my desire for reconciliation with creation?)

6] **I offer a closing prayer for the earth and the vulnerable in our society.**

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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 6:30am-7:20am
Friday

Friday 11am-Noon

RECONCILIATION

Monday to 11:30am-Noon
Thursday 12:30pm-1:00pm
4:30pm-5:00pm

Friday 11:00am-11:50pm
12:30pm-1:00pm
4:30pm-5:00pm

Saturday 10:30am-10:55am
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This Week's Readings

First Reading: **Genesis** **2:18-24**
They were two in one flesh.

Second Reading: **Hebrews** **2:9-11**
He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have the same origin.

Gospel: **Mark** **10:2-16**
What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: **Wisdom** **7:7-11**
Psalm: **89**
Second Reading: **Hebrews** **4:12-13**
Gospel: **Mark** **10:17-30**

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,994



Our New Look Angelus

This week is the first week of our new Angelus. We would like to thank our previous and ongoing sponsors for the generosity towards our printing costs. We would like to welcome and thank our new sponsors for their support in ensuring we can provide a weekly newsletter.

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.



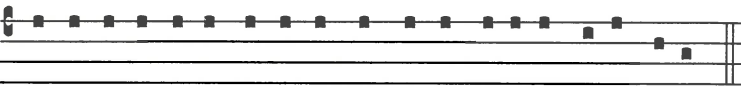
Responsorial Psalm 127

R May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! **R**



Be-ne-di-cat ti-bi Domi-nus omni-bus di- ebus vi-tae tu-ae.
May the Lord bless thee all the days of thy life

Residential Retreat

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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.

Joy Cowley Book Launch

A new book of spiritual writings by Joy Cowley is being launched at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Mt Victoria at 4pm, Saturday 27 October. *Veil Over The Light* is a stunning collection of reflections, stories and poems from one of New Zealand's leading spiritual writers. Fans of Joy's writing are warmly invited to come and celebrate its launch.

Palliser Viols

Palliser Viols, lead by Robert Oliver, gives its final concert for the year in the National War Memorial Hall of Memories on Sunday 14 October at 7.30pm. They will play music from war-torn 17th Century Europe, plus a modern piece written especially for them by Colin Decio. Middle C's critic said of their concert in St Mary of the Angels. "...leading us towards a joyful dance variation, before rushing to an exhilarating conclusion." Bookings are essential, seating is limited, and there are no door sales. There are brochures with contact details at the church entrances.

Stewardship Retreat

Gift yourself a time of reflection and join Cardinal John and the Stewardship team at the annual Stewardship Retreat, to be held at Sacred Heart Church Petone, Britannia St from 9.30am-3.45pm on Saturday 27 October. Register by emailing a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz or phone 04 496 5182.

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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

SMAYAC's Saturday Lunch

Our next social event will be held on Saturday 13 October directly after the 11am Mass. This will also coincide with the SMAYACs group Rosary at 10.30am. We will have lunch at Southern Cross Garden Bar at around 12pm and will leave St Mary of the Angels Church as a group after Mass. Alternatively, you could meet us at Southern Cross. We will be seated in the outside garden area. We would love to see you there. Please feel welcome to bring a friend.

Joshua Men's Fellowship Wellington

Inviting men to come along and join us on Thursday 18 October at 7.30pm (note: fellowship from 7pm for 7.30pm start). Held in The Loaves and Fishes Hall next to the Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner of Hill and Molesworth streets, Thorndon. We will hear testimonies about the recent big Catholic Men's Event in Auckland. If you want to know more ring Steve Ready on 027 356 9555 or email joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Young Catholic Leader Programme

The Young Catholic Leader (YCL) programme is a five day, live-in, leadership and faith formation programme for next year's Catholic Year 13 students. YCL 2018 runs from Monday 10 December to Friday 14 December 2018 at Forest Lakes Camping and Conference Centre, just north of Otaki. YCL asks participants to take part in a variety of activities to encourage and form them in Catholic leadership. YCL is a "Formation by Participation" opportunity for students from Colleges in the Archdiocese of Wellington who will be entering Year 13 in 2019. The cost is \$197.00 per student (incl. GST). This price includes accommodation, meals, sessions, session manuals and follow-up support in your parish. If you, or your year 12 child are interested please contact the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 for a registration form.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Miriam Wilkins
Anniversaries: Leo Buchanan, Sidney Hall
Prayers for the Sick: Stephen Reeve, Bea Stewart, 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
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