

## For Your Diaries : 2018

### 16 December, Bach Choir of Wellington

Held at 2pm in St Mary of the Angels Church. General Admission \$33 or Concession/Student/Unwaged is \$28.

### 19 December, Carols with the Angels

Our Carol Service with the Salvation Army Band, the Choir, the Korean Community Choir, Young Angel Voices, and all your favourite Carols, hosted by Cynthia Morahan. This will be celebrated at 7.30pm

### 21 December, "Jesus Heals Today"

A healing service will be held at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay at 7.30pm with Father John Rea. Come along and be healed in Jesus' Name.



### Parishioner Seeking Accommodation

A mature female PhD student is looking for rental accommodation near St Mary of Angels or anywhere near Pipitea campus. Her preference would be with a Catholic family or an elderly couple or elderly lady. She would want to cook independently. Contact parish office please.



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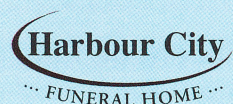


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# The Angelus

## St Mary of the Angels Parish

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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*

## 16 December 2018, 3rd Sunday of Advent

Tax collectors and soldiers were not exactly flavour of the month at the time of Jesus. However, in Luke chapter 3, verses 12 and 14 we hear them asking John the Baptist for advice – *what must we do?*

There are many examples of public figures down through history who have had to choose between exercising their role with integrity or to take a more expedient path. An article in last Tuesday's Dominion Post which took my attention, (Page 14 Therese Raphael reporting in Bloomberg) was about the much talked about Brexit deal.

The article referred to historian David Starkey's comment that Brexit should be called the Second Brexit. He said that the First Brexit stemmed from King Henry VIII wanting to divorce Catherine of Aragon so he could marry Anne Boleyn. The pope would not agree so Henry broke with Rome thereby placing himself at the head of the Church in England.

A key figure of the time was Sir Thomas More and among his significant roles in public life he was adviser to Henry. He refused to compromise his beliefs in order to satisfy the king. In Robert Bolt's play A Man for All Seasons, More says, "When statesmen forsake their own private conscience for the sake of their public duties, they lead their country by a short route to chaos." Comments like that helped lead to More's execution and eventually to his canonisation.

Returning to our Gospel passage: Hearing tax collectors and soldiers ask the respected prophet John the Baptist, *what must we do*, moves John to answer with brutally blunt answers. The answers included reference to acting with justice, not misusing their power and showing respect to people.

What are we to make of this man John responding in such a way? Well, we listen to him because of his role of preparing for the arrival of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. A strong message from the Gospel today is that hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ is one thing, Gospel truth has to be visible in the choices we make each day.

Finally, I want to express gratitude for the generous help provided at Saturdays working bee.

*Father Kevin Conroy sm*  
 Parish Priest

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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** 6:30am-7:20am

**Friday** 11am-Noon

### RECONCILIATION

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



## Erratum

St Mary of the Angels is registered with the Charities Commission. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt issued.