For Your Diaries: 2018

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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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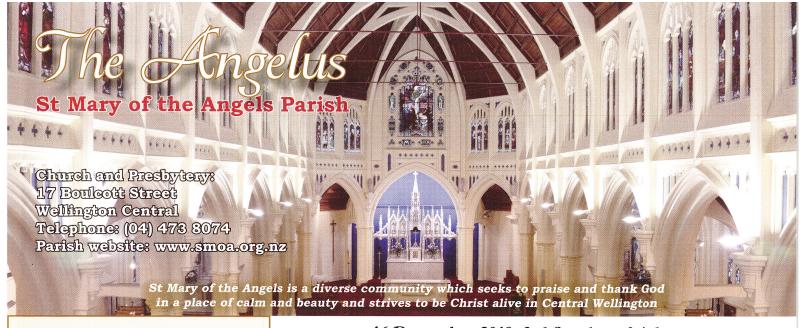
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MASSES

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

4:00pm-5:00pm

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

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18 With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

The Lord is near.

3:10-18 Gospel: Luke

What, then, must we do?

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4 79 Psalm:

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10 1:39-44 Gospel: Luke

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,343



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Oberammergau 2020 Passion Play

Fr Chris Friel from Christchurch will lead this tour to Germany in June of 2020. The famous play has been performed every 10 years since 1634. The tour includes a 6 day cruise down the Danube through Austria, Germany, Slovakia and Hungary. Ph 0800 356 728 for further info.

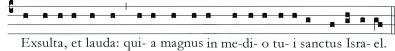
Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. R.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. R.

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. R.

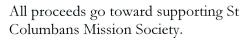


Sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Columban Calendars

2019 Columban Calendars are available for purchase for \$12 each.

Calendars are selling fast so please purchase yours from the Parish Office before we run out.





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Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Grace Millane

Anniversaries:



Su-Yen Bok, James Coyle, Daniel McKone, Maurice O'Brien, Janina Knopp, Teresa Vital Prayers for the Sick: Keith Shirley, Peter Aldridge, Tony Crawley, Kerry Barber, John Adams, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Bea Stewart, Barbara Stairs, Victor Stairs, Brendan Gilmore, Nancy Grealish, Mary Rose Keller, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, 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.





Councillor **Nicola Young** representing Lambton ward Please contact me if I can help with a City Council issue

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St Mary of the Angels **Christmas Cards**

St Mary of the Angels Christmas Cards are now available for purchase either after Mass on Sunday or from the Parish Office.

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St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Every Christmas there is a real need for children's gifts and food for families. Cash donations, are really appreciated & may be left in our box at the foot of the Statue of St Vincent de Paul, at the back of the Church. God's Blessings to all from Vinnies.

Holy Land Pilgrimages

Pilgrimages departing in 2019 to The Holy Land, Medjugorje and within NZ. Expressions of interest welcome. Visit: www.pilgrimage.nz or see noticeboard for details. Contact Patricia Parsons on 0274 219 064. E: info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz.

Bach Choir of Wellington

Held at 2pm on Sunday 16 December in St Mary of the Angels Church. The Bach Choir presents choral music from the 16th to 20th Centuries in honour of St Cecilia, patron Saint of musicians: Hymn to St. Cecilia, Benjamin Britten; Messe Solennelle de Sainte-Cécile (St Cecilia Mass), Gounod; and music by William Byrd, Handel, Johannes Jeep and Gerald Finzi. The Choir will be joined by Nicola Holt (soprano), Jamie Young (tenor), Daniel O'Connor (baritone) and Douglas Mews (organ), under the direction of Shawn Michael Condon. Tickets available from Eventfinda, choir members, and at the door on the day. General Admission \$33 or Concession/Student/Unwaged is \$28.

Advent Meditations

At 12.30pm each Friday in Advent, a small group from the choir will lead the singing in midday Prayer. The music includes the 'O' Antiphons for Advent. The liturgy follows midday Mass and lasts for 15 minutes.

Erratum

The December 2 edition of the Angelus incorrectly stated that the Korean community were celebrating 26 years at St Mary of the Angels. It should have read 24 years.

Young Adult Catholic Community House

The Wellington Young Adult Catholic Community House - Mary's Mantle- is presenting to you the opportunity to live in community next year. Living in the grand old presbytery in the peaceful suburb of Seatoun we are a community of young Catholics seeking to live out our faith in a greater way. We do this through committing to daily prayer, shared meals and community nights of fun, teachings and Mass, and we encourage and support one another (as families do) to seek Christ and to grow in holiness in our jobs and lives. Our place is home to all young Catholics and therefore we also strive to offer hospitality to all who pass by! If living out your faith in community sparks your interest, consider if God may be inviting you to join us! If you are interested in finding out more (and you're between the ages of 18 -35) please get in touch with Chante Cooper, Damon Maclachlan, Sophie Hale, or Catherine Monastra or give Isabella a call to chat about all things 'community!' - on 0210539664. To all our Young Adult Catholic family, our place belongs to you too... our home is your home! If you are in Wellington, come stay with us, pray with us or share a meal!

Advent Action

Life is very tough for many of those we serve in the Wellington, Porirua and Hutt Valley region. On 23 December 2018 we will be delivering 120 hampers filled with fresh produce, meat, and gifts that our children and young people really need and will enjoy. If you would like to sponsor a child, young person or family and make a direct difference, then please donate to Challenge 2000, ANZ, 01-0519-0057660-00 and reference Advent Action. Alternatively, you could drop items off to our premises at 1 Wanaka Street Johnsonville or call Megan on 04 477 6827 and we will come and collect them! Thank you in anticipation.

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