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14 February, St Valentine's Day Mass

Held on at 6pm in St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. All are welcome to this



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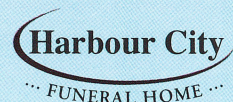
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St Mary of the Angels is a diverse community which seeks to praise and thank God in a place of calm and beauty and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington

23 December 2018, 4th Sunday of Advent

Emmanuel, God-is-With-Us

This is the final Angelus for 2018 with the next edition scheduled for 20 January 2019. This week I have been reflecting over 2018 at St Mary of the Angels. God-is-with-us.

As well as the Masses and Sacrament of Reconciliation there has been anointing of the sick, elderly and housebound. There have been baptisms and weddings. Adults and young people have been welcomed into the Church through the Sacramental Programme and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and some more are preparing to do so next year. We have gathered for requiem Mass on a number of occasions for people we will miss.

Parishioners have served on committees, and various ministries. Our talented musicians have helped us to ponder God-in-our-midst. Parishioners have washed and ironed linen, prepared flower arrangements, been present in the church as a Guardian. Some parishioners have helped in the area of hospitality, a key part of building community and welcoming visitors and new members. People have prayed and people have reached out to those in need.

The Saint Mary of the Angels Young Active Catholics (SMAYAC) have provided opportunities for younger members of the parish to be involved in parish life. Likewise, the Believe group once a week has provided the opportunity for adult formation in the faith.

We have gathered in prayer with our friends from the Presbyterian faith community. We have celebrated Waitangi Day and ANZAC Day.

The "ribbon incident" on the fence highlighted the pain by some in society who are survivors of abuse by a small number of priests and religious.

Following on from the Archdiocesan Synod our delegates led the way to prepare for a Stewardship Day with our bishop, Archbishop Cardinal John Dew. The Saturday gathering of about 29 members of the parish was yet another sign that God is definitely with us. Fruit will come from Stewardship Day.

We thank and praise God for all that has been in 2018 at St Mary of the Angels. We are benefitting from the generosity and hard work that went into seismically strengthening our church building in recent years. May we ponder over these days that God-is-with-us.

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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

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4
Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
I am coming to do your will.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-44
Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Psalm: 83

Second Reading: St John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,079



Thank you

A sincere Thank You to all those who contributed to last Saturday's working bee. We were able to complete the tidying up of the Church and the grounds. We appreciate your time and effort to come along.

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.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Grace Millane

Anniversaries: Su-Yen Bok, James Glover, Diana Bartram, Marie Giles, Noel Scahill

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.

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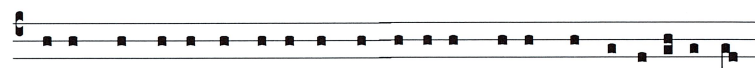
Responsorial Psalm 79

**R Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
The man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**



De-us, converte nos: et ostende fa-ci-em tu-am et salvi e-rimus.

Convert us O Lord and show us thy face; and we shall be saved.

St Vincent de Paul

On behalf of St Vincent de Paul City Conference group members, thank you for your support over the past year.

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.

All proceeds go toward supporting St Columbans Mission Society.



St Mary of the Angels Christmas Cards

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

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House for Rent urgently Needed:

A former refugee family of 9 urgently need accommodation. If you can assist or know of any accommodation about to become available in the Wellington area, please contact Catholic Social Services at reception@wn.catholic.org.nz

Challenge 2000 Marist Gap and Internship Year

Aged 18- 24? Finished School or University and not sure what path to take? We have the perfect opportunity for you! The Marist Challenge Gap year programme, starting mid February enables you to make a difference, serve others and learn about youth work and different career paths while getting paid! The programme offers many opportunities to grow professionally, personally and spiritually and to gain a wide range of employment and life skills and experience. The applications are still open for 2019, if you are interested or want more information go to www.challenge2000.org.nz or contact Anna on 027 842 1280 or Kitty on 021491459.

Stewardship Day Feedback

Thank you to all who were able to attend our parish Stewardship Day with Cardinal John on 1st December and all who supported the day in prayer. Our Stewardship Day involved a time of prayer and reflection and then facilitated discussion around three themes: Journey with respect; Shape a more human society; Stand on life-giving ground.



Each parish in the archdiocese has now had an opportunity to reflect on these themes and the discussion from our St Mary of the Angels perspective will be useful as we continue our work of following up on the guidance offered by the 2017 Synod. The Archdiocese Stewardship Team headed up by Lorraine McArthur has begun the task of collating the key discussion points from our Stewardship Day and expect to have the summary available to us early in the new year.

From what was discussed at the Stewardship Day, St Mary's is a parish well aware of the taonga (treasure) we hold and the challenges we face in being truly, "A diverse community ... striving to be Christ alive in Central Wellington".

We continue to pray for wisdom, courage and discernment as we plan for the future.

With thanks,

Suzanne O'Rourke and the St Mary's Synod Team.



Some of the St Mary of the Angels Stewardship Day participants

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