For Your Diaries: 2019

2019, Holy Land Pilgrimages

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

27 January, Youth and Young Adults: Garden Magic Concert We will be going to 5pm Sunday Mass at St Mary of the Angels, then making our way towards the Soundshell in Wellington Botanic Gardens to catch the last of the Summer Garden Magic series of free concerts.

6 February, Waitangi Day Mass

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10 February, Pilgrimage to Statue of Our Lady, Paraparaumu

Meet at the gateway to the Walkway at Paraparaumu at 2pm to pray the Stations of the Cross as we proceed to the statue for Devotions (including the Rosary) in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes. Arranged by the parish Praesidium of the Legion of Mary. All welcome. Enquiries: Neil: 021896924.

14 February, St Valentine's Day Mass

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

26 February, Michael Mangan Workshop

This We Believe: Music for Sacraments of Initiation with Children. At 7pm-9pm Ss Peter & Pauls Church L. Hutt. Please register before Monday 26 February with Ann Williams a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz. Entry by

14 March, A 'Good Friday' Liturgical Workshop

Held at 6.45pm-9pm at the Catholic Centre. Please register with Ann Williams before Friday 8 March at a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

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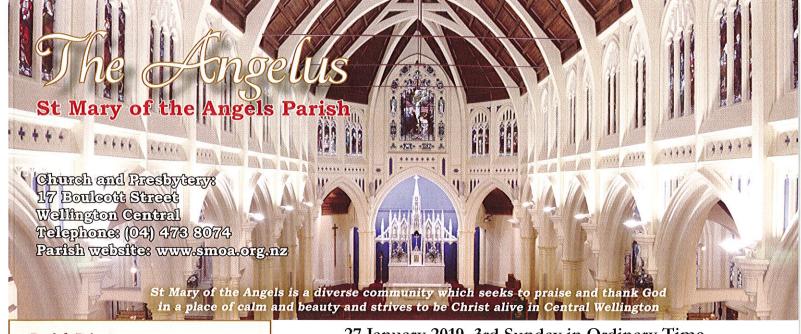
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MASSES

Sunday

7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm

Monday to

7:30am, 12:05pm,

Friday

& 5:15pm

11am

Saturday

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday 11am Mass with Sacrament of Anointing

ADORATION

Monday to 6:30am-7:20am Friday

Friday 11am-Noon

RECONCILIATION

11:30am-Noon Monday to

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

27 January 2019, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whether it be in a comic or the movies superheroes abound. But even superheroes, with all their powers, good looks and strength have limitations. Google Jesus as superhero and a lot of material comes up. Hill Songs of Sydney even have a song with that theme. Perhaps antihero is a more comfortable fit for Jesus rather than superhero given his open opposition to many of the values promoted by the world.

After his baptism Jesus had a profound religious experience. He experienced himself as God's beloved Son who was filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit drove him into the desert where the devil tempted Jesus to act out of his Son of God identity as a personal privilege. Satan suggested that he use his identity to be physically and socially powerful and untouchable from those who might do him harm. Jesus chose not to live by that understanding of "Son of God." His powerful "No" to the temptation allowed the Spirit to fill him more completely.

Being the "Spirit-filled Son of God" begins to unfold in his hometown of Nazareth. In his local synagogue he selected a text to proclaim rather than read the assigned reading. He reads from Isaiah where a Spirit-filled mission is referred to. Jesus is putting his cards on the table. He is saying that he understands his identity as Son of God to be on a mission of liberation. Whenever, human life is impoverished, imprisoned and impaired, it will become enriched, free and enabled. "Son of God" is not a title of privilege. It is a call to transformative action.

There are many heroic men and women today around the world and within our communities who respond to the call to transformative action. Often these heroes are hidden – E.g. the person caring for a sick spouse or a child with special needs. Being good news to all we encounter - that is heroic giving of ourselves so that others are enriched, less burdened and enabled.

Pastoral Staff

Father Joe Savesi will be on sabbatical leave from today until the end of May. Periodically as members of the Society of Mary (Marist) we are given the opportunity for a sabbatical. We wish Fr Joe well and assure him of our prayerful support.

Father Kevin Conroy sm Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

Nehemiah First Reading:

8:2-6, 8-10

They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part

Gospel:

Luke

1:1-4; 4:14-21

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: **Jeremiah** 1:4-5, 17-19

Psalm:

70 **Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians

12:31-13:13

Gospel:

Luke

4:21-30

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,864



New Parishioners

Welcome to all New Parishioners to St Mary of the Angels, we hope you have enjoyed your time in the Church. Please complete a New Parishioner form located at the back of the Church or visit the parish office on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday between the hours 9am—3pm

Responsorial Psalm 18

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

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 precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. R.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. R.

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!. R.

A 'Good Friday' Liturgical Workshop

Held on Thursday 14 March at 6.45pm-9pm at the Catholic Centre. This will be an interactive workshop, with Fr Patrick Bridgman, Archdiocesan Liturgy Advisor. Fr Patrick will help us unpack the symbolism and rituals associated with Good Friday. Everyone welcome. Please register with Ann Williams before Friday 8 March at a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

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: Natalie Duncan, Maureen McDonald

Anniversaries:

Joan McGrath, Marianna Grinskis, Sandra Moran, Br Luke Paget sm, Brian McKeown, Stella Brown, Joan Shanahan, Sophie Robison, Matthew Barnett, Catherine Symes

Prayers for the Sick: Colin Fife, 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, Patricia Hickey 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.







Readers Needed for all Sunday Masses

We are in need of Readers for the 7am, 9am, 11am and 5pm Sunday Masses. If you are interested in assisting with this Ministry please approach any one of the Priests or Sister Frances after Mass. Alternatively, please contact the Parish office on 04 473 8074 or email smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz

Waitangi Day Mass

On Wednesday 6 February at 9am in St Mary of the Angels Church. The singing will be lead by the combined choirs of St Mary of the Angels and Te Ngakau Tapu. The Celebrant will be Cardinal John Dew. All are invited to celebrate our National Day with the combined sounds of Te Reo, Latin and English, as the sacred traditions join in worship, in our beautiful church. Please bring a plate of food for morning tea following the Mass.

Adult Formation in the Faith

Elizabeth Mathenge and Monica Divine will be hosting the next five sessions of Symbolon in our parish hall. The dates are: February 14, 28, March14, 28, April 11. After that the plan is to take a one month break then return for the final five sessions. You are most welcome to participate. Come to the hall at 6.00 pm.

St Valentine's Day Mass

Held on Thursday 14 February at 6pm in St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. All are welcome to this celebration of love. Also, we are looking for couples who are celebrating a significant anniversary. If you, or if you know someone celebrating 25, 30, 40 or 50+ years married, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Felicity Giltrap at the Catholic Centre on 04 496 1719 or email f.giltrap@wn.catholic.org.nz

Legion of Mary's Statue of Mary

The statue of Mary owned by the Legion of Mary is once again available to be borrowed for devotional purposes. The signup clipboard will be kept by the statue of the Sacred Heart. The statue may be borrowed for a week at a time. Please return the statue to the sacristy at the conclusion of the week you have signed up for.

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You can meet us straight after Mass or you can meet us there. If you need to contact one of us on the night, Chris's number is 0220157567. The concert starts at 8 pm but we will arrive a little bit early to try and stake out a spot.

Bring some snacks to share or some dinner for yourself, something warm to wear, and if you can a blanket or jacket to sit on.

Challenge 2000 Marist Gap & Intern 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 2000 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.

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