

For Your Diaries : 2019

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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

10 February 2019, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is fairly common in Aotearoa New Zealand to take pride in being able to stand on your own two feet and not having to rely on anyone else. Perhaps if a Kiwi was building a new deck they might conscript a close mate or two but all in all the survival/ do-it-yourself mentality runs deep.

That approach to life makes it particularly difficult to see how the following words are possible: *they left everything and followed him*. [Luke 5:11b] What prompted the disciples of Jesus to abandon their jobs and follow Jesus?

What would prompt you to abandon your present job? Higher pay? the new job prospect being more connected with your skill base? An improved location? All of the above?

The people who featured in our Gospel account were of a culture used to banding together for mutual assistance. Sometimes it became necessary to reach out beyond the family and to form "family-like" bonds with others who could lend the help that family members could not. That person who would have surplus means would take on a patron's role.

By providing seasoned and experienced fishermen with a bountiful catch after a frustrating night of work, Jesus, could be viewed purely in terms as a patron. A patron is someone who can get for you something you could not obtain by your own abilities, or connect you with people who you could not otherwise hope to meet by yourself. The irony of course, is that Jesus was not a fisherman and yet he was the vehicle through which God's power caused the great catch.

The "everything" that they left included more than boats and nets. It included their social network, their social stability and in some ways, their family. They would have been considered crazy, unless

Unless they saw in this new patron, Jesus, something they could not get elsewhere. It is not entirely clear what the followers of Jesus saw. Certainly, it was more than fish. But it was the fish, that commodity that consumed large parts of their day and provided for the family and gave social standing, that Jesus used to convince them that he was the patron that they truly wanted, the one who could get for them what they really wanted.

I suppose that is a question to ponder, at my deepest level, what is it that I most want?

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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
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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: Isaiah 6:1-8
Here I am! Send me.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11
They left everything and followed him.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalm: 90

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,538



Home for Rent

Two bedroom city fringe house, older style, would suit single or couple. Reduced rent with conditions, including keeping small site and street front area neat and tidy. Possible use of garage for storage. Close to St Bernard's and St Mary's so Catholic parishioners please inquire. Available in March. Contact the owner on 022 2266 474.

New Parishioners

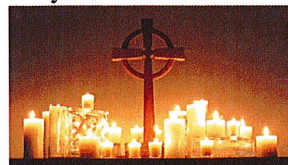
Welcome to all New Parishioners to St Mary of the Angels, we hope you have enjoyed your time in the Church. Please complete a New Parishioner form located at the back of the Church or visit the parish office on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday between the hours 9am—3pm

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Sidney Stairs

Anniversaries: Richard Wright, Brendan O'Connor, Monica O'Grady, Dorothea Walker, Fr Noel Delaney sm, Keith Clapham, Dennis Maccagna, Peter Tawhiki, Ross Meads, Miriam Menzies

Prayers for the Sick: Colin Fife, Keith Shirley, Peter Aldridge, Tony Crawley, Kerry Barber, John Adams, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Bea Stewart, 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, Kathleen Surgenor, Bea Stewart



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.

Responsorial Psalm 137

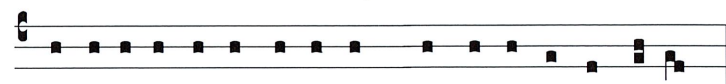
R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**



Confi-tebor ti-bi Domi-ne in to-to corde me-o.

I will praise thee O Lord with my whole heart.

A Test of Faith

The documentary 'A Test of Faith' provides a wonderful insight into the construction work that has taken place over the past four years with the seismic strengthening of the Church. The documentary also included the story of the Church in Wellington from 1843 and in particular the three Churches that have been built on the present St Mary of the Angels Church. If you would like to see this amazing documentary you can purchase a DVD from the Parish Office. The cost is \$30 and all proceeds go to the Ongoing maintenance of the Church.

St Vincent de Paul

A 'Surrogate' Grandmother has been requested (via Red Cross) for a young mother & her 5yr old daughter. They have a Refugee background, good English & have been in NZ for about a year. They don't have any complex issues, but it's just the two of them, living in Berhampore. We would like to find someone suitable to match with them, from the St. Mary's Community. Please contact Kim Sheehan, Social Worker, at Newtown .email socialwork@vinnieswgtg.org.nz 04 389 7122; 022 130 2551.

'Believe' Young Adult Formation Programme

*Every fortnight on a Thursday evening
starting on 14 February at 6pm in the parish hall.*

Calling all Young Adults 18-35 years (and older)
We are now moving into Part II of the Symbolon Faith Education Programme and our first session dives into two of the sacraments of initiation: Baptism and Confirmation. How do we understand what a sacrament is - and what do they mean for us in our everyday lives? Supper provided.

Michael Mangan Workshop

This We Believe: Music for Sacraments of Initiation with Children. Songs for the preparation & celebration of Baptism, Confirmation & First Communion and Reconciliation for children. On Tuesday 26 February 7pm-9pm Ss Peter & Pauls Church, Lower Hutt. Please register before Monday 26 February with Ann Williams a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz. Entry by Koha.

Celebrate Love on Valentines Day

Monsignor Gerard Burns on behalf of Cardinal John Dew invites you to join in a celebration of love this St Valentine's Day, Thursday 14 February, 6pm at St Joseph's Church, 152 Brougham Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington. For further details please contact Felicity Giltrap at ADW Marriage Ministries 04 496 1719 or email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

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

St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Catholics

It was great to see people at last Thursday's adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (6-645 pm) and then at the food court afterwards for dinner.

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A bit about *Untold Blessings*:

Our ultimate goal is to be a saint. It is our greatest calling and what is desired for us by our Creator. Bishop Barron paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus Christ. He lays out three intriguing paths to holiness:

1. Finding the centre
2. Knowing you're a sinner
3. Realising your life is not about you.

Joshua Wellington

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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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