For Your Diaries: 2019

19 February, St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The first meeting for 2019, will be held at 6pm in the. We welcome any new members, who would like to join us.

20 February, Homeless in our community: What can we do together? Council. Held at the Wellington Islamic Centre, 9 Queens Drive, Kilbirnie on Wednesday 20 February, 7pm.

21 February, Untold Blessings

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28 February, 'Believe' Young Adult Formation Programme

Every fortnight continuing 28 February at 6pm in the parish hall. Supper provided.

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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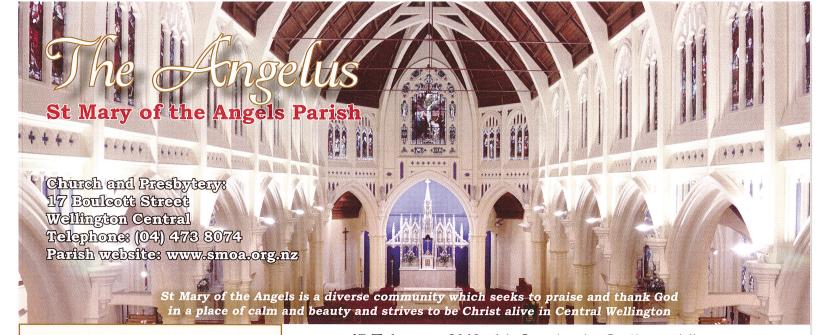
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MASSES

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

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

17 February 2019, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Surprisingly, I begin this reflection with a quote from the actress Mae West. Mae West observed: "I've been poor, and I've been rich. Believe me, rich is better." It is puzzling that in today's Gospel Jesus calls poor people happy. To help us unravel this puzzle we need to understand who Jesus had in mind when he referred to the "poor".

What are some of the ways we use the word "poor"? We may have seen the word, "poor" on a school report card. We may have been with friends dissecting the effort of our favourite sport's team and the general consensus was that the team put on a poor display. We also use it to refer to someone who has little material wealth. Material poverty, not freely chosen is an evil thing. Jesus' intention was not to approve of the poverty that is evident in many parts of the world even in parts of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Who and what did Jesus have in mind, then, when he said, "How happy are you who are poor..."? To help us we will explore material poverty a bit more. People who are without material wealth, are often without power. We might say that they are without clout. A poor person may be labelled as helpless and without influence. Often connected with helplessness and lacking influence, is the tendency to be oppressed and exploited. What can also happen is that people who find little or no comfort or security from the things of this world put all their trust in God. And it is this final point that helps us understand what Jesus meant in the Sermon on the Mount when he said, "How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God."

Thus, the poor whom Jesus called happy were those people who come to realise that they cannot depend on the things of this world for happiness. So they seek their happiness in God alone. God means everything to them. Material things mean next to nothing to them. These people, as Jesus said, are happy.

And so to understand what Jesus meant when he said, "How happy are you who are poor," we might reword his statement this way: "How happy are they who realize that they cannot depend on the things of this world for happiness but rather put all their trust in God."

Father Kevin Conroy sm Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah

trust in the Lord.

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who

17:5-8

6:17, 20-26

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

Gospel: Luke
Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Psalm: 102

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,622



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.

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Responsorial Psalm 1

d. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. R

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**



Be- a-tus vir cu-jus est nomen Domi-ni spes e-jus.

Blessed is the man whose trust is in the name of the Lord

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.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Fr Michael Fitzgerald sm, Dan O'Leary, Sidney Stairs

Anniversaries: Grace Smith, Nomaza Sidima-Jacob, Fr Ken Scully sm, Rt Hon Sir Ian McKay, Imelda Reeve Prayers for the Sick: Colin Fife, Keith Shirley, Peter Aldridge, Tony Crawley, John Adams, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Bea Stewart, Nancy Grealish, Mary Rose Keller, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo,

Patricia Smyth, John Foden, Jan Tuinman, John Mora, Maria Kim, Patricia Hickey, Kathleen Surgenor, Mary O'Brien

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.







'Believe' Young Adult Formation Programme

Every fortnight on a Thursday evening continuing on 28 February at 6pm in the parish hall.

Calling all Young Adults 18-35 years (and older)

We have now moved into Part II of the Symbolon Faith Education Programme. Come and join us next week, supper provided.

Michael Mangan Workshop

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Homeless in our community:

What can we do together?

A public meeting sponsored by the Wellington Abrahamic Council. At the Wellington Islamic Centre, 9 Queens Drive, Kilbirnie on Wednesday 20 February, 7pm. Jewish, Christian, Muslim speakers. All welcome, Refreshements are provided.

Executive Juggler

Challenge 2000 is a Wellington-based youth development agency which has served young people and their families for 30 years. We seek to help young people grow into their best selves through a variety of services and programmes, including education, youth justice, personal mentoring, and leadership development. We have significant contracts with a number of partner agencies.

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- Funding applications and reports
- Special community development projects
- Volunteer engagement and support

To find out more, please contact John Robinson or Kitty McKinley before 28 February by phoning 04 477 6827 or email info@challenge2000.org.nz

St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Catholics

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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.



