

## For Your Diaries : 2019

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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

### 21 March, Untold Blessings

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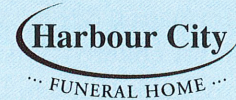
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# The Angelus

## St Mary of the Angels Parish

Church and Presbytery:  
17 Boulcott Street  
Wellington Central  
Telephone: (04) 473 8074  
Parish website: [www.smoa.org.nz](http://www.smoa.org.nz)

*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*

### Parish Priest

Fr Kevin Conroy SM  
[smoapp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoapp@xtra.co.nz)

### Assistant Priests

Fr Peter McAfee SM  
Fr Kevin Mowbray SM

### Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

### In Residence

Fr Brian Wysocki SM

### Director of Music

Robert Oliver  
[chant4robert@gmail.com](mailto:chant4robert@gmail.com)

### Parish Accountant

[smoamanager@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoamanager@xtra.co.nz)

### Parish Office

[smoaooffice@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoaooffice@xtra.co.nz)

### 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

## 24 February 2019, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A cultural value evident in a number of parts of the world, including Jesus' culture, is reciprocity. This word describes a variety of give-and-take exchanges between individuals or villages, usually along one of three patterns.

- \* General reciprocity is a sharing of goods with no hope of return. This characterises family relationships. Parents meet the needs of their children but do not keep a strict accounting of the child's debt. Their motive is love. It is enough that the child reciprocates with love and gratitude.
- \* Balanced reciprocity characterises neighbourly relations. Needs are met in a mutually beneficial manner. Lending now in the secure hope of being repaid or being able to borrow from the same person at a future time. Inviting someone to a meal with the implication that there will be an invitation in return.
- \* Negative reciprocity characterises relations with strangers. It is a relationship in which one party hopes to take advantage of the other party, to gain without having to repay anything at all. This is not to be confused with hospitality where hosts protect strangers from relationships of negative reciprocity and engage instead in a general reciprocity with their guests. They expect no return.

The advice given by Jesus in Luke 6:27-36 is directed to the privileged. Only the privileged would have a cloak and a tunic, or would have surplus wealth to lend. Jesus is asking the privileged to behave towards strangers just as they would behave toward members of their own household. He is urging the haves to treat the have-nots as if they were family. He discourages negative reciprocity, that is, the attempt by the privileged to take advantage of those in need.

Jesus is giving a window into his heart, a heart in which only love and truth can be found. He is also teaching that cultures, in all their rich forms around the world, are relative to the love and truth of Jesus Christ. The Gospel of Jesus Christ gives the standard. The Gospel of Jesus Christ stands in judgement over those parts of a culture where love and truth are absent [John J. Bilch, The Cultural World of Jesus, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, 1997]

*Father Kevin Conroy sm  
Parish Priest*



## This Week's Readings

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

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

**Gospel:** Luke 6:27-38

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Sirach 27: 4-7

**Psalm:** 91

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

**Gospel:** Luke 6: 39-45

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,358



## Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 26 February beginning at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction followed by supper.

## Singing for Children

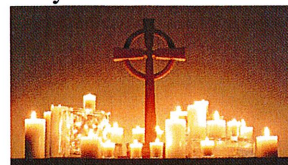
Young Angel Voices begins on Thursday 28 February at 4:30 for an hour, in the Choir Room. Boys and girls, aged 8 - 12 years old, learn great songs, to read music, and have fun with their voices, with Robert and Andrea Oliver. There's no audition, so just turn up and see if it's for your child. There are brochures at the back of the church if you want to contact Robert.

## Mass has been offered for:

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

**Anniversaries:** Richard Bruynel, Marivac Del Rosario, Joan Abbott, Cecilia Dickson, Leslie Kriebel, Pauline Ritchie, Donald McIvor, Janis Horan, Fr Barry Edwards, Fr Michael O'Meeghan sm, John Morris, Nelson Nunns

**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, Andrea Oliver



*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 102

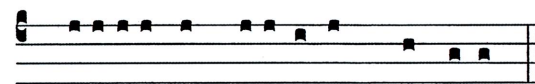
**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all this blessings. R.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns your with love and compassion. R

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. R

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. R



**Miserátor et misé-ri-cors Dó-minus:**

*The Lord is compassionate and merciful.*

## 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.

## '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

**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.

## 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.

## Executive Juggler

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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.

## Teaching Night

Hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown on Wednesday 27 February, 7.30pm. Michael Powell will be speaking on the theme 'Inner Healing'. Evening includes Praise & Worship, group discussion and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

## Church Guardians

Each day our Church is looked after by Guardians who take it in turn to spend an hour in the Church ensuring that the many visitors respect our sacred place. We need more Guardians so that we can keep the Church open each day. If you would like to consider being part of this ministry please contact the Parish Office on 04 473 8074.

## Alpha

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. This workshop 'Alpha in the Catholic Context' presented by Lorraine McCarthy (from Australia) is a must for anyone; wanting to know more, wanting to encourage family or friends back into the church, wanting to help make it happen in your parish, wanting to welcome people back into the church community, involved in R.C.I.A. Two sessions held on February 27 at 1.30pm-6pm and 7pm- 9.30pm at St Joseph's Church, Mt. Victoria. Please register with Ann Williams by emailing: a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz before Monday 25 February.



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