

For Your Diaries : 2019

4 March, Singing for Children

Young Angel Voices begins on at 4.30pm 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.

6 March, Ash Wednesday

Masses with distribution of the Ashes: 7.30am, 12.05pm, 1.05pm.
Liturgy of the word with distribution of ashes: 5.15pm

6 March, Combined Ashes Liturgy with St John's

This liturgy will be celebrated at **5.15pm** this Wednesday in St Mary of the Angels Church. The choirs of St Johns and St Mary of the Angels will lead the liturgy. Please note there will be no Mass.

7 March, Sacramental Programme for Children - Parents' meeting

For parents of children Year 4 and above wishing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion this year. **7.00 pm** at St Thomas More Church, Wilton.

14 March, 'Believe' Young Adult Formation Programme

Every fortnight continuing 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

The second instalment of Bishops Robert Barron's DVD series will be shown at 6pm. This episode is titled 'Knowing you're a sinner'. There will be pizza so please RSVP for catering purposes along with any dietary requirements.

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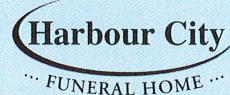
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St Mary of the Angels is a diverse community which seeks to praise and thank God in a place of calm and beauty and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington

3 March 2019, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lent

Pope Francis has written in his 2019 Lenten Message, *"The celebration of the Paschal Triduum of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, the culmination of the liturgical year, calls us yearly to undertake a journey of preparation, in the knowledge that our being conformed to Christ is a priceless gift of God's mercy."*

Ash Wednesday begins Lent. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others, lasting 40 days. In this way the whole Church makes a journey of preparation for Easter. At this time of the year we wish to be reminded of the Roman Catholic practices of fasting and abstinence (not eating red meat). Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. Abstinence is for those who have completed their fourteenth year. Fasting is for those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year.

Once again, the Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme provides material to help us with our Lenten journey. I quote from Page 1 of the programme:

"We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves." (Pope Francis – *Gaudete et Exsultate* – *Rejoice & Exult* (paragraph 14, 2018)

The Lent 2019 theme – *"Living Our Lives with Love"* – is taken from *"Gaudete et Exsultate ..."*

As Mother Teresa once said: *"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."*

On **Ash Wednesday** Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 am, 12.30 pm and 1.05 pm. Ashes will be distributed at each of the Masses. There will **not be a Mass celebrated at 5.15 pm**. Instead there will be a Liturgy of the Word and distribution of Ashes with the faith community of St John's in the City. This will happen at St Mary of the Angels. Please support this.

National day of prayer for children, 3 March

Here is prayer to help us focus our prayer on this intention:

Lord God, thank you for the gift of children. May every child experience deep peace and love in the knowledge that you love them.
May all children who are impoverished, neglected and abused be protected and experience compassion in their lives.

Help us to support and encourage families and communities that children may be loved and nurtured. Amen.

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MASSES

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm

Monday to 7:30am, 12:05pm,
Friday & 5:15pm

Saturday 11am

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

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Sirach 27: 4-7
Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58
Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45
A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Psalm: 90

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,725



Sacramental Programme for Children

Children who are Year 4 and above are encouraged to join the Sacramental Programme for First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion. Please contact the Parish Office at smao.office@xtra.co.nz or 04 473 8074 for more information or to enrol your child.

Singing for Children

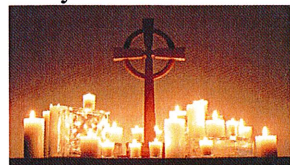
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Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Thomas Duignan

Anniversaries: Aileen Gallagher, Fr Chris Penders AA, Phil Busby, Trevor Randall, Merle Barnett, Frederick Brennan

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 91

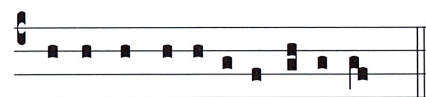
R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit, when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**



Bo-num est confi-te-re Do-mi-no.

It is good to praise 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.

Combined Ashes Liturgy with St John's Church

Over the last few years we have joined with our close friends at St Johns for an Ash Wednesday liturgy of the Word at which we distribute ashes. This liturgy will be celebrated at **5.15pm** this Wednesday in St Mary of the Angels Church. The choirs of St Johns and St Mary of the Angels will lead the liturgy. Please note there will be no Mass at 5.15pm.

'Believe' Young Adult Formation Programme

Every fortnight on a Thursday evening

continuing on 14 March 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.

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

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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- Public relations and communications
- Administrative support of our management team
- Funding applications and reports
- Special community development projects
- Volunteer engagement and support

To find out more, please contact John Robinson or Kitty McKinley before 6 March 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.

Mary's Mantle

The Wellington Young Adults Catholic Community House - Mary's Mantle- is presenting to you the opportunity to live in community next year.

Living in the grand old presbytery in the peaceful suburb of Seatoun we are a community of young Catholics seeking to live out our faith in a greater way. We do this through committing to daily prayer, shared meals and community nights of fun, teachings and mass, and we encourage and support one another (as families do) to seek Christ and to grow in holiness in our jobs and lives. Our place is home to all young Catholics and therefore we also strive to offer hospitality to all who pass by!

If living out your faith in community sparks your interest, consider if God may be inviting you to join us!

If you are interested in finding out more (and you're between the ages of 18 - 35) please give Chante a call to chat about all things 'community!' - on 0278113573.

To all our Young Adult Catholic family, our place belongs to you too... our home is your home! If you are in Wellington, come stay with us, pray with us or share a meal!

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.



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