

For Your Diaries : 2019

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23 March, Christian Meditation Community Day

The Wellington Region of the NZ Community for Christian Meditation is holding a Community Day of Reflection about Suzanne Aubert, on Saturday 23 March at the Island Bay Home of Compassion, led by Sr Sue Cosgrove, from 9.30am to 1.30pm. A Contemplative Mass will be celebrated by Fr John Pettit at 2pm in the Chapel. For enquiries please contact Elspeth Preddey (elspeth.preddey@xtra.co.nz), or Ph: 04 472 3369, 0274 723 369

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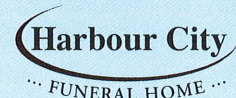
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MASSES

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

10 March 2019, 1st Sunday of Lent

The devil did his best to seduce Jesus into using strategies that looked like they might further his ambitions. But Jesus saw them for what they were – betrayals of his identity – and he refused them.

Some year's ago, I heard a story from Australia about a Catholic hospital in financial strife. The CEO brought in an expert to the board meeting. The expert designed a way to cut costs through organisational changes and downsizing. The expert explained his plan to the board who then asked questions but it quickly became clear that the board was on its way to adopting the plan.

A religious sister on the board raised her hand and asked, "How are we going to achieve this?" The expert was silent but it became clear that a number of positions would be disestablished. Suddenly, the focus was not on the survival of the hospital but on the survival of the people who would be let go. A long and difficult conversation ensued on how to do this difficult but necessary thing. What values would guide it? How would compassion and respect inform the strategy.

Are Gospel values evident in our parish, in our family, in how I operate at my work place? How much does the Gospel shape my identity? Do I allow the Gospel to influence the way I do things? Am I tempted sometimes to use strategies which further my ambitions but betray my identity as a Christian?

Children's Sacramental Programme – 2019

Now is the time to sign up for participation in the programme for children preparing for the Sacraments of **Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation**. The important dates and the **Registration Form** for the programme are on display next to the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and are also available from the parish office.

*Father Kevin Conroy sm
Parish Priest*

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

Psalm: 26

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,031



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 smoa.office@xtra.co.nz or 04 473 8074 for more information or to enrol your child.

'Believe' Young Adult Formation Programme

Every fortnight on a Thursday evening

continuing on 14 March at 6pm in the parish hall.

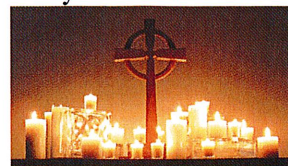
Calling all Young Adults 18-35 years (and older) We have now moved into Part II of the Symbolon Faith Education Programme. Come and join us next week, supper provided.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Jan Tuinman, Mary O'Brien, George Hunt, Richard Mansor, Thomas Duignan, Jack Wills

Anniversaries: Donald Duerr, Coralie Leyland, Rita Kirwin

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, John Mora, Maria Kim, Patricia Hickey, Kathleen Surgenor, 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 90

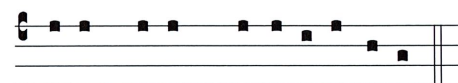
R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'. **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**



De-us me-us, spe-rabo in e-um.

My God, in Him will I trust.

New Parishioners

Welcome to all New Parishioners to St Mary of the Angels. 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

Recipes for Restoration

Ongoing Maintenance Cook Book Fundraiser

Copies of **Recipes for Restoration** are still available for purchase after Masses and from the Parish Office. This book is a 'must have' for every parishioner's kitchen, and a great gift idea. The book is now only \$15 as we are down to our last few boxes. This price covers the cost of printing and makes a small contribution to the building maintenance fund. Get your copy before they are all sold out!

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St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Catholics

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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.

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.

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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. 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!

Singing for Children

Young Angel Voices is held on Thursdays 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.

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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