

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

28 March, 'Believe' Young Adult Formation Programme

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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

17 March 2019, 2nd Sunday of Lent

I was having a one-way conversation with someone once and after a while they said of themselves, "Sorry, I talk too much." For some reason that memory came to mind as I was preparing this reflection.

Perhaps it is connected with the last line of today's Gospel, "The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen." This is in contrast to the time after Pentecost when the Apostles were passionate preachers. Therefore, it seems, there is a time for silence and a time to talk, a time for silence, and a time for action.

What we need to remember is that the disciples' silence was an enlightened silence. During the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain a voice spoke from a cloud commanding them to listen to Jesus. The voice from the cloud establishes God's authority through Jesus.

Ah ha! That's the point – the silence feeds the talk, feeds the action. Listening to Jesus in silence, allowing ourselves to be enlightened ensures that our talk and our action will be inspired by the Word of God.

These days of Lent are so precious for they provide an opportunity to listen to Jesus. That will never happen without programming silence into my Lent, into your Lent. Only then, will it be an enlightened silence.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned Giving envelopes for the next financial year are available at all Masses today. The envelopes are labelled alphabetically by surname and can be found in the entrance after Mass today, and from the Parish Office during the week. Please ensure that the number on your new envelopes is the same as the number allocated to you from last year. Please collect your envelopes as it will save us the cost of postage.

Sung Lenten Midday Prayer Following 12.05pm Mass every Friday in Lent

Join some members of the choir in the Church for a brief time of prayer.

*Father Kevin Conroy sm
Parish Priest*

This Week's Readings

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

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Psalm: 26

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,842



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.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

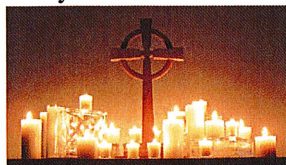
The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society is on Tuesday 19 March at 6pm in the Crypt. We welcome new members to join us.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Sr Sarto Maramaciri D.O.L.C., Jan Tuinman, Mary O'Brien, George Hunt, Richard Mansor, Thomas Duignan, Jack Wills, Anne Brosnahan

Anniversaries: Patricia Slattery, Baldo Sutich, Margaret McNeill, Denis Boyd, Deirdre Sweeney

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 26

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **R.**

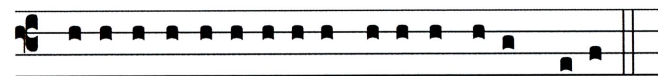
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord! **R.**



Dómi-nus il-lumi-ná-ti- o me- a, et sa-lus me- a.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

'Believe' Young Adult Formation Programme

Every fortnight on a Thursday evening

continuing on 28 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.

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!

Healing Service

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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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Sunday Miha (Maori Mass).

The first Sunday of the month will be a Liturgy of the Eucharist, all other Sundays will be a Māori Mass. 11am, Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 383 7769.

Joshua Men's Fellowship Wellington

Inviting men to come along and join us on Thursday 21 March at 7.30pm (fellowship from 7pm for 7.30pm start). Held in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind the closed Sacred Heart Cathedral). Fr Peter Ewart will be speaking on "Be Servants of the Living God" If you want to know more contact Steve Ready on 027 356 9555 or email joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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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