

For Your Diaries : 2019

11 April, 'Believe' Young Adult Formation Programme

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

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Patricia Hickey Requiem and Rosary

Parishioner, Patricia Hickey passed away on April 2. Her Rosary and Requiem Mass will be at St. Francis de sales in Island Bay. Patricia's Rosary to be at 7pm on Monday 8 April and Requiem Mass at 11am on Tuesday 9 April. All are very welcome.

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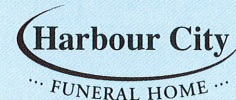
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MASSES

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

7 April 2019, 5th Sunday of Lent

While the given Gospel this weekend is the forgiveness of the person caught in adultery, at the 5.00 p.m. Mass we will hear the account of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. At this Mass the third scrutiny of those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation will take place and the raising of Lazarus text fits better with this milestone in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult's programme.

Today's Gospel passage traditionally has been titled, "The Woman Caught in Adultery." It is a story which brings the "glue of sin" to our attention. In the account, the person, who is not named, is defined by her sin. Holding people in sin is all too common.

It could be unreflectively remarking that a person is doing quite well for a recovered alcoholic, thereby using addiction as the permanent reference point for the person's life. Likewise, prison sentences are never over. We look at the 50-year-old and see the 22-year-old in a cell. Sin sticks. It is viewing a person through the lens of their mistake.

The opposite of "holding in sin" is "forgiving for life." Jesus uses a small but, in the circumstances, very profound word – "Go!" He sends the woman into her future life, free and forgiven. In our communities whether it be our family, parish, local suburb – these are the places where we are confronted with the choice, will I hold this person in their sin or will I let them go free, forgiven for life.

Consistent Ethic of Life

The country has expressed outrage at the loss of life in Christchurch last month. The gunman, through his actions, expressed his belief that some human life has more value than other life. The Euthanasia bill sponsored by MP David Seymour is about to get its 2nd reading and vote in parliament. The Bill is dangerous and does not contain effective safeguards. See www.carealliance.org.nz or www.defendnz.co.nz for more details. If passed this bill will be a further assault on the sanctity of life.

Those who will be of voting age at the next election (currently aged 17yrs+) will have the opportunity to sign the Care Alliance Petition to let your MP know your opposition to this Bill.

There will be opportunities to do this at Masses on the weekend of 13-14 April.

Father Kevin Conroy sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: 23

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$6,153



'Believe' Young Adult Formation Programme

Next session on Thursday 11 April from 6pm onwards The Believe Adult Formation Programme is going to take a break from its regular schedule to hold a special session devoted to the Sacrament of Reconciliation - 'Forgiven'. Come and join us in delving deeper into this wonderful sacrament of mercy to help enhance our observance of this Lenten season. Supper provided.

Working Bee

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Responsorial Psalm 125

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

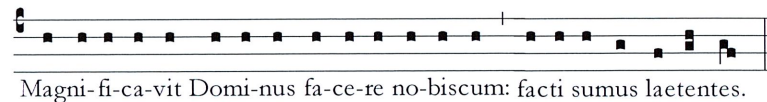
What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears, will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R**



The Lord hath done these things for us: we are become joyful.

Tax Receipts

Planned giving receipts for the tax year ending 31 March 2019 are being prepared and we will inform you once they are ready. We will then have them in the back of the Church for collection. If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or email smoa.office@xtra.co.nz

Accommodation Needed

A parishioner has a request for accommodation. He arrived last year from overseas, has an Environmental Engineering degree and is employed. He is currently in temporary accommodation but needs somewhere permanent. If you have some information that could help Solomon, please call him at 027 403 9880.

UK Pilgrimage

Join Msgr David Tonks on a spiritual journey to Ireland, Scotland & England: 25-days departing Sunday 23 June 2019. For further details, please contact Laura on phone 09 921 5106, 0800 277 477 or email: laura@skytrain.co.nz.

Rosary

The Rosary is recited on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays at 11.30am. On Fridays the Rosary is prayed after the 12.05pm Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Nota Bene

Wellington choir Nota Bene & Chiesa Ensemble invite you to join them for Bach's St John Passion in this beautiful church at 1:30pm on Palm Sunday - 14 April. Bach's setting of the passion - by turns dramatic & introspective - draws listeners into the passion story & invites them into a deeper contemplation of the Easter mystery. Director Peter Walls will give a pre-concert talk at 1pm, and tickets are available for \$35 at www.eventfinda.co.nz. Door sales will be available at \$45, \$35 concession, and school children are free.



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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. Phone 04 383 7769.

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.

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

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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 Site. 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.

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!

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Jenny Power, Patricia Hickey,

Anniversaries: Birja Nand, Leo Connolly, Katherine Butler, Sandra Southon

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, 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.



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