

For Your Diaries : 2019

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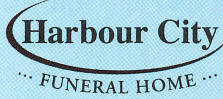


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MASSES

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

5 May 2019, 3rd Sunday of Easter

How to Preach the Gospel Boldly in New Zealand

Israel Folau, the brilliant Australian rugby player, has been hitting the headlines in recent times - but for all the wrong reasons!

I believe Israel Folau was wrong in what he said. I find no justification in the Word of God, Jesus Christ, communicated to us in the Scriptures and the teaching Tradition of the Catholic Church to support him.

However, the storm his remarks created did make me think about the role of the Church in a modern-day New Zealand. Can it 'speak out boldly' nowadays as Paul and Barnabas did so long ago in Antioch?

Is the Church tolerated as long as it does not speak out of turn or challenge accepted patterns of behaviour? Is it expected to conform to all the unwritten rules of acceptable Kiwi behaviour? In short, do the majority now consider the Church to be a guest in New Zealand hosted by a secular and democratic state?

At first glance this may seem to be a very unpalatable idea. We believe that the Church has a mission to reveal 'the way, the truth and the life'. Why can't we speak up, then, as and when we like, in the name of the Gospel?

However, guests are not without influence! At any celebration the hosts are very much in charge - determining the seating arrangements, the refreshments, the entertainment. But the guests also contribute by knowing what to say and when to say it, so making others grateful for their company and bringing out the best in them.

Hosts and guests, then, work together to make any celebration a success. One cannot do without the other!

Thinking of the Church as a guest could well prove to be a blessing in disguise. It may help the Church to refresh its sense of mission. Could not the unwritten rules for a guest - the rules about speaking, being sensitive, allowing others to play their part, working for the good of all - guide the Church on how to be listened to in a country where talk of God and quoting the Bible are considered bad manners?

Might we not suggest to Israel Folau, then, that 'minding our manners' may be a more subtle way for Christians to speak out boldly in the name of the Gospel?

Father Kevin Mowbray sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 5:27-32. 40-41
We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading Apocalypse 5:11-14
The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

Gospel Reading John 21:1-19
Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52
Psalm 99
Second Reading Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17
Gospel Reading John 10:27-30

Responsorial Psalm 29

**R. I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R**

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R**

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,392



A Test of Faith

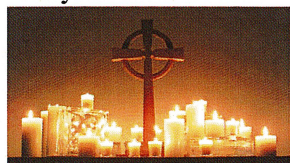
The documentary 'A Test of Faith' provides a wonderful insight into the construction work that has taken place over the past four years with the seismic strengthening of the Church. The documentary also included the story of the Church in Wellington from 1843 and in particular the three Churches that 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.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Anne Conroy, Dorothy Cook, Sr Pauline O'Regan RSM

Anniversaries: Terry Chamberlain, Fr Kevin O'Donoghue sm, Joseph Hermon, Mariette Hopman, Christopher Eastwood, Anasetasia Churchward, Fr Augustine Hill sm

Prayers for the Sick: Lepeka Savesi, 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



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Novena Prayer for Vocations to the Society of Mary – 28 April-6 May
St Peter Chanel
You left your homeland to proclaim Jesus Saviour of the world,
to the peoples of Oceania.
Guided by the Spirit of God who is the strength of the gentle,
you bore witness to love, even laying down your life.
Grant that like you, we may live our daily life in peace, in joy, and in love.
May your prayer and example call forth from our midst many workers for the Gospel,
so that God's Kingdom may reach to the ends of the earth.
Amen.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington
Inviting men to come along and join us on Thursday 16 May at 7:30pm (Note: fellowship from 7pm for a 7:30pm start) In Connolly Hall Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind the closed Sacred Heart Cathedral). Fr John Pettit will be speaking on "Serving the Aboriginal people of Central Australia". If you want to know more ring Steve Ready on 027 356-9555 or email joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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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

Rosary
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St Mary of the Angels young Adults Events

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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.