

## For Your Diaries : 2019

### 12 May, Genesis to Jesus

Join us for a new video series titled Genesis to Jesus. The series is part of the St. Paul Centre's flagship Bible study program designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge of the Scriptures while deepening their understanding of the riches of our faith. We are running the session fortnightly on Sunday **12 May** and **26 May** at 6pm at the Parish Hall.

### 16 May, Ignatian Retreat Opportunity

The retreat is open to all. Held at St Anne's Church, Emmett St, Newtown, Wellington, over five Thursday evenings beginning 16 May, 7:30 - 9:30 pm.

### 16 May, Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington

Inviting men to come along and join us at 7:30pm (Note: fellowship from 7pm for a 7:30pm start) In Connolly Hall Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind the closed Sacred Heart Cathedral).

### 18 May, Interfaith Relations– Book Launch

Come and get your free copy and learn about the importance of interfaith relations in our church and society today. 11:30am at St Mary of the Angels.

### 18 May, Young Adults Badminton

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At 9.30am-11.30am. If the weather is unsuitable, we will reschedule for the following Sunday, 26 May.

### 26 May, The Christian Brothers Annual Mass

The Christian Brothers Past Pupils' Association, Wellington, is holding its Annual Mass at 10.30am in the Chapel at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Please contact Kevin McCormack on 04 478-6792.

### 29 June, New Zealand String Quartet Concert

Held in St Mary of the Angels. They are offering a generous 45% discount to our parishioners. Use the code 'MAYDEAL' when booking online through eventfinda.co.nz until 31 May.

[www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/nz-string-quartet-2019-national-tour/wellington](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/nz-string-quartet-2019-national-tour/wellington)



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# The Angelus

**St Mary of the Angels Parish**

Church and Presbytery:

17 Boulcott Street

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Parish website: [www.smoa.org.nz](http://www.smoa.org.nz)

*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*

### Parish Priest

Fr Kevin Conroy SM

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### Assistant Priests

Fr Peter McAfee SM

Fr Kevin Mowbray SM

Fr Pat Brophy SM

Fr Joe Savesi SM

### Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

### In Residence

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### Parish Office

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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

## 12 May 2019, 4th Sunday of Easter—Vocation Sunday

### If You Have Arrived a Little Early

I'm guessing you are reading this before Mass starts. You've got here with a couple of minutes to spare. Well done. It makes good sense to be at any sort of gathering a few minutes beforehand, to get into the right frame of mind, to greet whoever should be greeted (in this case the Lord) and cast our eye over the agenda.

Our "agenda" today is this Gospel. In every Catholic Mass today, in every language and place around the world the same. Here it is ....

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.**

**Jesus said: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;**

**I know them and they follow me.**

**I give them eternal life;**

**They will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.**

**The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,**

**And no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one."**

**The Gospel of the Lord. (John 10:27-30)**

That's it. The rest of this 'front page' is padding. You've read what's of value.

If you have more time, then think over that Gospel. What word or phrase strikes you? What do you like? What puzzles you? Let it speak to you personally. The truth is, the Sunday Gospel is our *communal word from God* for today and this week. God speaks. As he feeds us in Holy Communion.

With a pre-reading before Mass, we're already primed for when the priest reads it aloud. Even the homily will be more interesting – to see what ideas the priest chooses to draw out.

Ok, that's enough from me. Read it again. Jesus said, "The sheep that belong to me...."

*Fr Peter McAfee sm  
Assistant Priest*



## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Acts 13:14, 43-52  
*We are now turning to the gentiles.*

**Second Reading** Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17  
*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*

**Gospel Reading** John 10:27-30  
*I give my sheep eternal life.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Acts 14:21-27  
**Psalm** 144  
**Second Reading** Apocalypse 21:1-5  
**Gospel Reading** John 13:31-35

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,703



## St Mary of the Angels - Another Award

Last week we heard the good news that our architects, Bullement Fortune Architects and Ian Bowman, Architectural Conservator, Architect in association won gold at the New Zealand Architectural Awards for their work on our church. The citation includes the following: In many ways, St Mary of the Angels is the pinnacle of achievement for Wellington religious architecture, and an expression of faith in the pinning of buildings to the side of rocky outcrops. The restoration and strengthening of the church has been a labour of love for many. Through subtle, understated and almost invisible measures, including this century's only new Gothic flying buttresses, the late Denis Fortune has brought Frederick de Jersey Clere's brilliant design into the modern seismic code era.

## Mass has been offered for:

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

**Anniversaries:** Oinah MacPherson, Mary Egan, John Smith

**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



*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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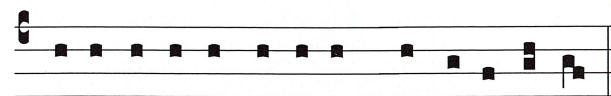
## Responsorial Psalm 99

**R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. **R**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **R**



Popu-lus e-jus, et oves pascu-ae e-jus.

*We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*

## Tax Receipts

Planned giving receipts for the tax year ending 31 March 2019 are ready and are available from the back of the Church for collection. They are ordered alphabetically. If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or email [smoa.office@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoa.office@xtra.co.nz)

## Interfaith Relations

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Committee for Interfaith Relations is launching its booklet "Promoting Interfaith Relations in Aotearoa New Zealand." Come and get your free copy and learn about the importance of interfaith relations in our Church and society today, from two committee members, Daniel Kleinsman and Christopher Longhurst. **11:30am, Saturday 18 May at St Mary of the Angels Church.**

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## Pa Maria Winter Film Series

The Life Which Beats in Things: - A Spirituality for Living in Today's World." Mondays 10, 17, 24 June & 1, 8 July OR Thursdays 15, 22, 29 August & 5, 12 September. From 7pm - 9.30pm each evening. For further information and/or to register contact Brian Cummings SM (021 703 580; email [bgcummings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bgcummings@xtra.co.nz))

## Working bee at Mount Street Cemetery

On Sunday 19 May 9.30am-11.30am. This will involve weeding and other light gardening maintenance - no special skills necessary! If the weather is unsuitable, we will reschedule for the following Sunday, 26 May. Enquiries to Friends' President Vaughan Stagpoole 027 429 2973. Hope to see you there!

## Ignatian Retreat Opportunity

Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus, Led by C.L.C Wellington. Participants meet weekly to pray and share in small groups their experience of prayer. The retreat is open to all. Held at St Anne's Church, Emmett St, Newtown, Wellington, over five Thursday evenings 16, 23, 30 May 2019 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Cost is \$50, but sponsorship is available. To register/ information contact Sarah Dench 04 9733 501 or 021 0814 4424 or [sarahdench@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahdench@yahoo.com)

## Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington

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## A Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

Loving God,  
in your plan for our salvation,  
you provide shepherds for your people.

Fill your Church with the spirit of  
courage and love.

May those whom you call to  
serve as ordained ministers,  
recognizes your call and respond  
with a generous heart.

May they always remain  
true to your name.

Fill with your strength those who serve us now.

Remind us to encourage them,  
so that by their joyful lives,  
they will inspire others to follow  
Jesus the Good shepherd.

Amen.

## The Christian Brothers Annual Mass

The Christian Brothers Past Pupils' Association, Wellington, is holding its Annual Mass on Sunday, 26 May, at 10.30am in the Chapel at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. The celebrant is Fr James Lyons. Mass will be followed by lunch in Connolly Hall at 11.45am. Our guest speaker is Tony Mackle and the title of his address is "From Buckle St to the Waterfront - a brief history of the art collections at Te Papa." Those interested in attending please contact Kevin McCormack on 04 478-6792.

## Choir of St Mary of the Angels

If you have always wanted to sing in the Choir of St Mary of the Angels, now is the time to join. After a very busy Easter schedule, the Choir is keen to attract a few more singers. Basses are especially welcome, since our wonderful bass cantor, Emmanuel Godinez, has just left for Auckland. Music Director Robert Oliver says there are opportunities for all voices. The choir is very welcoming, and previous experience is not necessary. All training will be given. If you'd like to know more, contact Robert at [chant4robert@gmail.com](mailto:chant4robert@gmail.com) or the Chair, Anne, at [hakari26@icloud.com](mailto:hakari26@icloud.com) or 021 516 372.

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