

## For Your Diaries : 2019

### 221 May, Special Celebration of the Mass

Let's join together in prayer for life as our politicians discuss euthanasia and assisted suicide this week. At St Theresa's in Plimmerton, 7pm.

### 22 May, Teaching Night

Held at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown at 7.30pm. Michael Powell will be speaking on the theme: Inner Healing - Part 3.

### 26 May, The Christian Brothers Annual Mass

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### 30 May, Believe

Believe Adult Formation is back fortnightly starting at 6pm. The first session will be about Marriage and Holy Orders - both these sacraments of service seem to be suffering a crisis in our modern times. Come and discover the enduring relevance and importance of these two institutions within the church.

### 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)

### 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.



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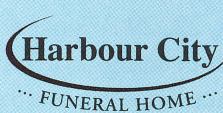
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## A LEGACY OF FAITH



Remembering St Mary of the Angels in your will provides an ideal opportunity to make a statement of your faith and to give resources that will support your Church for years to come.

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# The Angelus

## St Mary of the Angels Parish

Church and Presbytery:  
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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  
[smoapp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoapp@xtra.co.nz)

### 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

Fr Brian Wysocki SM

### Director of Music

Robert Oliver  
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### Parish Accountant

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### Parish Office

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### MASSSES

**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

## 19 May 2019, 5th Sunday of Easter

"[Paul and Barnabas] put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to **persevere in the faith.**" (Acts 14:22)

This line from our first reading struck me while preparing for our celebration of the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Struck me because Paul and Barnabas knew that perseverance in the faith cannot be taken for granted. Perseverance is unlikely if the faith is allowed to slip from consciousness, if effort is not put into growing in the faith or if opposition to Christian belief makes it seem just too hard to hold firm to the faith; easier to blend in with the group.

What do we mean by faith? The word 'faith' has two meanings. It can mean our act of believing or it can mean, what we believe – the set of beliefs which constitute our beliefs.

In the first sense, it is amazing that God invites us into a loving relationship. Our response is expressed in our act of belief. The second sense of the meaning responds to the question, "What do Catholics believe?" The simplest answer is that there is a God who loves us and cares for us like a father; a God who nourishes, strengthens and guides us; a God of immeasurable mercy who became one with us so that we might become one with God.

There Is a popular evangelistic Christian song, I Have Decided to Follow Jesus which has the line, "The Cross before me, the World Behind Me." This could either mean that belief in God profoundly influences how we view and live in the world or, that because the world is so evil I do not want to have anything to do with it. The words of the Our Father, ...*thy Kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*, remind us that God is very interested in our world and that we have a part to play in bringing about God's Kingdom here on earth. The Christian is in the world but not of it.

This is where perseverance in the faith comes in. If we do not work at our faith then two things can happen. We can be consumed by the pleasures of this world and seek meaning from those pleasures or we can be overwhelmed by our powerlessness to prevent suffering and so fall into despair. Faith in a loving God who loves with a personal love ensures that we be a wise traveller and not a foolish traveller through life.

Pope St Gregory the Great – "The charms of prosperity must not lead us astray; for only a foolish traveller, when he sees pleasant fields on his way, forgets to go on towards his destination."

*Fr Kevin Conroy sm  
Parish Priest*



## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Acts 14:21-27  
*They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

**Second Reading** Apocalypse 21:1-5  
*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

**Gospel Reading** John 13:31-35  
*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29  
**Psalm** 66  
**Second Reading** Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23  
**Gospel Reading** John 14:23-29

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,494

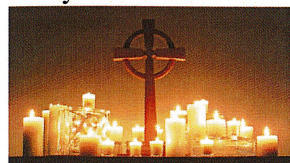


## St Mary of the Angels - Another Award

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:** Pua Magasiva  
**Anniversaries:** Brian Flynn, Michael Cenek, Margaret Fogarty, Mary Davidson, Maxwell Fernie, Colleen Pocock  
**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.*

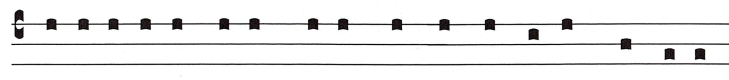
## Responsorial Psalm 144

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **R**



Exaltabo te De-us me-us Rex, in saecu-lum saecu-li.-

*I will extol thee O God my King, for ever and ever.*

## 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

## Recipes for Restoration

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 \$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 all sell out!

## St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Events

Join us for a the 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 continuing on **26 May** at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

## 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)

## Teaching Night

Held at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown and hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal on Wednesday 22 May, at 7:30pm. Michael Powell will be speaking on the theme: Inner Healing - Part 3. Evening includes Praise & Worship, group discussion and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

## Candlelight Mass for Sri Lanka

Please join Cardinal John and the Otari community in a candlelight Vigil Mass offered in memory of all the lives lost and badly injured during the Sri Lankan Easter tragedy. Saturday 5.30pm, 1 June St. Teresa's Pro-Cathedral, 301 Karori Road, Karori.

## 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.

## 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

## Believe—Adult Formation Series

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## 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 or the Chair, Anne, at hakari26@icloud.com or 021 516 372.

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