

For Your Diaries : 2019

26 May, Formation in Sacred Scripture

The St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Catholics (SMAYAC) will be meeting at 6pm in the hall to grow in understanding of Scripture. They will be using the DVD series by Catholic theologian, Dr Scott Hahn.

30 May, Believe

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9 June, Pentecost Vespers

St Mary of the Angels is hosting the annual tradition of a combined Pentecost liturgy with St John's Presbyterian Church and St Peter's Anglican Church. Join us at 7.30pm and please bring a plate to help us offer hospitality in the hall afterwards.

29 June, Stewardship Breakfast

To cap-off Stewardship Month, there will be a Stewardship breakfast held in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace from 7-9am. Tickets are \$20 per person. Contact the parish office for booking details.

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/

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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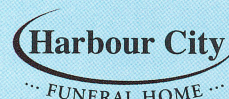
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St Mary of the Angels is a diverse community which seeks to praise and thank God
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MASSES

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

26 May 2019, 6th Sunday of Easter

'A PEACE WHICH THE WORLD CANNOT GIVE'

THE HOMICIDE REPORT

A 'Stuff' investigation into why New Zealanders kill.

Analysis of over 1000 homicides lays bare a series of deeply entrenched social issues behind killings.

The analysis covers 1068 cases between January 2004 and March 2019.

Thus the introduction to 'The Homicide Report' - a series of in-depth articles currently unfolding in the media here in New Zealand. What the reporters reveal in these articles makes for difficult and disturbing reading. They help to shatter the image we may have of ourselves as a nation which gives everyone a 'fair go', where respect and common decency prevail, where peace reigns.

'The Homicide Report' recalls to my mind the words that Pope Paul VI famously uttered when he spoke to the general assembly of the United Nations in the 1960's. On that occasion the pope said 'Peace is not the absence of war'. How those words still ring true - even in a country so comparatively blessed as New Zealand. There are many worse places in the world to be living in than here. Yet with so much going for us we still cannot find peace for all.

True and everlasting peace only exists - to adapt an expression of Cardinal John Henry Newman - when 'heart speaks to heart'. And, even then, when human hearts beat as one, the effort to nourish and sustain such peace is beyond us. That is, unfortunately, one of the sad lessons of History.

This is why we need to pause and think about the words of Jesus which we hear in the Gospel reading for today's mass:

'Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,

A peace which the world cannot give

This is my gift to you.'

'A peace which the world cannot give.' Only God can offer true and lasting peace. Only the divine heart, the Sacred Heart, can open itself up wide enough to embrace all, to bear everything, to establish 'peace on earth to all of good will', as the angels sang on that first Christmas night.

This is what the 'Sign of Peace' we exchange with others in the name of Jesus Christ in each mass symbolises and promises - that only 'through Him, with Him and in Him' can we in New Zealand ever hope to be a land free of 'Homicide Reports'.

Fr Kevin Mowbray SM

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Second Reading Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23
He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

Gospel Reading John 14:23-29
The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 46
Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23
 Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23
Gospel Reading Luke 24:46-53

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,735



Stewardship Month

June has been designated as Stewardship month in our Archdiocesan calendar and this year the theme is 'I am a servant of the Lord'. There will be a Stewardship Breakfast at the end of the month, which will be held at Connolly Hall on **Saturday 29 June from 7-9am**, where you will be able to meet with fellow parishioners across the Archdiocese and listen to Cardinal John speak. Contact the parish office for details regarding securing a ticket. Tickets are \$20.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Pua Magasiva
Anniversaries: Arthur Freeman, Robert Bell, Margaret Doe, Anton Parris, Nadja Argus
Prayers for the Sick: Lepeka Savesi, Colin Fife, Keith Shirley, Peter Aldridge, Tony Crawley, John Adams, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Nancy Grealish, Mary Rose Keller, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, John Foden, John Mora, Maria Kim, 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 66

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
 and let your face shed its light upon us.
 So will your ways be known upon earth
 and all the nations learn your saving help. **R**

Let the nations be glad and exult
 for you rule the world with justice.
 With fairness you rule the peoples,
 you guide the nations on earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you.
 May God still give us his blessing
 till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**



Confi-te- antur ti-bi popu-li omnes.

Let all the people praise thee.

Formation in Sacred Scripture

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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!

Believe—Adult Formation Series

Believe Adult Formation is back fortnightly starting on Thursday 30 May from 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.

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)

Projector Operator Needed for 5pm Mass

We are in urgent need of a projector operator to join the roster for our 5pm Sunday Masses. If you are interested in assisting with this please approach any one of the Priests or Sister Frances after Mass. Alternatively, please contact the Parish office on 04 473 8074 or email smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz

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.

SINGout4JUSTICE Song Competition

Entries are open for the annual Caritas SINGout4JUSTICE song writing competition. This year the theme is 'Home for Good' and the competition is open for all high school students to enter. Entries close on Friday 21st June and winners will be announced in the last week of the school term. Students can complete their competition entry online at www.caritas.org.nz/singout4justice.

Candidates for First Communion

At the 11.00 a.m. Mass today, the candidates for First Communion will be presented to the community. We will keep them in our prayer as they continue to prepare for this important step in their lives. They will receive First Communion on **23 June at the 9am Mass**.

Pentecost Vespers

For many years it has been a tradition that we join with St John's Presbyterian Church and St Peter's Anglican Church for a combined Pentecost liturgy. Each parish takes it in turn to host this important ecumenical event.

This year St Mary of the Angels will host and it is important that St Mary of the Angels is well represented. The choirs of the three parishes will lead the singing; truly a beautiful way in which to forge links with these three communities in the inner city. I hope many parishioners of St Mary of the Angels will attend this Pentecost Vespers Sunday evening, **9 June at 7.30pm**. Please bring a plate to help us offer hospitality in the hall afterwards.

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. Bases 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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