

## For Your Diaries : 2019

### 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.

### 13 June, Quiet Days with Suzanne Aubert

Spend time reflecting on the life and vision of Suzanne Aubert. Led by Sr Sue Cosgrove from 10am - 2pm, Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay. Register by emailing [spirituality@compassion.org](mailto:spirituality@compassion.org)

### 14-16 June, 'Christ the Compassionate Stranger' Live in Retreat

Join Anglican priest and theologian Dr Raymond Pelly at the Home of Compassion in reflecting upon the radical generosity of the God of our Christian tradition. Enquiries and registration to Christine at [spirituality@compassion.org.nz](mailto:spirituality@compassion.org.nz).

### 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](http://eventfinda.co.nz) until 31 May.

### 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.

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreats New Zealand

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## St Mary of the Angels Parish

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*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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### 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

## 2 June 2019, The Ascension of Our Lord

### Feast of the Ascension

Today we celebrate the feast of our Lord's Ascension. "While they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight," as the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading says. We celebrate Jesus' promise to Mary Magdalene when he said, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." John 20. The feast of the Ascension is a solemnity that sustains the hope of Christians that one day we will be where he is. The Ascension is an ending and a beginning. Goodbyes are generally quite painful. So too it is with today's Gospel of the Ascension. One thing that strikes us about this goodbye is, that it isn't an unhappy one.

What did the Disciples do once Jesus said his goodbyes and was gone? They went back joyous in their praise of God. For them this was a happy time - a time to be glad. As the Psalm reminds us "All peoples clap your hands cry to God with shouts of joy." The ascended Jesus defines a new beginning for our relationship with God, as it did with his Disciples. Who a short time before, were in hiding after they had seen Jesus their friend suffer and then put to death on the cross. They were afraid. Even after the Resurrection, they were worried what Jesus would say to them, knowing how much they had let him down, how they denied him, deserted and doubted him. Our failures are no barrier to God's love for us. As Jesus assured his disciples that their failures didn't change his love for them. We also should take consolation in this. As St Paul says, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ."

There are times when we feel we are unable to pray, anxious over things we have done and left undone. We too need to come from the locked room of our anxieties, and come out into the world. We are the church, we are Christ's body, we continue his work, as he has commanded us to do. "I tell you; Go out to the whole world and spread the Good News." Therefore, the Ascension marks the beginning of the fulfilment of Christ's promise to us. Jesus reminds us that irrespective of our knowledge and human capabilities we need a divine help in order to succeed, this divine help will come from the Holy Spirit to whom we must pay attention at all time.

*Sister Frances Gibbs CSB  
—Pastoral Worker*

### This Week's Readings

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Acts</b>	<b>1:1-11</b>
<i>Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.</i>		
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Hebrews</b>	<b>9:24-28, 10:19-23</b>
<i>Christ has entered heaven.</i>		
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>24:46-53</b>
<i>While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.</i>		

### Next Week's Readings

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Acts</b>	<b>2:1-11</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>103</b>	
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Romans</b>	<b>8:8-17</b>
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>14:15-16, 23-26</b>

### Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,422



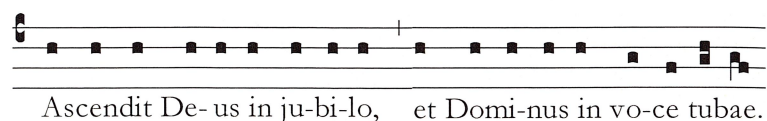
### Responsorial Psalm 46

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **R**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **R**



*God is ascended with jubilee:  
and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet*

### Compassion Soup Kitchen Street Appeal - Street Collectors Needed!

If you can help with being a Street Collector for one to two hours on Friday 14 June, please sign up at [soupkitchen.org.nz/streetappeal](http://soupkitchen.org.nz/streetappeal) or call (04) 385 9299. Come and help our biggest fundraiser of the year.

### 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. 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.

### Young Adult's Retreat — Pentecost

St Mary of the Angels young adults (SMAYAC) has planned a retreat for young adults from **12.30pm—3.45pm on 9 June** in St Mary of the Angels' church. Johnson Sequeira, a lay Catholic speaker will lead the sessions. He will speak on the Power of God's Word and a healthy mind.

### 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))

### Pentecost Mass Welcoming New Catholics

Join us at the 5pm Mass on Sunday 9 June. This is a wonderful occasion for R.C.I.A teams and those baptised and received at Easter to celebrate their full acceptance into the Church. Cardinal John Dew will preside and young people of the Archdiocese will assist with the liturgy.

### Vigil for the Unborn

Join in the persevering prayer effort for mothers and their precious unborn to be spared from abortion by attending a Vigil for the Unborn on **Saturday 15 June** at St Anne's Catholic Church, Newtown. The Mass will be at **10am**, followed by the Exposition and Rosary Procession to pray outside of the Hospital. This will end at noon with a shared lunch. For more information contact Family Life International NZ at 021 231 7954.

### Pentecost Celebration at St Joseph's

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you to gather together for a celebration of the Holy Spirit. Includes Praise & Worship, testimonies and talk by guest speaker Bishop Colin Campbell (Dunedin). **1pm to 4pm on Sunday 9th June** at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria

### Queen's Birthday

**Monday 3 June** being a public holiday there will be only one Mass which will be at 9.00am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be provided and the church will be open from 8am—5pm.

### 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. 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.

### Experienced Counsellor Needed

Catholic Social Services is currently looking for a part time counsellor to work for 15 hours per week over three days. For further information contact Shona Walshe at [s.walshe@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:s.walshe@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz) or 385 8642

### Stewardship Month

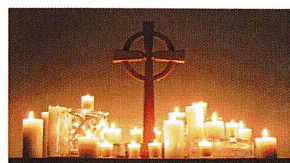
June has been designated as Stewardship month in our Archdiocesan calendar and this year the theme is 'I am a servant of the Lord'. There will be a Stewardship Breakfast at the end of the month, which will be held at Connolly Hall on **Saturday 29 June from 7-9am**, where you will be able to meet with 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:** Keith Shirley, Pua Magasiva, Sr Sharon Fitzgerald RGS, Fr Chris Austin sm  
**Anniversaries:** Bronius Grinskis, Fawcett Andrew, Claire Abbott, Lindsay Haas, Kevin Reeve, Fr John O'Dowd sm, Peter Gilbert, Hilary Proctor

**Prayers for the Sick:** Lepeka Savesi, Colin Fife, 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.*



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