

For Your Diaries : 2019

9 June, Pentecost Vespers

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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.

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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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

9 June 2019, Pentecost Sunday

Somebody once said that Jerusalem is the heart of the world, and when the heart is sick then the whole body is affected. The wisdom of this comment is particularly apparent now with the turbulence created by the USA moving its embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv last year. Jerusalem is the most contested city in the world. Not only does it contain the holiest sites for the Jewish, Islamic and Christian faiths, but both Israelis and Palestinians lay claim to it as their capital cities. By moving the embassy to Jerusalem, the USA has given a powerful voice to the Israeli claim and has removed the lid from the violence simmering below the surface. This move has not only had an impact in Israel/Palestine but has reverberated around the world.

In the middle of this, the Feast of Pentecost is being honoured by many Christians. Pentecost is a celebration of God inspiring the followers of Jesus Christ to communicate their experience of his message of love, justice and reconciliation to the wider world in ways that will encourage them to listen and respond. And the miracle of Pentecost first happened in Jerusalem, which today cries out for love, justice and reconciliation.

On the day of Pentecost, the followers of Jesus were fearful and uncertain. They had experienced the most unsettling weeks of their lives because of what had happened to Jesus. After all this, the Jesus to whom they had committed themselves, had left them. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read that on the day of Pentecost they were inspired (that is, God the Holy Spirit filled them) such that they were able to communicate to people from across a huge variety of cultures and languages.

The miracle of Pentecost inspired the followers of Jesus to move out of their comfort zones to communicate the experience of God's love, justice and reconciliation to people from alien languages and cultures. Furthermore, they communicated in such a way that encouraged their hearers to listen and respond, both positively and negatively.

That is the calling of Christians today, to move from our comfort zones into different cultures and sub-cultures, some of which may be alien and hostile, to communicate God's love, justice and reconciliation. It is a sign that the Spirit of Pentecost is at work when people stop and listen, even though they may disagree: another sign of the Spirit's activity is when they want to discover more.

As we celebrate, let us also remember our sisters and brothers of all races and faiths who live in the land where the miracle of Pentecost first happened. Let us pray for all who are witnessing to God's love, justice and reconciliation in that region, remembering that when one part of the body is sick, then the whole body is affected.

Fr Joe Savesi sm
—Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 2:1-11
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages.

Second Reading Romans 8:8-17
Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.

Gospel Reading John 14:15-16, 23-26
The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Proverbs 8:22-31
Psalm 8
Second Reading Romans 5:1-5
Gospel Reading John 16:12-15

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,219



Stewardship Month

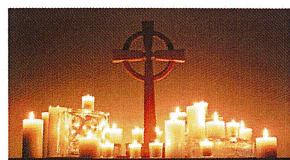
June has been designated as Stewardship month in our Archdiocesan calendar and this year the theme is 'I am a servant of the Lord'. There will be a Stewardship Breakfast at the end of the month, which will be held at Connolly Hall on **Saturday 29 June from 7-9am**, where you will be able to meet with 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, Paul Carroll, Olive Stempa, Kerry Duncan

Anniversaries: Joanna Heemskerck, Nola Griffin, Marie Robinson, Da Van Luyn, Fr Alex Taylor sm, Robert Taylor, Jack McGuire

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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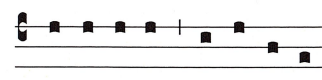
Responsorial Psalm 103

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **R**



Alle-lu-a, Alle-lu-ia.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Recipes for Restoration

Copies of **Recipes for Restoration** are still available for purchase after M.

asses 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

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SMAYAC—'Genesis to Jesus' Bible Study

SMAYAC is also starting a new video series titled 'Genesis to Jesus' from St Paul Centre's Flagship Bible Study Program. The program is designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge of the Scriptures while deepening their understanding of the riches of our faith. **Sunday 16 June and 30 June at 6 pm at 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)

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Come help us celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in Dove and in our lives for the last 35 years in NZ, at Connolly Hall **10am-3.30pm Saturday 22 June**. Our speaker is a lay preacher from India with a ministry of healing and deliverance through the Word, Johnson Sequeira. Contact Shura 021 072 4042 for more details.

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.

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 or call (04) 385 9299. Come and help our biggest fundraiser of the year.

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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 liturgy **tonight (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 or the Chair, Anne, at 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 or 04 385 8642

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