For Your Diaries: 2019

30 June, Genesis to Jesus Bible Study

6pm in the Parish Hall. St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Catholics (SMAYAC) are continuing their video series titled 'Genesis to Jesus'.

3 July to 14 August, Life in the Spirit Seminar

This seminar, for young adults in particular, will be held at 7.30pm every Wednesday within this period. St Thomas More Church, Wilton. Email asgwlg.lss@gmail.com to register or for more information.

4 July, Wellington Archdiocese Priest Jubilee Mass

All are welcome to join the priests of the Archdiocese at the Mass of Thanksgiving. This will be held at St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie at 11am.

19 July, Greenstone Doors: Children's Neon Ball

Greenstone Doors are hosting a special evening for children at the Dowse Art Museum in Lower Hutt from 5-7pm. Tickets are \$15 for 1 adult and 1 child, \$25 for a family pass. Buy tickets at the door, or at: www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/childrens-neon-ball-tickets-63318987797

24 July, 'Summer in the Forest' Film Screening

Discover the late Jean Vanier's life work at this special film screening at 6.30pm at the Roxy Cinema, Miramar. Tickets will be towards fundraising in aid of L'Arche Zimbabwe. Pre-ordering tickets is essential at www.summerintheforest.co.nz.

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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Monday to 6:30am-7:20am Friday

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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

30 June 2019, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A MYSTERY

'It's a mystery. We just believe it!'

Well, at least that's how I remember Sr. Columba answering us when we tried to lay traps for her with our trick questions in catechism class at primary school so many decades ago. To us she just seemed to be saying 'I don't know the answer to that'. We were left with the impression that the mysteries of our Faith were like an impenetrable fog - nothing was clear and you just had to make your way through it as best you could.

The mysteries of our Faith no longer appear like an impenetrable fog to me. Rather, I think of them in this way: imagine yourself facing a door, you open it and on the other side you find another two doors; so you choose to open one and on the other side of that door you find two more doors; so you retrace your steps, open the second of the two doors and, again, find yourself facing two doors. Now you have four doors to open! You realise that every time you open a door you will find two more doors. You started with only one but then quickly there are two, four, eight, sixteen doors and so on. The more you open, the more you discover!

That is what it means when we Christians say 'It's a mystery'. The more you know, the more there is to discover. A 'Mystery of Faith' is something we will never exhaust; it just keeps opening up before us.

These past weeks we have been celebrating some of the great mysteries of our Faith: we started at Easter with what we call the 'Pascal Mystery' - the mystery of the passion, death, descent into Hell and resurrection of Jesus Christ, son of man, Son of God; then we celebrated the mystery of Pentecost, the feast of the Holy Spirit; most recently we celebrated the feasts of the Trinity and 'Corpus Christi', the Body and Blood of Christ; finally, last Friday we celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart, a symbol which captures the mystery of God's unfailing love for us. Each of these mysteries tell us something about the God who was revealed in and through Jesus Christ.

As people of faith we should never be afraid to ask questions about Jesus, about the Holy Spirit, about God. After all, the apostles asked Jesus lots of questions; why shouldn't we? Our questions are like the doors that keep multiplying before us. The more questions we ask about God the more we will discover. That's what God wants, surely? And the more we discover the more questions we will have!

Keep opening the doors! Keep asking the questions!

Fr Kevin Mowbray sm —Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Kings	19:16, 19-21
Flisha rose and follower	d Elijah and heca	me his servant

Second Reading Galatians 5:1, 13-18 My brothers, you were called to freedom.

9:51-62 **Gospel Reading** Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Isaiah	66:10-14
Psalm	65	
Second Reading	Galatians	6:14-18
Gospel Reading	Luke	10:1-12, 17-20

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,387



Do mi-nus pars he-re-di-ta-tis me- ae, et ca-li-cis me- i.

Church Guardians

Each day our church is looked after by Guardians who take it in turn to spend an hour in the church ensuring that the many visitors respect our sacred place. We need more Guardians so that we can keep the church open each day. We are particularly in need for Guardians on Wednesday & Friday afternoons, and Wednesday & Thursday mornings. If you would like to consider being part of this ministry please contact the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz

Responsorial Psalm 15

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Preserve me God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: You are my God.' O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. R

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. R

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness is for ever. R

The Lord is the portion of my inheritance, and of my cup

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!

Councillor

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Dale Wall, Maureen Green

Anniversaries: Michael Schima, Gavin Auld, Catherine O'Hara, James Maguire, John Sayers, Ron Finlayson,

Tadeusz Braczek



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, Kerry Barber, Beatrice (Bea) Stewart 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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Nicola Young

Jean Vanier Film Screening

Discover the late Jean Vanier's life work at a special screening of the film 'Summer in the Forest' at the Roxy Cinema, Miramar at **6.30pm on 24 July**. The screening is fundraising in aid of L'Arche Zimbabwe, a branch of the organization founded by Jean Vanier that runs houses for people with and without disabilities to share life in a community of faith. Pre-ordering tickets is essential at www.summerintheforest.co.nz

Children's Neon Ball

Greenstone Doors Charitable Trust are hosting a special evening for children (and their parents) at the Dowse Art Museum in Laings Road, Lower Hutt on Friday 19 July from 5-7pm. There will be a photo booth, face painting, crafts, dancing, entertainment and food and drinks! Tickets are \$15 for one adult and one child, \$25 for a family pass. Purchase tickets at the door on the night, or at www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/childrens-neon-ball-tickets-63318987797

Discover the Old Testament Prophets

Baptism calls each of us to be a prophet. So who were the prophets that Jesus knew about, what motivated them, what was their message and how did they get that message across? The Catholic Institute (TCI) is offering a new course in the Prophets, taught by scripture specialist Dr Laurel Lanner and starting from 8 July. Enrol in the online course through the TCI website www.tci.ac.nz - look for the details on the home page.

Life in the Spirit Seminar for Young Adults

There is to be a Life in the Spirit Seminar particularly for young adults held at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings from 3 July to 14 August. This will facilitate what Pope Francis has asked for, "that every person experience a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ." The seminar will be held at St Thomas More Church, Wilton. Email asgwlg.lss@gmail.com to register or for more information.

SMAYAC—'Genesis to Jesus' Bible Study SMAYAC will be continuing their series titled 'Genesis to Jesus' tonight at 6pm in the Parish **Hall.** 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.

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, Emmanual 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.

Dove Women's Retreat Weekend

Come and join us for a weekend to be 'Refreshed-Restored-Inspired' from 27-29 July at Willow Park Christian Camp, Auckland. The theme for 2019 is 'Living A Life Attuned to God's Voice'. To register or for further information visit www.dove.org.nz or contact Judy Olsen at jude.olsen@gmail.com or 027 486 3024

Christian Meditation Group

All are welcome. Join us for an hour of Christian meditation in an ancient form of contemplative prayer. Times are Mondays 7pm-8pm and Thursdays 11am-12pm at Our Lady's Home of Compassion Chapel, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 383 7134 or 04 383 7769.

Non-Residential Retreat—Thorndon

There will be a retreat from 15-19 July running from 9.30am to 4pm each day, at Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, Thorndon. For further information and to register please contact Brian Cummings SM at 021 703 580 or bgcummings@xtra.co.nz



