

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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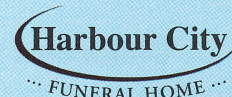
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in a place of calm and beauty and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington*

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!

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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

This Week's Readings

First Reading Kings 19:16, 19-21

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Second Reading Galatians 5:1, 13-18

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

Gospel Reading Luke 9:51-62

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

Responsorial Psalm 15

R. 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**

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,387

