

For Your Diaries : 2019

24 July, ALPHA Workshop

You are invited to a workshop on **Transforming Parishes with the help of ALPHA** at 7pm from either your computer via ZOOM, or in person at the Catholic Centre on Hill St. Please register by Monday 22 July. Contact Chris Walkerdine: c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz

25 July, Believe—Young Adult Formation Series

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28 July, 'Genesis to Jesus' Scripture Series

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11 August, SMOA Meeting

Put 11 August in your diary - we will be gathering to focus on the future direction of our parish. *Where?* Parish hall. *When?* 3-4.30 pm. *Who?* Pastoral Team, Synod Team, Lay Leaders, anyone interested in the future of SMOA.

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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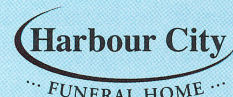
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MASSES

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

21 July 2019, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PAY ATTENTION

With the advancements made in the field of technology and computers, we now live in a world of distractions and illusions. We can worry and vex about things that do not matter in the long run; we can entertain the trivial and the frivolous; we can dabble with mediocrity and preoccupy with concerns that are ultimately not important. I don't mean to dismiss genuine concerns like job security, mortgage, children's welfare and education, etc... that take up much of our time and energy. However, there is a real temptation to race ahead in our time-deprived lifestyle and forget to pay attention to what really matters around us.

Scripture this Sunday call us to live our lives with a kind of spiritual attentiveness that allows us to engage with the manifestations of the Spirit. The story of Martha and Mary provides insight into how we ought to live the sacrament of the present moment in order to be fully engaged with the manifestations of the Spirit. They welcomed Jesus into their house. But while Mary was intent on listening and conversing with her guest, Martha was like one of the contestants in My Kitchen Rules. She came to a point of frustration and asked Jesus to intervene. To her surprise, Jesus said it was Mary who chose the better part and it should not be taken away from her. Surely, Jesus did not mean to put down Martha or take sides in an apparent sibling rivalry. I know every time I went home, my mum would fuss over the food and I cannot but appreciate her particular concern for me. Perhaps something of a greater significance than food is implied in the story.

Jesus is telling us that we need to pay attention to what really matters. We need to see life through the filter, not of competition, success, and achievement. Rather, it is the prism of God's love and concern for his people; it is the Kingdom and its righteousness, which ought to be the ultimate driving force of our lives.

The Word of God today challenges us to live our lives not enslaved by superficial or secondary concerns but rooted in the values of the Kingdom. Amidst the many distractions and illusions that threaten us to lose our focus, we learn the importance of mindfulness to God's presence and action around us. Like Abraham and Sarah, we learn to recognise him disguised in our brothers and sisters, including strangers who need our compassion and empathy, not apathy and judgment. Like Martha and Mary, we learn to choose the better part of true listening, discerning and engaging with coalface realities in an effort to bring forth the Kingdom of justice and inclusion. That is the task and the mission of every Christian no matter who we are, what we do and the circumstances of life we find ourselves. May we, through our being rooted in Christ and his values, be transformed into the stewards of the Good News.

Fr Joe Savesi sm

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Genesis	18:1-10
<i>Lord, do not bypass your servant.</i>		
Second Reading	Colossians	1:24-28
<i>The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.</i>		
Gospel Reading	Luke	10:38-42
<i>Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Genesis	18:20-32
Psalm	137	
Second Reading	Colossians	2:12-14
Gospel Reading	Luke	11:1-3

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,014



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 feel welcome and that they respect our sacred place. **We need more Church Guardians** so that we can keep the church open each day. We are particularly in need of Guardians for 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

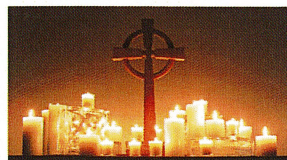
Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Ruth Garland

Anniversaries: Bill Prior, Thomas O'Shaughnessy, Veronica Nolan, Agnes Mora, James Healy

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, Maria Morsinkhof (Knobben)

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.



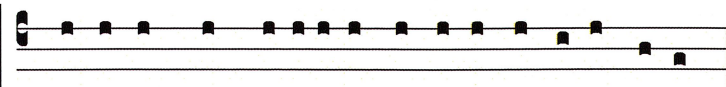
Responsorial Psalm 14

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. **R**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R**



Dómine, quis habitábit in taberná-cu-lo tu-o?

Lord who shall dwell in thy tabernacle?

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!

Parish Meeting—Mark your diaries!

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Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Retreat

Joshua in Palmerston North will be hosting a 1-day retreat on **Saturday 27th July** entitled "Up from the Waters". This will be led by Fr Joe Grayland and Fr Robin Kurian from Our Lady of Lourdes, Shamrock St. Koha on the day to cover costs. Lunch and morning/afternoon tea provided. Contact either John Hammond jo.mo.hamm@gmail.com or Steve Ready 027 356 9555 for more details.

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SMAYAC—'Genesis to Jesus' Bible Study

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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 would like to know more, contact Robert at chant4robert@gmail.com or the Chair, Anne, at hakari26@icloud.com or 021 516 372.

Christian Meditation Group

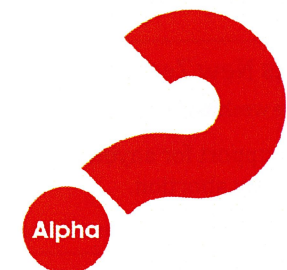
All are welcome. Join us for an hour of Christian meditation in an ancient form of contemplative prayer. Times are Mondays 7pm-8pm and Thursdays 11am-12pm at Our Lady's Home of Compassion Chapel, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 383 7134 or 04 383 7769.

ALPHA Webinar

You are invited to a workshop on **Transforming Parishes with the help of ALPHA** on **Wednesday 24 July at 7pm.**

This will be held at the Catholic Centre on Hill St, or join us via your computer by clicking on the link I can send you. Please register by

Monday 22 July. Contact Chris Walkerdine 496 1706 or c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz



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