

For Your Diaries : 2019

28 July, 'Genesis to Jesus' Scripture Series

SMAYAC will be continuing their video series designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge of the Scriptures while deepening their understanding of the riches of our faith. The sessions run fortnightly at 6pm in the parish hall.

28 July, Fostering Friendships for the Wider Good

Dialogue with visiting theologian Anne-Marie Ellithorpe who has recently completed her PhD on a practical theology of friendship. An inspiration for building friendships with those of "all creeds and none" to bring about social change. The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 6:30-8:30 pm.

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.

24 August, Pilgrimage: Back to the Source

An evening of poetry and music with poet Chris Gallavin. Inspired by Hiruhārama-Jerusalem the show will be accompanied by a photo exhibition. Tickets \$25 on Eventfinda or \$30 at the door. Sat 24 August, 3pm. Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay.

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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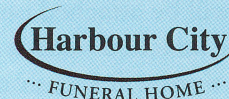
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St Mary of the Angels is a diverse community which seeks to praise and thank God in a place of calm and beauty and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington

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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

28 July 2019, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hopefully when we learn and recite a prayer like the Lord's Prayer, over time we grow in appreciation of the words and the community is strengthened. The risk is that these prayers are spoken mindlessly and we forget what prayer is – **prayer is the inner being of the human person in communion with God.**

Leo Tolstoy wrote the following story: *A bishop, travelling by ship, is told that three hermits are living on a nearby island. He finds the hermits and asks them if they are Christian. They wholeheartedly respond, "Yes!" He inquires how they pray and they tell him, "When we pray, we say, "We are three. You are three. Have mercy on us." The bishop is horrified and instructs them in the Lord's Prayer. They do their best but they are slow to learn. Finally, the bishop returns to his ship, and departs.*

On another trip the bishop is sailing past the same island. Later that evening, while strolling on deck, the bishop sees a ball of light come out of the island and move towards the ship. The bishop sees the three hermits are within it. They speak from within the sphere to the bishop and tell the bishop that they have forgotten some of the Lord's Prayer. They need him to reinstruct them. The bishop comes to an awareness of the holiness of the hermits, a holiness more profound than the correct recitation of words. The humbled bishop merely says, "Go home and when you pray, say, "You are three. We are three. Have mercy on us." [John Shea, The Relentless Widow, Liturgical Press, Minnesota, 1992, P.213]

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On **15 August** we celebrate Mary being taken to heaven, body and soul. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, as each Sunday is. In New Zealand, the only other Holy Day which is not celebrated on a Sunday every year is Christmas.

The Assumption is also the patronal feast of Aotearoa New Zealand. The origin of this is when Bishop Pompallier entrusted the Roman Catholic mission to Our Lady of the Assumption. When you are next in Auckland visit the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph and spend a few minutes contemplating the large stained-glass window behind the main altar of the Assumption.

Please invite family and friends to come along and celebrate what God has done and continues to do through Mary. Let us also use the opportunity to honour Mary and thank her for showing us how to be a disciple of her Son.

Masses will be: 7.30 am, 12.05 pm, 1.05 pm and 5.15 pm.
Sung Vespers in the church: 7.00 pm

Fr Kevin Conroy sm
—Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading **Genesis** **18:20-32**

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

Second Reading **Colossians** **2:12-14**

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

Gospel Reading **Luke** **11:1-3**

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading **Ecclesiastes** **1:2, 2:21-23**

Psalm **89**

Second Reading **Colossians** **3:1-5, 9-11**

Gospel Reading **Luke** **12:13-21**

Responsorial Psalm 137

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.

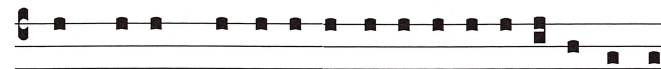
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R**



In qua-cumque di- e in vo-ca-ve-ro te, ex-audi me.

In what day so ever I shall call upon thee, hear me.

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!

On **Sunday 11 August** we will be gathering to focus on the future direction of our parish. The Pastoral Team, Synod Team, Lay Leaders, and anyone interested in the future of St Mary of the Angels is welcome. Join us in the parish hall from 3-4.30pm.

Security at St Mary of the Angels

To help protect our church and increase security a closed-circuit television system is in the process of being installed. One camera will be attached outside the main entrance, a second will be attached outside the entrance to St Joseph's Chapel and a third will focus on the donation boxes near the main entrance. The system will store the images for up to 30 days after which they will be deleted automatically.

St Catherine's College Fundraiser Sale

After the 11am Mass next **Sunday 4 August**, a group from St Catherine's College will be outside the church selling seedlings and cards that they have planted and made. All funds will go through Caritas to South Sudan, as South Sudan is their selected country for their 'Mercy In Action Day'. We encourage you to support these young girls in their charitable efforts.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019

Cardinal John Dew recently launched the inaugural Catholic Ministries Appeal on 14 July. The Archdiocese of Wellington exercise ministry in many areas, with professional staff and with many volunteers. This appeal is in support for the activities undertaken by the Church's agencies, including hospital and prison chaplaincy, parental faith formation, refugee support, and Maori ministries. There are envelopes in the church for your gifts, and you can donate online at www.givealittle.co.nz/org/cma2019

Vacancy: Altar Bread Manufacturing Supervisor

The St Vincent de Paul Society is looking for a full-time Manufacturing Supervisor to join our team based at the Vinnies Welfare & Services office in Newtown, Wellington. You will be leading a team of people with intellectual disability to cook, cut, sort, package and distribute altar bread to our customers throughout NZ. Applications close **Wednesday 31 July**, contact Mille at marketing@vinnieswgtgtn.org.nz for more information.

SMAYAC—'Genesis to Jesus' Bible Study

St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Catholics (SMAYAC) will be continuing their video series designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge of the Scriptures while deepening their understanding of the riches of our faith. The sessions run fortnightly, with the next session tonight **Sunday 28 July at 6pm in the parish hall.**

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.

Wanted—Curtain Donations

The Wellington Curtain Bank is a not-for-profit social service that upcycles preloved curtains for families that need them. Currently, it is at risk of not being able to fulfil the orders it already has. They are in urgent need of **good quality, mould-free curtains, fabric rolls, or large off-cuts of fabric.** They have several drop-off points around Wellington, the closest being at 2 Forresters Lane, open Mon-Sat 9am-4.30pm. For more information go to: www.sustaintrust.org.nz/donate-curtains

Seasons for Growth Programme

Using the imagery of the four seasons, this programme is a safe and proven way to help people process and adjust to changing experiences, exploring the effects of change, loss, and grief. A programme for adults is being run: six weekly sessions, starting on Sunday 18 August, 2-4.30pm, in the Emmaus Centre, St Christopher's Anglican Church, Tawa. Cost \$25 for the workbook. For more information, or to register, please contact Bridgett on 934 1811 or email: honitonfantail@gmail.com.

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,339



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: Anthony Clarke, Fr Bob Lee sm, Fr John Mori sm

Anniversaries: John Gordon, Marion Alexander, Jadwiga Kolaczynska, Maria Sledzinski, Eileen Gregory, John L'Estrange, Zita Outtrim

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.



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