

For Your Diaries : 2019

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.

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3 September, Introduction to RCIA

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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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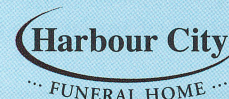
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MASSES

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

4 August 2019, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A PASSION TO SHARE

I love reading. It has been a passion of mine since I was very young. When I was twelve years old I remember my mother asking me what I wanted for my birthday. 'History books!', I replied. My elder sisters couldn't believe it! They thought I was mad. But off I happily went one day with my mother to Smiths, a used book store in Christchurch, and spent an hour or so pouring over all the old history books piled up everywhere before making my choice and then triumphantly carrying them home.

History has always fascinated me. So I love reading the biographies of important historical figures (Sorry, but that doesn't include film stars or sports heroes!). They can be from anywhere and from any period of history, people as diverse as President Harry Truman, Wittgenstein the twentieth century philosopher or Cardinal John Henry Newman. There are still many, many others I would love to know more about. Unfortunately my time will run out long before I have read all that I want to.

The pleasure of reading is heightened when I find someone with whom I can share my passion. Favourite books are recalled, new titles are suggested and, when we discover that we have both read the same book, fascinating insightful details are talked about. It can be like a rediscovery of something already well-known!

A passion shared. There's a challenge for us in those three simple words. If we listen carefully each Sunday to the Scripture readings we will catch echoes of someone's passionate faith in God. Shouldn't we have such a passionate faith in God too? Isn't that part of being Catholic? Pope Francis certainly thinks so. Recently he said, *'This missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission'.*

If we have a passionate faith in God then surely we would want to share that passion with others who are searching, questioning, wondering? This is what the RCIA program does each year. It welcomes people interested in our Faith to follow a six month course which may or may not lead them into becoming a Catholic. Do you know someone – at home, at work, at school or university – who might be looking to share your passion? Why not reach out and invite them to join the RCIA program?

'You are a mission', says Pope Francis. Reach out; share your passion!

Fr Kevin Mowbray sm

—Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23
What do people gain by all their work?

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Gospel Reading Luke 12:13-21
To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9
Psalm 32
Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Gospel Reading Luke 12:32-48

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,945

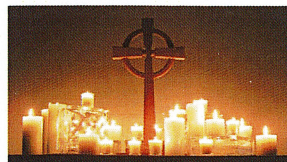


Church Guardians

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, Mary Rose Keller, Peter Anderson
Anniversaries: Aiden McLean, James Baird, Paul Veltman, Ross. Barbara Ross, Fr John Goulter sm
Prayers for the Sick: Lepeka Savesi, Colin Fife, Peter Aldridge, Tony Crawley, John Adams, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Nancy Grealish, 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 89

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **R**

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **R**

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **R**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **R**



Domi-ne, re-fu-gi- um fac-tus es no-bis-

Lord, thou hast been our refuge.

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!

Morning Tea with the St Mary of the Angels Choir

After 11am Mass today, the choir invite the congregation to coffee and biscuits to meet us, see our 'new' choir room, and maybe try some chants. We'd love to see you face to face, to supplement our normal view of the tops of your heads!

Feast of the Assumption—Vespers

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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.

Suffrage in Stitches: Exhibition

A new exhibition is opening at Wellington Museum on Friday 2 August and will be running until 31 August. The exhibition is a textile work which has been created during the 125th anniversary year of women's suffrage, honouring the 'ordinary' women and men who signed the 1893 Suffrage petition. The project was devised by the coordinator of *Vinnies Re Sew*, a sewing space funded by St Vincent de Paul to up-skill marginalised members of the community at no charge, using fabrics destined for landfill. Come along to view this celebration of how craft can connect and bring people together from multiple backgrounds, communities and generations.

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National Vocations Awareness Week - *Lives of Service, Lives of Joy*

Our baptism calls us to holiness. We live out this call through marriage, single life, priesthood or consecrated life. National Vocations Awareness Week (4-11 August) is an annual event set aside to focus our attention on all forms of vocation in the Church. Please pray for all those in our Archdiocese who are discerning their vocation, including our three seminarians Alfred, Kinh and Matthew, and Emilio who is preparing to enter Seminary next year. May we all be open to God's call and respond with generosity and courage.

SMAYAC—'Genesis to Jesus' Bible Study

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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. There are envelopes in the church for your gifts, and you can donate online at www.givealittle.co.nz/org/cma2019



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