

For Your Diaries : 2019

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. 3pm, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay.

30 August, St Catherine's College Enrolments close

Enrolments are currently open at St Catherine's College. Any questions to office@scc.school.nz or 04 939 8988

3 September, Introduction to RCIA

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13—14 September, Wellington Theological Consortium Conference

On "Lament, Listening, Healing, in response to the sexual abuse crisis in our Church Communities." Held at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria, Wellington. www.wellingtontheology.org.nz

30 September—4 October, School of Ecumenism

This course will introduce you to the study of ecumenism, with guest speakers from Australia as well as Cardinal John Dew. The programme will be held at Burns Lodge, Mosgiel, Dunedin. Contact the parish office for more information. Applications close 31st August.

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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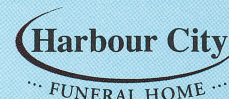
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MASSES

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

18 August 2019, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

To be read before Mass:

Here is the "agenda" for today and for the coming week. It is today's Gospel which is read at all Masses all over the world today. It's quite a surprising choice by the compilers of the Sunday readings I think. Read it over now, before Mass starts, and let your own imagination go to work first (our Lord might have something to say to you). Then see what ideas the priest has when he steps up for the homily:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! Do you suppose I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' Luke 12:49-53

I say a "surprising choice" because it is pretty bleak. Is this what we want to hear? Not much soothing encouragement here. What has happened to the angel's Christmas message, "Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth" a few chapters back?? (see Luke 2:14).

Here are a couple of background details to get us started.

The "fire" seems to be the Holy Spirit. Remember how the Holy Spirit came down like "tongues of fire". But fire as we know can be nicely warming or purging depending on the need. Just as water can bring life or destroy.

The "baptism" that Jesus refers to is not like our gentle ceremony at a font, but rather an ordeal that must be gone through for something very good. The bible image of being immersed in water out of control (like crossing the Red Sea) means being overwhelmed by troubles and hostility. The crucifixion would certainly qualify.

I've said enough. What are your thoughts so far? (Tell the Lord...)

Fr Peter McAfee SM
—Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-4
Let us bear patiently the struggle placed on us.

Gospel Reading Luke 12:49-53
I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 66:18-21
Psalm 116
Second Reading Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel Reading Luke 13:22-30

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$6,310



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 service to the parish community please contact the parish office on 04 473 8074 or smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz

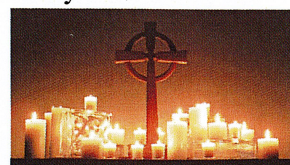
Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Rosemary Walker, Scott Fraser, Bishop Stuart O'Connell sm, Anna Tait Jamieson, Kenneth Bates, Lepeka Vaoliko-Savesi

Anniversaries: Anna Zannotto, Kathleen McCready, Deyls Reed, Noeline Ryan, Br Adrian Kennedy sm, Bernard Lynch, Kevin Fitzgerald, Dean Gifford

Prayers for the Sick: 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, James Ring, Pam Finlayson

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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Responsorial Psalm 39

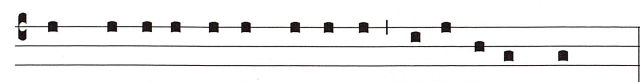
R. Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
 and he stooped down to me;
 he heard my cry. **R**

He drew me from the deadly pit,
 from the miry clay.
 He set my feet upon a rock
 and made my footsteps firm. **R**

He put a new song into my mouth,
 praise of our God.
 Many shall see and fear
 and shall trust in the Lord. **R**

As for me, wretched and poor,
 the Lord thinks of me.
 You are my rescuer, my help,
 O God, do not delay. **R**



Compla-ce- at ti-bi, Domi-ne, ut e-ru- as me.

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver 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!

Abortion Legislation Bill

You will be aware that the current government has proposed an alternative abortion law to our parliament. That bill passed its first reading last week and has now been referred to a Special Select Committee for further consideration and to give the public of New Zealand a chance to comment through the parliamentary submission process. All Catholics are encouraged to have their say. **The submission process closes on Thursday 19 September:**
www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF_BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill

Seminar: 'Lament, Listening, Healing'

The Wellington Theological Consortium Seminar for 2019 is on 'Lament, Listening, Healing, in response to the sexual abuse crisis in our Church Communities.' Learn about how restorative justice flows out of the Gospel, and about the Circle Process. The conference will be held **13-14 September** at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. Waged \$40 and unwaged \$15 door sale tickets, or receive a discount if you register by email through david.wardle@salvationarmy.org.nz
 For more information: www.wellingtontheology.org.nz

Security at St Mary of the Angels

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

Cardinal's Lunch

The Cardinal's Lunch will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel at 12pm on **Wednesday 28 August**. Cardinal John Dew will be sharing his vision for the future of the Church being young, transformed and transformative. Please join us as we break bread and share our Catholic values. For more information phone Robyn 027 2018766. You may register online by going to: <https://cl2019.lilregie.com>

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Join us in serving Christ by helping the needy. Come to the St Vincent de Paul meeting at 6pm on **Tuesday 20 August** in the Crypt.

Adult Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Perhaps you know someone who is curious about the Catholic Faith? The Adult Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the process through which adults are gradually introduced to the Catholic faith and way of life. St Mary of the Angels is holding an introductory evening on **Tuesday 3 September at 7.15pm** in the parish hall. Parishioners, please invite someone whom you know to be interested in our Catholic Faith and pray for the RCIA Candidates, Sponsors, and Leaders. If you would like more information or wish to enrol please contact the parish office at 473 8074 or smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz

Urgently Required

We urgently need people to volunteer for the various Masses here on a Sunday and weekdays, as Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion. We have lost several key people as they have moved out of the district. Should you like to be a Reader or Minister of Holy Communion, there would be a training session. This is a very privileged ministry. Please make contact with the Pastoral Team as soon as possible with your name and address, and we will get back to you. —Many thanks, Sr. Frances

Suffrage in Stitches: Exhibition

Come to see an exhibition currently at the Wellington Museum until 31 August. It 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 Wellington to up-skill marginalised members of the community at no charge, using fabrics destined for landfill.

SMAYAC & CYP Social: Bowling

SMAYAC are teaming up with Catholic Young Professionals for fun, food and friendly competition from 7-9pm on **Saturday 24 August**. Don't forget to bring some money for games and a smile! RSVP by Saturday 17 August so we can book lanes, at smayacs@gmail.com or at www.facebook.com/events/2318332895131342/

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