

## For Your Diaries : 2019

### 27 August, Holy Hour

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### 30 August, St Catherine's College Enrolments close

Enrolments are currently open at St Catherine's College. Any questions to [office@scc.school.nz](mailto:office@scc.school.nz) or 04 939 8988

### 3 September, Introduction to RCIA

The Adult Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the process through which adults are gradually introduced to the Catholic faith and way of life. We will be holding an introductory evening at 7.15pm in the parish hall. Contact the parish office for more information or to enrol.

### 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](http://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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# The Angelus

**St Mary of the Angels Parish**

Church and Presbytery:

17 Boulcott Street

Wellington Central

Telephone: (04) 473 8074

Parish website: [www.smoa.org.nz](http://www.smoa.org.nz)

*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*

#### Parish Priest

Fr Kevin Conroy SM

[smoapp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoapp@xtra.co.nz)

#### Assistant Priests

Fr Peter McAfee SM

Fr Kevin Mowbray SM

Fr Pat Brophy SM

Fr Joe Savesi SM

#### Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

#### In Residence

Fr Brian Wysocki SM

#### Director of Music

Robert Oliver

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#### Parish Accountant

[smoamanager@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoamanager@xtra.co.nz)

#### Parish Office

[smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz)

#### 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

## 25 August 2019, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Our Parish: Looking Ahead

During the time our church was closed for seismic strengthening a team of people performed the monumental task of keeping the parish ticking over using four different venues around the city. St Mary of the Angels reopened at Easter 2017 with much publicity and celebration. Since then there has been a palpable energy among the Pastoral Team and some members of the parish for rebuilding the parish community and growing the parish.

Our Archdiocesan Synod representatives (Catherine Keating, Suzanne O'Rourke, John Kennedy-Good, Sarah Pinto and Jane Ellis), generously gave of their time and prayerfully discerned how the fruits of that gathering could be applied to our unique context here in Boulcott St. We are grateful for their service. The Stewardship Day with our Archbishop, Cardinal John, fleshed this out further and more recently we held a successful parish meeting in the hall. One of the fruits of that meeting was the support for reforming a structure in the parish that has been absent for some years – a **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**.

**What is a Parish Pastoral Council?** It is a team of parishioners who have a mission, a vision and a particular service to perform.

Mission: To take responsibility for what the parish is and does.

Vision: In consultation with the parishioners they plan where the parish should be going and how to make it happen.

Service: They inspire other parishioners and draw on their talents and gifts.

While the council should reflect the diversity of the parish no member represents a particular group. Therefore, each member represents the whole parish.

**Why have a PPC?** The reason is because while our parish is made up of different parts, St Mary of the Angels is one body: the Body of Christ. We are the People of God called to work together and continue the mission of Jesus Christ in the world. In the Archdiocese of Wellington, it is also a requirement to have a PPC.

**What does a PPC do?** It is responsible for the "big picture". It works with the Pastoral Team to plan and foster pastoral activities. The main functions are: 1) agree on a pastoral plan, 2) collaborate with volunteers to bring the plan to fruition, 3) evaluate the results.

At our parish meeting two weeks ago, I was heartened with the support for the following strategy: to re-establish the structure of a Parish Pastoral Council, I would invite 5-8 parishioners to form the PPC. This body would be an interim body, lasting for two years.

God bless the journey.

Fr Kevin Conroy SM

—Parish Priest



## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Isaiah 66:18-21  
*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

**Second Reading** Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

**Gospel Reading** Luke 13:22-30  
*From east to west they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29  
**Psalm** 67  
**Second Reading** Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24  
**Gospel Reading** Luke 14:1, 7-14

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,072



## 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](mailto:smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz)

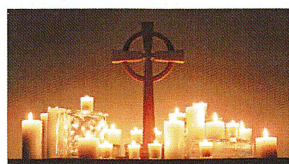
## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Bishop Stuart O'Connell sm, Anna Tait-Jamieson, Kenneth Bates, Lepeka Vaoliko-Savesi, Pauline Hastings, Marjorie Noël Galvin, Rita Mary Dewey

**Anniversaries:** Joan Killen, Patricia Goulter, Eunice Clarke, Brett Gray

**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.*

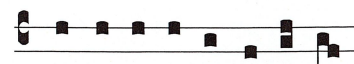


## Responsorial Psalm 116

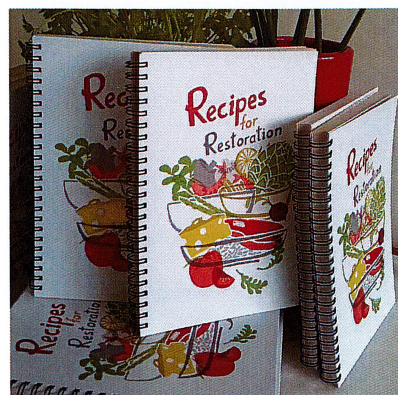
**R. Go out to all the world;  
 and tell the Good News.**

O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
 acclaim him all you peoples! **R**

Strong is his love for us;  
 he is faithful for ever. **R**



Al-le- lu- ia, Al-le- lu- ia-



## 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!

*We wish Sr Frances well as she takes a well-earned break until 10 September. Any queries or messages for her can be left at the parish office.*

## 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](http://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](mailto:david.wardle@salvationarmy.org.nz) For more information: [www.wellingtontheology.org.nz](http://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: [www.cl2019.lilregie.com](http://www.cl2019.lilregie.com)

## 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](mailto: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

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## Parenting Faith Seminar

Parents are children's first educators in faith. This interactive and informative evening will equip parents with ideas and resources to 'do' faith at home. It will be held in Connolly Hall on **Thursday 29 August** at 7.30pm. Entry by koha. To book your place go to [www.parentingfaith.eventbrite.co.nz](http://www.parentingfaith.eventbrite.co.nz) or contact Felicity on [f.giltrap@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:f.giltrap@wn.catholic.org.nz) or 496 1719.

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