

## For Your Diaries : 2019

### 19 September, Joshua Catholic Fellowship Wellington

Men are invited to come along and join us at 7.30pm (fellowship from 7pm) in Connolly Hall. For more information contact Steve Ready 027 356 9555 or email [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

### 21 September, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Connolly Hall, 1.30pm. Jane Thomsen will be presenting her talk titled 'Put on the full armour of God (Eph 6:10-19)'. All women are welcome. Enquiries to Shura 021 072 4042

### 21 September, Greenstone Doors—Shoe Sale

Greensone Doors is holding a brand new shoe sale at St Peter & Paul Church Hall, Lower Hutt from 10am—1pm. All kinds of shoes priced from \$5-\$50. Both cash and eftpos accepted.

### 21 September, Vigil for the Unborn

St Anne's Catholic Church, Newtown. Starts at 10 am with Mass, and ends at 12pm. For more information contact Family Life NZ on 021 231 7954

### 26 September, St Vincent de Paul Feast Day Mass

Celebrated with Cardinal John Dew at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria, 7pm.

### 16 October, Film Screening—'Unplanned'

The Penthouse Cinema, 6pm. *Unplanned* is a story of hope, about a former Director of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility. Purchase tickets at [www.fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-penthouse-cinema-cafe/](http://www.fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-penthouse-cinema-cafe/)

### 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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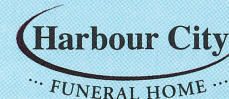
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## St Mary of the Angels Parish

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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*

### Parish Priest

Fr Kevin Conroy SM  
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### 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

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### Parish Accountant

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### Parish Office

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### MASSES

**Sunday** 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm

**Monday to Friday** 7:30am, 12:05pm, & 5:15pm

**Saturday** 11am

### EACH MONTH

**4th Saturday** 11am Mass with  
Sacrament of Anointing

### ADORATION

**Monday to Friday** 6:30am-7:20am

**Friday** 11am-Noon

### RECONCILIATION

**Monday to Thursday** 11:30am-Noon  
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

## 15 September, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Good Things Come in Threes

Here is the Gospel for today's Sunday Mass. It is the 'agenda' for today and for the week ahead. After you've greeted our Lord and prayed that you may be one with him in this Mass, read over this Gospel. It's a good way to be focussed or 'ready' for the Mass.

*The tax collectors and the sinners, were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and scribes complained, "This man," they said, "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he spoke this parable to them: "What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say, "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say, "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.' (Luke 15: 1-10)*

Did anything stand out? Or puzzle you? Think about those things. What could they mean? Tell our Lord. Then ask that this Gospel might be food for your soul today.

If you still have time before Mass, here is a bit of background. These stories go together as 'the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son and brother'. Yes the parable of the 'prodigal son' or 'lost son' follows directly on. Being grouped as a threesome is important. It is a common biblical practice to group in threes things that throw light on each other. For example, I'll make three points: 1) God is likened variously to a shepherd, a woman, and then a father. 2) But all three of them are 'over the top' in their reaction. (This threefold repetition indicates to us something important.) 3) Finally, the simple stories of the sheep and the coin prepare the way for the much more profound third story of the lost son and brother.

*Fr Peter McAfee SM*

*—Assistant Priest*



## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14  
*The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.*

**Second Reading** 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
*Christ came to save sinners.*

**Gospel Reading** Luke 15:1-32  
*There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Amos 8:4-7  
**Psalm** 112  
**Second Reading** 1 Timothy 2:1-8  
**Gospel Reading** Luke 16:1-13

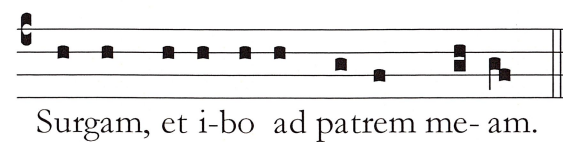
## Responsorial Psalm 50

**R. I will rise and go to my father.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
 In your compassion blot out my offence.  
 O wash me more and more from my guilt  
 and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
 put a steadfast spirit within me.  
 Do not cast me away from your presence,  
 nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

O Lord, open my lips  
 and my mouth shall declare your praise.  
 My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;  
 a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R**



*I will arise and go to my father.*

## Prayer for Life

Loving God,  
 Inspire in us a deepening respect for life and the human  
 dignity of every person.  
 Guide and strengthen us in caring, especially for the  
 vulnerable, for those with disabilities, for those who are sick,  
 lonely or depressed.  
 Help us to value the elderly and the unborn.  
 Encourage us in enabling people with disabilities to live  
 their lives to the full.  
 May those considering suicide rather reach out for help and  
 find it.  
 Support and empower all those working to protect life,  
 especially against euthanasia, assisted suicide and abortion.  
 We make this prayer with full confidence in your guidance,  
 compassion and love. Amen.

## Katyn Memorial Wreathlaying

This year the Kresy-Siberia Foundation are remembering the 80th anniversary of the invasion of Poland by Soviet Russia on 17th September 1939. The members of the Kresy-Siberia group in NZ are made up of descendants of Poles who were forcibly deported from their homeland, many of them related to the Pahiatua children of 1944. As part of their mini-conference next weekend they will be laying a wreath at the Katyn memorial plaque in the church after the 11am Mass next **Sunday 22 September**.

## St Vincent de Paul Meeting

There's work to be done. Come and join us in serving Christ by helping the needy. Next meeting of St Vincent de Paul is **Tuesday 17 September at 6pm** in the Crypt.

## Ecclesia Dei Society Retreat

You are warmly invited to attend a retreat hosted by the Ecclesia Dei (Latin Mass) Society of NZ from **Friday 27 September—Sunday 29 September** at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay. Bishop Basil Meeking, Emeritus Bishop of Christchurch, will lead the retreat and he will give three inspiring talks on The Spiritual Combat. The retreat will include daily Latin Mass, Rosary, devotions, Adoration, Reconciliation and time for meditation. Cost: \$30. Contact Neil 021 896 924 or Melda 027478201

## Abortion Bill—Have Your Say by 19 Sep

You will be aware that an alternative abortion law is being considered by a Select Committee, and they are accepting public submissions on the proposed law reform. All Catholics are encouraged to respond prayerfully, pastorally and politically to this issue. Have your say and take a stand for life. Parliamentary submissions close on **Thursday 19 September** and can be made by letter or online. There are booklets at the back of the church with more information, or contact the parish office if you would like some more resources.

## Recipes for Restoration

**Recipes for Restoration** are still available for purchase after Masses and from the parish office. This book is a 'must have' and a great gift idea. The book is \$15, with the price covering the cost of printing and making a small contribution to the building maintenance fund. Get your copy before they sell out!

## FAREWELL

On behalf of the Pastoral Team and the Parishioners I would like to thank Bernie and Terry Dodson for their very faithful ministries here at St Mary of the Angels.

Both Terry and Bernie have been very involved as Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass as well as weekday Masses. Losing them both is a very big loss to us here as they were always ready to fill in wherever needed.

Ten years ago Terry was asked to organise something for a continual presence in our church. This is when the Guardians of the Church was established. Terry worked hard to bring people together and to organise a roster for this wonderful ministry. Today we are so grateful for the Guardians and all they do to keep our church safe.

Thank you Terry and Bernie for all you have done for us. I know we will see Terry from time to time and your help will be very much appreciated. We wish you both God's choicest blessings now and for the future. You will be remembered in our prayer.

—God bless, Sr. Frances csb

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,762



## 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

## Children's Sacramental Programme 2020

Registration is now open for the 2020 programme which begins this coming Term 4 with the sacrament of Confirmation, followed by First Reconciliation in Term 1 and First Communion in Term 2 of 2020. For your child to be eligible, he/she must already be baptised and be at least 8 years old at the beginning of Term 4. First parents session is on **17 October, 7pm** at St Thomas More Church in Wilton. For registration or further enquiries, please contact the parish office on 473 8074 or [smaoffice@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smaoffice@xtra.co.nz)

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Fr John O'Neill sm, Colin Fife, Michael Quinn

**Anniversaries:** Eufemia Ruedas, Joan Lynch, Helen Havasi, Freda Fernie, Mary Dysart, Fr John Aitken sm, Pepe Va'a, Mary Chinnock, Betty Mary Compton, Mary Frawley

**Prayers for the Sick:** 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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