

## For Your Diaries : 2019

**22 & 29 September, 6 & 13 October, Organ Recitals**

The Zimbelstern Foundation will be presenting 4 organ recitals at St Mary of the Angels as part of the New Zealand International Organ Festival - Spring Edition. Concert starts at 2.00pm and entry is free.

**26 September, St Vincent de Paul Feast Day Vigil Mass**



All are welcome to join Cardinal John Dew, Society members and the wider Wellington community in celebrating Saint Vincent de Paul's legacy and the charitable work of today. 7pm at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria.

**28 September, CYP—One-Year Celebration**

Catholic Young Professionals Wellington will be celebrating their one year anniversary with a Rock'n'Roll-themed party at the Cavern Club. Email [cypwellington@gmail.com](mailto:cypwellington@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up.

**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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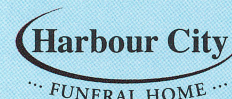
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## A LEGACY OF FAITH



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# The Angelus

**St Mary of the Angels Parish**

**Church and Presbytery:**  
17 Boulcott Street  
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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 Savei SM

### Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

### In Residence

Fr Brian Wysocki SM

### Director of Music

Robert Oliver

[chant4robert@gmail.com](mailto:chant4robert@gmail.com)

### 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 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

## 22 September, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### THE CUNNING STEWARD

To lend with interest in Israel was against the Law and consequently, a way around this law developed. When the loan came to be written down, the amount lent was increased. Thus, when a debtor came to pay back what he had been lent, he was faced with the necessity of paying back more than he had received in the first place. It is against this background that we are able to understand the skill of the cunning servant.

The hard task-master is about to dismiss his steward for wastefulness. There can be no doubt that the steward has not done what he should have done, but now he has a terrible problem. As he knows no other way to survive, he has to make friends. To do this he calls the debtors of the master and asks each one of them what was owing. Knowing that the master has not been living exactly according to the Law, but has been following the usual practice of adding quantities to his debtors' obligations, he cuts each debt back to what was, in fact, the real amount due to the master. He is thus able to cut a debtors' bill back from 100 measures of oil to 50, or 100 measures of wheat to 80. The original quantity lent was 50 measures of oil and 80 measures of wheat and the master will be paid what was his due according to the Law, and no more.

The master is unable to punish the cunning steward, because were he to do so, his own sinfulness would come into the light. Thus he praises the steward's astuteness, and both are saved. The master is not shown to be exacting interest, and the steward makes some important friends.

Jesus' original listeners would have seen the point of the parable immediately. He tells this parable to challenge the stewards of greater riches, those of us who have been entrusted with the riches of the kingdom of God. If such cunning can be used to ensure the life of a steward in his administration of the things of this world, how much more should we, who have been called to share in the treasures of the Kingdom, commit ourselves to the administration of its inestimable treasures.

Our necessary dealings with the world must be placed where they belong: in total subordination to the love and service of the God who made us and who gave us all that we have and all that we are.

*Fr Joe Savei sm*

—Assistant Priest

## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Amos 8:4-7  
*The Lord spoke against those who buy the poor for money.*

**Second Reading** 1 Timothy 2:1-8  
*Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.*

**Gospel Reading** Luke 16:1-13  
*You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Amos 6:1, 4-7  
**Psalm** 145  
**Second Reading** 1 Timothy 6:11-16  
**Gospel Reading** Luke 16:19-31

## Responsorial 112

### R. Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
 praise the name of the Lord!  
 May the name of the Lord be blessed  
 both now and for evermore! **R**

High above all nations is the Lord,  
 above the heavens his glory.  
 Who is like the Lord, our God,  
 who has risen on high to his throne  
 yet stoops from the heights to look down,  
 to look down upon heaven and earth? **R**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
 from the dunghill he raises the poor  
 to set him in the company of princes,  
 yes, with the princes of his people. **R**



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.-

## 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 Wreath Laying

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 Pahiutua children of 1944. As part of their  
 mini-conference this weekend they will be laying a wreath at  
 the Katyn memorial plaque in the church **after the 11am  
 Mass today.**

## 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 smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz

## Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday 24 September**  
 beginning at 7.30pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for  
 vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy  
 Hour will include prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence  
 and conclude with Benediction followed by supper.

## Catholic Young Professionals – One-Year Celebration



CYP is a group dedicated to  
 building community among  
 young Catholic workers and  
 students in Wellington. We run  
 monthly social, community  
 outreach and formation events  
 in and around the city. You can  
 find us on Facebook (CYP  
 Wellington), or come talk to Chris O'Brien or John-  
 David after 11am Mass! We are celebrating our one  
 year anniversary on **28 September** with a Rock'n'Roll  
 -themed party at the Cavern club! There will be  
 dancing, games and spot prizes. You can sign up to  
 the event on Facebook, or email us at  
 cypwellington@gmail.com for more information.

## St Vincent de Paul Feast Day Mass

There will be a Vigil Mass for the Feast of St Vincent  
 de Paul at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria on  
**Thursday 26 September** at 7pm (doors open at  
 6.30pm). All are welcome to join Cardinal John Dew,  
 Society members and the wider Wellington  
 community in celebrating Saint Vincent de Paul's  
 legacy and the charitable work of today.

## Homestay Families Needed

St Mary's College are keen to hear from families who  
 would like to host international students. The girls are  
 here to improve their English language skills and to  
 experience life in New Zealand. The host family need  
 to offer a warm comfortable room, lots of chat, and  
 outings to showcase our beautiful city. Short and long  
 term options for hosting are needed. If you think  
 your household would like to be a part of our  
 school's international family please get in touch with  
 the Philly Smyth, our Homestay Coordinator at:  
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**Don't forget to set your clocks one hour forward  
 next Saturday night, for the start of daylight  
 savings on Sunday 29 September.**

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,336

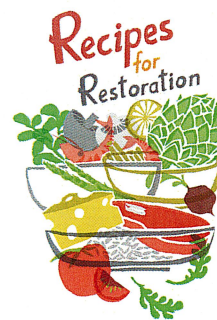


## Urgently Required

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

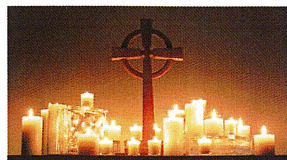
## Recipes for Restoration

*Recipes for Restoration* are still available  
 for purchase after Masses and from  
 the parish office. 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 of  
 this 'must have' book that is also a  
 great gift idea!



## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Colin Fife, Michael Quinn  
**Anniversaries:** Anthea Walters Breda Smith, Olive Va'a, Zoe Moriarty  
**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, 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  
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