

For Your Diaries: 2019

6 & 13 October, Organ Recitals

The Zimbelstern Foundation only have 2 recitals left at St Mary of the Angels as part of the New Zealand International Organ Festival - Spring Edition. The concerts start at 2.00pm and entry is free.

8 October, RCIA Graduates Meeting

The RCIA team invites those who have been through the RCIA programme in the past to a meeting at 7.15pm in the parish meeting room. We will meet regularly to catch up, share experiences of being 'new Catholics', and deepen our faith.

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/

19 October, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

1.30pm at Connolly Hall, Thorndon. Our speaker will be Lucienne Hensel on 'According to Your Word'. Come for prayer, praise, fellowship and wisdom. All women welcome. Contact Shura 021 072 4042

19 October, Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

Men are invited to come along and join us at 7.30pm (fellowship from 7pm for 7.30pm start) in Connolly Hall, Thorndon. Fr John Pettit will be speaking on 'Contemplative prayer & Christian Meditation'. Contact Steve Ready at joshua.wgtn@gmail.com or 027 356 9555.

A Test of Faith

The documentary 'A Test of Faith' provides a wonderful insight into the seismic strengthening work that took place here at St Mary of the Angels. The documentary also includes 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 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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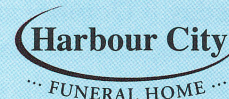
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MASSES

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

Monday to 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

6 October, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATION DAY FOR SUZANNE AUBERT

Today Catholics throughout New Zealand are asked by our bishops to celebrate the memory of a great Frenchwoman, Suzanne Aubert, whom we hope and pray will be canonised a saint in the not-to-distant future. As a Frenchwoman she was known as Suzanne Aubert. As a new migrant to New Zealand she was perhaps better known as Mother Mary Aubert. Amongst the Maori people to whom she was devoted she is known as Meri Hohepa.

What struck me most about Suzanne Aubert, whilst reading the message written by Bishop Pat Dunn, was one detail of her life he mentioned: 'Suzanne Aubert was just 25 when she responded to Christ's call to leave her native country of France and spend three months travelling to New Zealand on a whaling boat'. It's really worth stopping and thinking about that.

Only 25 years old! So very young to leave family and friends forever! And in a whaling boat for three months! Imagine the company she shared on that boat with not much comfort or privacy. I suspect the crew were rather tough and salty, to say the least! And then she found herself in a land, raw and untamed, amongst people who spoke languages not her own – English and Maori. Different food, different dress, different habits and customs. The 'culture shock' must have been enormous. How many times must her heart have sank as she thought about the consequences she was confronted with by her choice to leave France. How many times must she have been almost overwhelmed by the daunting challenges she faced. Yet now, looking back, we know that she succeeded. And generations unknown to her are much the better off because of this extraordinarily brave and holy woman. Her contribution to our city, our country should never be forgotten.

Many amongst us in St Mary of the Angels have also left home and country to start life again in this strange world of New Zealand with its puzzling habits and customs. Look around the church now as you read this. We come from places like the Philippines, India, South Korea, Singapore, the Pacific Islands, Kenya or other countries in Africa. So many of us have arrived with a dream, a dream about a new life. Suzanne also dreamt of a new life - for others! She dreamt of giving herself to make that happen. I wonder if there is another Suzanne Aubert amongst us now? Could we pray, shouldn't we pray, for that today in our celebration of the Mass?

Fr Kevin Mowbray SM

—Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Habakkuk	1:2-3; 2:2-4
<i>The just will live by faithfulness.</i>		
Second Reading	2 Timothy	1:6-8, 13-14
<i>Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.</i>		
Gospel Reading	Luke	17:5-10
<i>If you had faith!</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	2 Kings	5:14-17
Psalm	97	
Second Reading	2 Timothy	2:8-13
Gospel Reading	Luke	17:11-19

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,753

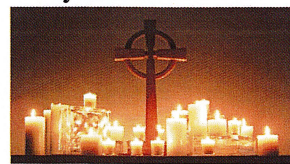


Update your details!

Due to recent changes to the way Inland Revenue are processing material, you can now upload an electronic receipt to your online myIR account to claim a tax credit for your donations. For this reason, we will be working to make the transition to electronic receipts for the end of the financial year. Please take the time to make sure the parish office has the correct email address on file for you by calling 473 8074 or emailing smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz. If you are not currently a planned giver and are interested in making regular donations to the parish, contact the office for more information about our planned-giving programme.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased:	Nancy Grealish
Anniversaries:	Eileen Dysart, Claire Bourke, Mary Crompton, Sidney Hall, Leo Buchanan, Bill Maher
Prayers for the Sick:	Peter Aldridge, Tony Crawley, John Adams, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, John Foden, John Mora, Maria Kim, Andrea Oliver, Kerry Barber, James Ring, Pam Finlayson, Paul Sparnaay



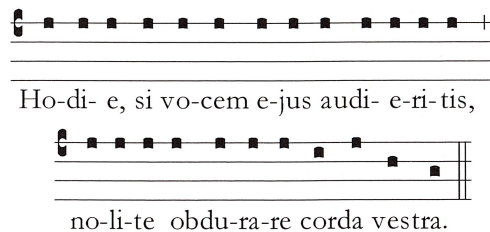
Please remember these and any others in the Parish who are ill. If you know of anyone confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact Sister Frances at the Parish Office.

Responsorial 94

**R. If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R**
O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**



*Today if thou shalt hear his voice,
Harden not your hearts.*

Rosary

Join us in gathering and reciting the Rosary each weekday—Monday to Thursday at 11.30am and Friday after the 12.05pm Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Schola Cantorum—Concert

The St Mary of the Angels Youth Choir *Schola Cantorum* will be holding a concert on **Sunday 13 October** at 7pm in the church. They will be performing Vivaldi's *Gloria* with members of the Wellington Youth Orchestra, as well as pieces by Bach, Bacharach, and Rachmaninov. Concert admission is free, but a koha is appreciated.

Meeting—RCIA Graduates

The St Mary of the Angels RCIA team welcomes those who have been received into the Catholic Church as adults to meet on **Tuesday 8 October** at 7.15pm in the St Mary of the Angels meeting room (entrance through the parish office). We will meet regularly, about once a month, to catch up, share experiences of being 'new Catholics', and deepen our faith. We look forward to seeing you there.

Quiet Days with Suzanne Aubert

Today, 6 October, is Suzanne Aubert's Celebration Day. You are invited to join us in spending time resting and reflecting on an aspect of the life and vision of Suzanne Aubert. Led by Sr Sue Cosgrove on **Thursday 10 October** 10am - 2pm at The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, Island Bay. Suggested contribution \$20.00, with a simple lunch included. Registration is required. For more information or to register, email spirituality@compassion.org.nz or phone 383 7769.



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!

Beads of Contemplation—October

During the month traditionally devoted to the Rosary, you are invited to explore the joy, anticipation, sorrow and triumph of the missionary journey through the eyes of faith and heart of Mary. Led by Fr James Lyons over four Wednesdays—**9, 16, 23 and 30 October** at 10am or 7pm. The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, Island Bay. Any enquiries to 3837769 or spirituality@compassion.org.nz

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

Volunteer Opportunities—Cagliero Project

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2020 departure. Our volunteers placements run for 6—12 months and are centred around working with young people in educational settings. We have multiple volunteers opportunities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands for English teachers, youth workers, and youth ministers. Our aim is not to 'help' but to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. Applications close **15 October**. For more information contact Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project at lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Seasons for Growth Programme

Seasons for Growth teaches that change and loss are part of life, and grief is a normal response to this. Based on scientific research, it assists people in managing grief and stress around life changing situations. There will be an adult programme held at Greenstone Doors, Lower Hutt across 6 Tuesdays starting on **15 November**, from 1—2.30pm. Registrations close on 8 October. Please register with office@greenstoneddoors.co.nz to participate. Cost is \$25 to cover workbooks. There will be an additional course running on Sunday afternoons 2—5pm at the Catholic Centre in Thorndon. Contact seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz for more information on this programme.

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