For Your Diaries: 2019

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.

17 October, Young Adults Mass

Young Adults: Mary's Mantle (the Seatoun young adults Catholic community) is hosting Mass, celebrated by Fr Brian Wysocki SM at 6.30pm at St Anthony's Church. We will provide dinner and fellowship at our home, 66a Falkirk Ave afterward. Contact Georgia 0226704422 if you have queries.



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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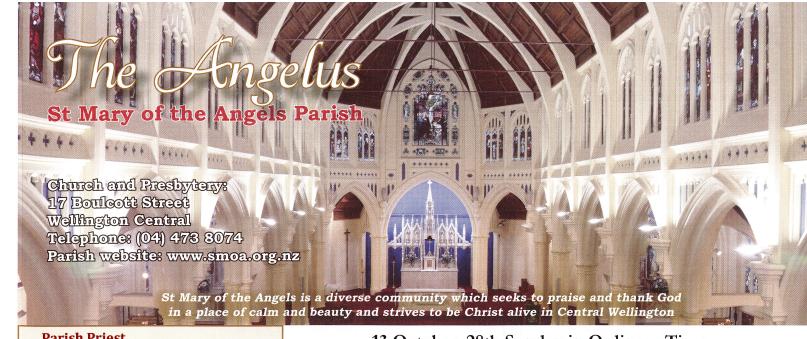
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MASSES

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

Monday to 7:30am, 12:05pm,

& 5:15pm

Friday

Saturday 11am

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday 11am Mass with Sacrament of Anointing

ADORATION

Friday

Monday to 6:30am-7:20am

Friday 11am-Noon

RECONCILIATION

Monday to 11:30am-Noon 12:30pm-1:00pm **Thursday**

4:30pm-5:00pm

Friday

11:00am-11:50pm

12:30pm-1:00pm 4:30pm-5:00pm

10:30am-10:55am Saturday

4:00pm-5:00pm

13 October, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel of today we hear of Jesus healing the ten lepers, of the ten only one comes back to give thanks. Sounds familiar! Gratitude to me seems to be the theme for today.

Gratitude is something we cannot ignore at the expense of our decency and integrity. The readings of today from the book of Kings and the Gospel present to us an attitude of gratitude. Namaan being cured of leprosy, and the Samaritan being healed by Jesus.

Why is it we find it so difficult to say thank you for the gifts that we have been given? First our Faith, something we just take for granted with little or no thought. Do we thank God for this with the aspiration, Lord increase my Faith? Again, do we take our Faith for granted? Second, we have all been blessed with various gifts through life, spiritual and physical. Are we the people who cannot say thank you, or do not know how to appreciate the gifts we have been given, whether it is in health or material gifts?

Why is gratitude to God crucial to wholeness of mind, body and spirit? To be made well we must add thanksgiving to our faith. The person who makes such acknowledgement experiences a salvation that goes beyond the merely physical cure. How is our impulse to thank others related to thanking God? What does gratitude contribute to being made well in body, mind and soul? Why was it that Jesus looked round for the other nine?

Gratitude keeps us connected with the giver of the gift: it helps us to recognise the source of the gift. It keeps us grounded in the value of the gift as we take it into new pursuits and places. All good gifts come from God Gratitude keeps us focused on the source of life, love and each new day. When we acknowledge the source of love, we are more likely to share with others. Perhaps that is why gratitude was important enough for Jesus to lament the lack from the other nine.

May we not forget to thank God for all the many blessings and gifts that he has bestowed on us now and during our life time. May we be a people of gratitude and remember to say THANK YOU. It doesn't cost anything!

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB —Pastoral Worker

This Week's Readings

First Reading

2 Kings

5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13 If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

17:11-19 Gospel Reading Luke

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading

Exodus

120

Psalm Second Reading Gospel Reading

2 Timothy Luke

3:14-4:2 18:1-8

17:8-13

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,605



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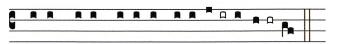
Responsorial 97

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. R

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. R

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. R



No-tum fe-cit Dómi-nus sa-lu-tá- re su- um:

The Lord hath made known his salvation.

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.



Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Nancy Grealish, Mariana Boonhye Kim

Anniversaries:

Rudolfo Ruedas, Michael O'Loughlin, Ann Ross, John O'Rourke, Colin Hooper,

Bryan Outtrim



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, Brendan Gilmore

> 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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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.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

There's work to be done. Come and join us in serving Christ by helping the needy. St Vincent de Paul's next meeting is Tuesday 15th October from 6 - 7.30pm in the Crypt.

Film Screening—'Unplanned'

Family Life International NZ will be hosting a screening of the film *UnPlanned* at The Penthouse Cinema, **Wednesday 16 October** at 6pm. The film is an inspiring true story of Abby Johnson, once the youngest American Planned Parenthood clinic director and a vehement supporter of a woman's right to choose. Until the day she saw something that changed everything. Her story is truly remarkable and a testament to the power of prayer. This film comes at a time in our nation where everyone needs to know the reality of abortion and that hope, mercy, and healing abound. Purchase tickets at www.fan-force.com/screenings/ unplanned-penthouse-cinema-cafe/

Fundraising Concert by Fr Chris Skinner SM

An afternoon of songs and music on Saturday 2 November at 2pm, Sacred Heart Church Petone. Tickets are \$25 and proceeds will support Pacific families to attend the Annual Oceania gathering of the Focolare Movement in January 2020. For tickets contact David or Nilda: 478 7962 or david.krsticevic@gmail.com (David); 021 2321171 or ncampbell@xtra.co.nz (Nilda)

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

Schola Cantorum—Concert

The St Mary of the Angels Youth Choir Schola Cantorum will be holding a concert tonight, 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.

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.

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 the Catholic Centre in Thorndon over four Sunday afternoons (2pm - 5pm) starting on Sunday 10 November. Cost is \$30, covering workbooks and other materials. Registrations close 4 November. Register with Katrin Eickhorst at (04) 385 8642 or seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz



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