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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

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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

20 October, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Widow and the Judge

The "agenda" for today's Mass is the Gospel.

Without further delay, see if you can read it through thoughtfully before Mass begins. You'll be more tuned in and get more out of the priest's homily....

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town,' he said, 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for anyone. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for anybody, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now, will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?' (Luke 18:1-8)

What struck you? Was there anything strange or worth noting? The Holy Spirit often speaks via those ideas.

Here are a few background details.

- 1) The judge only gets busy when his safety is at risk - 'worry me to death' in the original Greek comes from the boxing arena and literally means 'give me a black eye.' Truly.
- 2) The story is comical and might refer to a story at the time where a desperate widow threw a punch in order to have her court case taken seriously. (I did not make this up! It's in one of the commentaries.)
- 3) A widow had no leverage in society. She depended on the law alone. This widow had no husband and probably no sons to back her in a man's world - against corrupt or lazy officials.
- 4) So it's a warning to those whose actions or inertia allow the world to be a hostile place for the poor. They will have to reckon with God who is a God of Justice.
- 5) And it's encouragement to all of us to have faith in God, to persevere in prayer asking God without ceasing (each morning and night is our minimum) "Thy Kingdom come."

Fr Peter McAfee
—Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Exodus 17:8-13
As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2
This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

Gospel Reading Luke 18:1-8
God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19
Psalm 32
Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel Reading Luke 18:9-14

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,308



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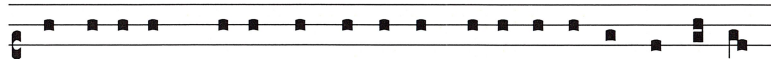
R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **R**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **R**



Auxi-li- um me-um a Domi-no, qui fe-citcaelum et terram.

My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

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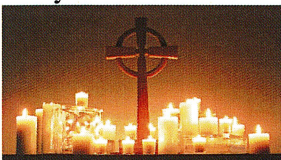
2020 Columban Calendars are now available for sale from the parish office or from Sr Frances. These calendars are an iconic Catholic calendar well-known for its traditional paintings and liturgical information. They are \$12 each.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Mariana Boonhye Kim

Anniversaries: Peter Bradley, Maria Doriguzzi, Hannah McGuigan, Kathleen Cosgrove, Desmond Ashe, Keegan Lawrence

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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October, The Extraordinary Month of Mission



Pope Francis has called October the Extraordinary Month of Mission.

The logo is full of meaning: The Missionary cross → Five continents, Transparent world → Gospel has no boundaries,

Colourful cross → Resurrection, Baptised & sent → Basic identity of a Christian: Baptism & proclamation.

Father Bernard Espiritu of Missio-NZ asked Catholic Discovery, the Catholic Enquiry Centre's online resource, to find a story of New Zealand volunteers working abroad. Two New Zealand missionaries working in Thailand feature in a video marking October as the Pope's Extraordinary Month of Missions. To watch the video, visit the link: youtu.be/rBJxO3rWFj4

Father Frank Bird SM is the Director of the Marist Asia Foundation and both he and Katie Fisher are volunteer teachers at a Marist school in Ranong, a fishing town in southern Thailand on the border with Burma/Myanmar. The town has many Burmese migrant worker families whose children can attend the school from pre-school right through to university level, the latter online via Australian Catholic University.

The children can struggle in Thai schools if they lack Thai language skills. The secondary schooling they receive is particularly crucial for migrant children who might otherwise be required by parents to find jobs because of economic pressures.

"I've seen in front of my own eyes the young girls jumping up with joy and dancing round the room because they can go to school," says Father Frank. "They've got a future, and I get the benefit as a missionary seeing that every week." Adds Katie: "If it wasn't for us, most of the children would leave school at age 12."

The children mainly come from a Buddhist background, which is respected by the school. Father Frank hopes students witness and benefit from the joyful loving presence of a Catholic community. The work he and Katie do is having a big impact on the community. It's not just education they are offering, but also pride, dignity and better futures.

Saint John Henry Newman (1801-1890) An architect of the modern Church

On Sunday at St Peter's Square, the Vatican, Pope Francis canonised John Henry Newman.

The one-time Oxford University don remains one of the Christian world's best-known philosophers and theologians, and is also remembered for his poetry, hymns, sermons and novels. He was loved in his lifetime not because people had read his intellectual masterpieces, for which he later became famous, but because he was a deeply pastoral figure who showed kindness to the poor, unemployed and sick.

While teaching at Oxford University, he served as an Anglican priest. During these years he co-led the Oxford Movement, which sought to rid the Church of England of state interference and revive its pre-Reformation beliefs and rituals.

In 1845, having concluded the *Anglican via media*, or middle way, between Protestantism and Roman Catholicism was a sham, Newman joined the Catholic Church, founding the oratory and helping set up a Catholic university in Ireland three years later.

Having been influential in Catholicism's revival in England after three centuries' repression and restriction, he was appointed a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879, and his thinking on church history, ecclesiology, the rights of conscience and role of laypeople is widely believed to have anticipated the 1962-65 Second Vatican Council.

[Based on an article by Jonathan Luxmoore in the National Catholic Reporter, October 2019]



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For Your Diaries: 2019

24 October, 'Liturgy of the Word with Communion' Workshop

Archdiocesan Liturgy Advisor Fr Patrick Bridgman will be holding this interactive workshop from 7—9pm at St Peter & Paul's Church, Lower Hutt. Please register with Anne Williams: a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

2 November, Fundraising Concert by Fr Chris Skinner sm

An afternoon of songs and music at Sacred Heart Church Petone, 2pm. Tickets are \$25 and the proceeds will go to Pacific families attending the Annual Oceania gathering of the Focolare Movement in January.

7 November, Mass of Remembrance

All are welcome to this Mass of Remembrance for all who have died during the year. During the Mass there will be a time to light a candle for your loved ones.



Rosary

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

Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship

Tertiary students in the Archdiocese of Wellington and the Diocese of Palmerston North who are entering their third year or more of study are invited to apply for this tertiary scholarship. For more details contact Kevin Crighton sisteam@compassion.org.nz. Applications close on 31 October.



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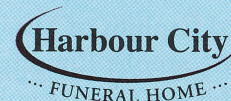
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