

## For Your Diaries: 2019

### 30 November, Working Bee

Many hands make light work. Come along to a working bee in the church at 9am.

### 1 December, Combined Advent Carol Service

St John's Presbyterian Church will be joining us for a combined Advent Carol Service at 7.30pm at St Mary of the Angels church.

### 3 December, Celebrating International Day of Persons with Disabilities

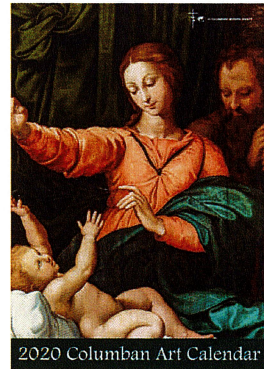
Join us to celebrate the gift of disability in our lives and society. Connolly Hall, Thorndon, 12-1pm including light refreshments. There will be an accredited NZ Sign Language Interpreter at this event, and the keynote participants are Robyn Hunt ONZSM, members of the L'Arche Kapiti Community, and Mike Gourley. Contact Zachariah at z.duke@tci.ac.nz

### 6 December, Mass for Life

Pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life at 7pm here at St Mary of the Angels, celebrated by Cardinal Dew. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. For more information please visit [www.fli.org.nz/prolifeevents](http://www.fli.org.nz/prolifeevents)

### 18 December, Carols with the Angels

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#### Columban Calendars

2020 Columban Calendars are still 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.



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## St Mary of the Angels Parish

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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  
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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 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

## 24 November 2019, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### Christ the King and the Good Thief

The Gospel reading for today is the "agenda" for the Mass. It is a beauty.

See if you can read it through thoughtfully now before Mass begins. You'll be more tuned in and get more out of the priest's homily.

*The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him, 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.'*

*The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews'.*

*One of the criminals hanging there abused him: 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.' (Luke 23:35-43)*

It is a wonderful snippet. Here are a few ideas:

- Two titles for Jesus are under fire: King and Messiah (or in Greek, 'Christ').
- The Romans are interested in a King for it is a challenge to Caesar. The inscription is their doing and the Roman soldiers taunt him, "if you are king..."
- The Jews are interested in the Messiah of their prophecies. This descendent of David would restore or cleanse the "temple", drive out the "oppressor" and establish the "rule of God." (With hindsight we know that Jesus did ALL these things – in the spiritual realm not militarily.) The Jewish leaders and the 'bad thief' attack Jesus on this count.
- The Good Thief, also a Jew, brings the two titles together. Beautifully, he recognizes Jesus as being from God ('Have you no fear of God...?') who will 'save' as the Messiah will do, and that he is also a king ('when you come into your kingdom').
- This Good Thief converts to Jesus, simply and humbly asking to 'be remembered'.
- He is a model of hope for us all. Jesus promises Paradise to him 'this very day'. He was saved by the Messiah, as he had hoped and believed.

Fr Peter McAfee SM

—Assistant priest

## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** 2 Samuel 5:1-3  
*They anointed David king of Israel.*

**Second Reading** Colossians 1:12-20  
*He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved son.*

**Gospel Reading** Luke 23:35-43  
*Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Isaiah 2:1-5  
**Psalm** 121

**Second Reading** Romans 13:11-14  
**Gospel Reading** Matthew 24:37-44

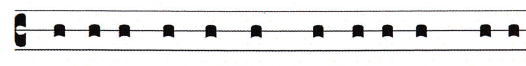
## Responsorial 121

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

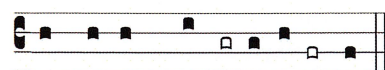
I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

Jerusalem is build as a city  
strongly compact.  
It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord. **R**

For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. **R**

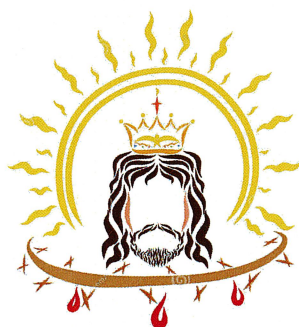


Lae-tá-tus sum in his quae dicta sunt mi-hi:



in domum Dó-mi-ni í-bi-mus.

*I rejoiced at the things that were said to me:  
we shall go into the house of the Lord.*



## Contribute Christmas gifts for children



The St Vincent de Paul Society is providing its successful Vinnies Christmas Shop experience again in December. It enables parents of families in real need to have the pleasure, dignity and choice of selecting and wrapping Christmas gifts for their children.

We invite you to donate a new gift for a child aged 0 to 16 years. Please put your gift, unwrapped, in the container at St Joseph's Chapel at the front left side of the church by **Sunday 24 November**. Alternatively, if you wish to make a financial contribution to this outreach project please visit [www.givealittle.co.nz/org/vinnieswgtm](http://www.givealittle.co.nz/org/vinnieswgtm)

## Working Bee

There will be a working bee on **Saturday 30 November** at 9am in the church. Please come along—many hands make light work!

## Upcoming Liturgical events:

### Combined Advent Carol Service

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### National Mass for Life

You are invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on **Friday 6 December** at 7.00pm. The Mass is hosted and organised by Family Life International, and Cardinal John Dew will be the principal celebrant. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life the next day. Please visit [www.fli.org.nz/prolifeevents](http://www.fli.org.nz/prolifeevents) for more information or phone Clare 021 231 7954. Because of this event, there will be no 5.15pm Mass, 4.30pm Reconciliation, or 6pm Young Adult's Adoration on this day.

### Carols with the Angels

Our annual Carol Service will be held on **Wednesday 18 December** at 7.30pm. Please join us for this special event in our church that will involve the St Mary of the Angels Choir, Korean Community Choir, Salvation Army Band, and all your favourite carols.

## Farewell for Fr Kevin Conroy

As many of you know, Fr Kevin Conroy will be leaving his position as Parish Priest at St Mary of the Angels at the end of the year to be part of the Provincial Administration Team at the Society of Mary NZ Headquarters. Fr Kevin has been a wonderful presence in the parish and he will be missed by all of us. Please join us in wishing him farewell on **Sunday 15 December** after the 11am Mass at 'The Precinct' at Boulcott Suites on O'Reilly Avenue. We also invite you to take this opportunity to show Fr Kevin your appreciation by making a cash donation as a farewell gift - please hand these in to the parish office or to Sr Frances before 15 December.

## National March for Life

'Love them both' by attending the third annual National March for Life on **Saturday 7 December**. Join Kiwis from all over NZ in a family-friendly celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 12pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and stalls. The march to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm and will conclude by 4pm. Learn more at [www.marchforlife.nz](http://www.marchforlife.nz)



## Society of Mary Jubilee Mass

The regular 5.15pm Mass on **Friday 29 November** will be an opportunity for the Society of Mary to celebrate the following Jubilees:

60 years of Priestly Ordination:  
Peter Conaghan, Lawrence Whiting, Pat Dooley, Tony Williams, Grahame Connolly, Bill Hansell

50 years of Priestly Ordination:  
Neal Wilson, Phil Cody, Neil Vaney, Denis O'Hagan, Karaitiana Kingi

25 years of Priestly Ordination:  
Barry Scannell

There will be no Reconciliation at 4.30pm that day.

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,226



## Guardian Needed: Thursday morning

Each day our church is looked after by Guardians who take it in turn to spend an hour in the church ensuring that the many visitors feel welcome and that they respect our sacred place. **We are in need of a Guardian for Wednesdays 3.30—4.30pm immediately, and Thursday 10am—11am from 2020.** If you would like to consider being part of this service to the parish community please contact the parish office on 04 473 8074 or [smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz)

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Andrea Oliver, Susan Pinto

**Anniversaries:** James O'Neil, Mary O'Shea, Nora Johnson, Melva Gould, Michael McMullen, Fr Peter Kiley SM, Veronica Rigby

**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, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Paul Sparnaay, Brendan Gilmore, Shirley O'Brien



*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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