

For Your Diaries: 2019

1 December, Combined Advent Service

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

4, 11 & 18 December, Prayer of the Heart Series

7pm - 8pm with Fr Jeff Drane. This series fosters a sense of mystery and joyful expectation as we approach Christmas. The mystics of our tradition pave the way to the contemplative place within. Held at the Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, Island Bay.

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

14 December, Bach Choir of Wellington Concert

A Christmas Festival in collaboration with the Wellington Brass Band and featuring Christmas music for choir and brass, as well as audience carols. 2pm in the church. Tickets \$30 (\$25 concession) from Eventfinda, Marsden Books, or at the door.

18 December, Carols with the Angels

Our annual Carol Service will be held at 7.30pm in the church. 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.

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



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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 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

1 December 2019, First Sunday of Advent

SEASON OF ADVENT

Pope Francis reflecting on the Season of Advent, says that this is a time to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus the "Prince of Peace."

We are to do so by being at peace with ourselves, with our soul, that is often in anxiety, anguish and without hope. For this one needs to start with oneself.

After being at peace with our soul, it is time to be at peace at home, in the family. The Pope noted much sadness in families with much struggle, "small wars" and at times disunity.

He urges all Christians to examine themselves whether they are at peace or at war in their families or against others, whether there are bridges or walls that separate. He went on to speak about making peace in the world where there is much war, disunity, hatred and exploitation. Christians should ask themselves what they are doing about creating peace in the world by working for peace in the neighbourhood, in the school and in the workplace.

Peace, the Pope said, is never still but always moving forward. It starts with the soul, and after making its journey of peace, returns to the soul. Making peace is a bit like imitating God. When He wanted to make peace with us, He sent His Son to make peace, to be the Prince of peace.

The Pope said to be a peacemaker one does not have to be wise and learned and study peace. Peace is an attitude that Jesus speaks about in the Gospel. Jesus glorifies God because he has hidden these things from the wise and learned and has revealed them to the little ones.

"Never, never wound the other. Never." The Pope said, exhorting Christians to start by not speaking ill of others or firing the first cannon. This way, we become men and women of peace, carrying peace forward.

(#Taken from Vatican News)

Fr Joe Savesi sm

—Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Isaiah	2:1-5
<i>The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.</i>		
Second Reading	Romans	13:11-14
<i>The time has come, our salvation is near.</i>		
Gospel Reading	Matthew	24:37-44
<i>Stay awake, you must be ready.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Isaiah	11:1-10
Psalm	71	
Second Reading	Romans	15:4-9
Gospel Reading	Matthew	3:1-12

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,087



Laeta-tus sum in his quae dicta sunt mi-hi: in domum Domi-ni i-bimus.

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

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.

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**

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
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**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace! **R**

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. **R**

Working Bee

Thank you to everyone who came to the Working Bee on Saturday to help out in the church and grounds. We appreciate it very much. Many thanks, Sr Frances

Cardinal's Care Appeal 2019

The 2019 Cardinal's Care Appeal envelopes are now at the back of the church, and will remain there during Advent. All funds raised through this year's Cardinal's Care Appeal will be directed to Catholic Social Services and used to support outreach, facilitation and capacity building within communities across the Archdiocese. These services are the best approach to reach and to benefit those on the peripheries of our society and those in greatest need of God's love and our unconditional support. Every little bit counts and every gift matters—it is your support that makes this work possible! Please join us by making a gift today.



Upcoming Liturgical events:



Combined Advent Service

St John's Presbyterian Church will be joining us for a Combined Advent Service tonight (**Sunday 1 December**) at 7.30pm here at St Mary of the Angels church.

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 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

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Farewell for Fr Kevin Conroy

As many of you know, Fr Kevin Conroy will be leaving his position as Parish Priest 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 Ave. 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 us in a 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

Sung Advent Meditations

You are invited to contemplate the Mystery of Christ in Song and Silence. Held after the 12.05pm Mass on **Fridays 6, 13 and 20 December**. The singing will be led by members of the St Mary of the Angels Choir.

St Vincent de Paul Toy Shop

Do you or someone you know need help with presents for the kids this year? The Vinnies Welfare & Services Hub transforms into a toy shop over December. Make a 15-minute 'shopping slot' booking to pick and wrap the gifts you would like for your children. To book or for more information call 04 389 7122, email info@vinnieswgtn.org.nz or drop into Level 1, 207 Riddiford Street Newtown. Access Criteria: You must live within the Wellington City area, be the parent/caregiver, be able to show a Community Services Card or benefit breakdown, and be picking for children aged 0 - 16 years.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Andrea Oliver, Susan Pinto

Anniversaries: Marjorie Feitsma, Fred Scoon, William Jenkins, Frances Haughey

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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