

## For Your Diaries: 2020

### 6 February, Waitangi Day Mass

Join us in celebrating Waitangi Day at the 9am Mass. This Mass combines the choirs of St Mary of the Angels and Te Ngākau Tapu Parish for Māori in Porirua. Languages used will be Māori, English and Latin with prayers in various other languages. Bring a plate if you can!

### 11 February, Talk—*Student Life in Occupied Palestine*

Br Peter Bray, a New Zealander, De La Salle Brother and since 2008 Vice-Chancellor of Bethlehem University in the Occupied Palestinian Territories will be giving a presentation on student life in the extremely difficult circumstances of occupied Palestine, giving an insight on the work for a just and peaceful future. 6pm at St Andrews on the Terrace. Entry is free with koha encouraged.

### 15 February, A Stewardship Reflection Day

Start your year with prayer and reflection. Please join us for *Suzanne Aubert: Intentional disciple*, A Stewardship Reflection Day from 10.30am - 3.30pm at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay. Bring your lunch (café onsite) and walking shoes if you want to do the optional walk to the reservoir. Register now with Ann Williams at [a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### 18 February, Sacramental Programme Begins

Enrolment for the programme preparing children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is still open - children must be at least 8 years old and must have already been baptised. The first parents' session is on 18 February.

#### 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](mailto:smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz)

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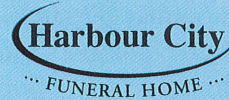
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**St Mary of the Angels Parish**

Church and Presbytery:  
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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*

#### Parish Priest

Fr Kevin Mowbray SM  
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#### Assistant Priests

Fr Peter McAfee SM  
Fr Pat Brophy SM  
Fr Joe Savei SM

#### Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

#### In Residence

Fr Brian Wysocki SM

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#### Parish Accountant

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#### Parish Office

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am - 4pm  
[smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz)

#### MASSES

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

Mon-Fri 7.30am, 12.05pm, 5.15pm

Saturday 11am

#### EACH MONTH

4th Saturday Sacrament of Anointing  
at 11am Mass

#### ADORATION

Mon-Fri 6.30am - 7.20am

Friday 11am - Noon

#### RECONCILIATION

Mon-Thurs 11.30am - Noon  
12.30pm - 1pm  
4.30pm - 5pm

Friday 11am - 11.50pm

12.30pm - 1pm  
4.30pm - 5pm

Saturday 10.30am - 10.55am  
4pm - 5pm

## 2 February 2020, The Presentation of the Lord

**WARNING! CORONA VIRUS CHANGES EUCHARISTIC PRACTICE!**

The news coming from China these past days is both sad and disturbing. A powerful virus which can be fatal has begun to spread very quickly amongst the people living in the city of Wuhan and beyond. There are justified fears that it has already been spread to other countries through tourists and business travelers. Various Governments around the world are already taking precautions at points of entry to their countries. Further measures are being contemplated.

As Catholics we have a duty of care for each other, not only as citizens but also brothers and sisters in the faith, when such health emergencies develop. Consequently, I sought the advice of the Parish Liturgy Committee as to how we should exercise our duty of care at masses celebrated in the church.

**Therefore, from today, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, and until further notice, only the priest will drink from the chalice at each mass. Everyone else, including the Eucharistic Ministers, will receive only the host. This is to ensure that the risk of transmitting the corona virus is minimized as far as is possible.**

I also sought advice about the Kiss of Peace which we exchange at all masses since many choose to offer the Kiss of Peace through the gesture of a handshake. Some wondered if this should be modified in the present context.

It is possible to offer the Kiss of Peace by other gestures. One such gesture would be to bow the head slightly towards the person to whom you are offering the Lord's Peace. Bowing the head in this manner could be accompanied by a joining of the hands as in prayer. This would already be familiar to many who worship at St Mary of the Angels because it is part of their cultural heritage. It is the way of greeting people in some Asian countries where it indicates great respect for the inner dignity and worth of the person to whom the gesture is made. Such a gesture could even become a permanent and accepted way of sharing the Kiss of Peace in our celebrations of the Mass. Why not? It is such a beautiful and gentle gesture which has much to commend it when compared to our often-casual handshake!

Whilst we limit the way we receive the Eucharist we should remain aware of two important realities: the first is that we still receive the fullness of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through the host alone; and, secondly, we must pray for all those affected by the virus and the medical professionals who are caring for them.

Thank you for your understanding.

Fr Kevin Mowbray SM

—Parish Priest

### This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Malachi 3:1-4  
*in the Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.*

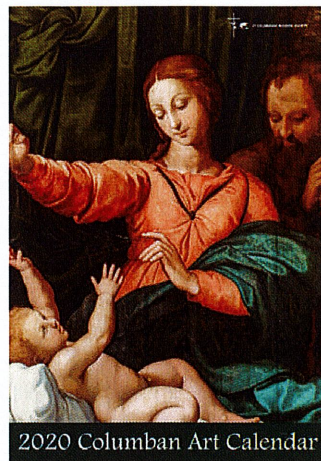
**Second Reading** Hebrews 2:14-18  
*He had to be made like us in all things.*

**Gospel Reading** Luke 2:22-40  
*My eyes have seen your saving power.*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Isaiah 58:7-10  
**Psalm** 111

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
**Gospel Reading** Matthew 5:13-16



### Columban Calendars

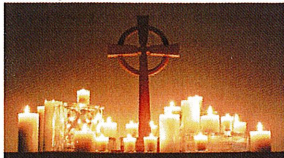
We still have a few 2020 Columban Calendars to sell. They are \$12 each. Please see Sr Frances or the parish office if you are interested.

### Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Teresa Noble-Campbell

**Anniversaries:** Joan Shanahan, Sophie Robison, Matthew Barnett, Catherine Symes, Fr Gordie Kerrins SM, Adolf Eibl, Graham Townsely, Patricia Lockhart QSM

**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, Pat Johnson, Peter Aston



*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.*

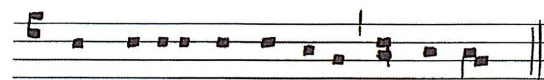
### Responsorial 23

**R. Who is this king of glory?**  
O gates, lift up your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**

Who is the king of glory?  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
the Lord, the valiant in war. **R**

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**

Who is he, the king of glory?  
He, the Lord of armies,  
he is the king of glory. **R**



Quis est iste Rex gló-ri-ae? Do-mi-nus.

*Who is this King of glory? It is the Lord.*

### Guardians Needed

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 on Mondays 1.30-2.30pm.** If you would like to consider being part of this service to the parish community please contact the parish office.

### Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Our Malachi 4:2 inspired meeting will be on **Saturday 15 February** at Connolly Hall, Thorndon at 1.30pm. All women are welcome. Contact Shura on 021 0724042

### Sacramental Programme 2020

The 2020 Sacramental Programme which started with the Sacrament of Confirmation last November resumes next month with preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Enrolment is still open for children who are at least 8 years old and have already been baptised. The meetings for First Reconciliation preparations are as follows:

- ◆ Parents' Session 1: Tuesday 18 February
- ◆ Parents' Session 2: Thursday 5 March
- ◆ Children Session, Blessing & Presentation at Parish Mass: Sunday 8 March
- ◆ Children Session 2: Sunday 22 March
- ◆ Children Session 3: Sunday 29 March
- ◆ Reconciliation Day: Sunday 5 April (Palm Sunday)

Please direct expressions of interest or enquiries to the parish office: [smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz)

### Legion of Mary

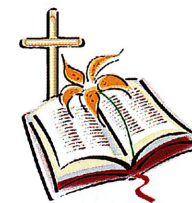
The parish "Legion of Mary" seeks new members to enable it to extend its work of visitation of the sick and housebound. It meets each Monday in the Presbytery meeting room at 7.15pm for prayer and teaching. You are invited to attend this meeting and join this apostolate. Enquiries to Neil Coup: 021896924.

### Seasons for Growth Programme

For those who have been touched by change, loss, separation, divorce, illness and more, *Seasons for Growth* can help to process and respond well to such experiences. Catholic Social Services is offering a 4 session-programme to adults on consecutive Thursday evenings 5.30-8.30pm, from **5-26 March**. These will be held at the Catholic Centre on Hill St, and the cost is \$30 to cover materials and research. Please register by **Wednesday 26 February**, contact Katrin: 385 8642 or [season@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:season@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### Readers Wanted

We are in need of volunteer Readers for Sunday and Weekday Masses. Please get in touch with Sr Frances if you are interested: [sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com](mailto:sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com)



### Waitangi Day Mass

Nau mai, haere mai! The customary Waitangi Day Mass to pray for this land and all who dwell here under the guardianship of the Treaty will be celebrated on **Thursday 6 February, 9am at St Mary of the Angels**. This Mass combines the choirs of St Mary of the Angels and Te Ngākau Tapu Parish for Māori in Porirua. Languages used will be Māori, English and Latin with prayers in various other languages. The celebrant will be Mons. Gerard Burns, Vicar-General and Parish Priest of Te Ngākau Tapu Parish. Bring a plate for morning tea in the hall afterwards.



### Waitangi Day at the National Library

This Waitangi Day the National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa invites you to *He Tohu*, the exhibition featuring the original Treaty of Waitangi. The day will also comprise craft activities for children, an opportunity to have your say on the Treaty, and Apirana Taylor telling stories at He Matapihi Wellington City Library pop up within the National Library.

**Time:** 9am - 5pm. *He Tohu* tours will run every half hour from 9:30am. Tours are 20 mins long. Last tour at 4pm. Bilingual tours at 11am and 2pm.

**Location:** Te Ahumairangi (ground floor), National Library, corner Molesworth & Aitken St, Thorndon.

### Call for Voluntary Driving Mentors

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