

## For Your Diaries: 2020

### 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, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

All women are welcome to our Malachi 4:2 inspired meeting at Connolly Hall, Thorndon, 1.30pm. Contact Shura on 021 0724042 - "But for you who fear My name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings"

### 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

### 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

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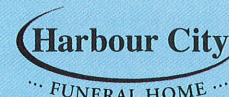
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*St Mary of the Angels is a diverse community which seeks to praise and thank God in a place of calm and beauty and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington*

### Parish Priest

Fr Kevin Mowbray SM

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Fr Peter McAfee SM

Fr Pat Brophy SM

Fr Joe Savesi SM

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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

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### 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

## 9 February 2020, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### A PRE-MASS BRIEFING

Here is the Gospel reading for today's Mass. It will be read and pondered today wherever Mass is celebrated throughout the world. As I have written before, the Gospel is the 'agenda' for the day. And as for any 'meeting' it is good to arrive a bit early and read over the agenda in order to get your own thoughts together. Since the agenda is scripture, it could be the Holy Spirit prompting you with what comes to mind. Here it is:

*Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are salt for the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled under people's feet.'*

*'You are light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in people's sight, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.'* Matt 5:13-16.

Take a moment to think. Anything you like? Anything you dislike or that puzzles you? (Simple answers are best.)

If there's time, read this First Reading. Written about 500 years before the Gospel above, it would have been as well known to Jesus and the apostles as we Catholics today know the Gospel above about salt and light. So it's part of the background to Jesus' words...

*Thus says the Lord, "Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor; clothe the one you see to be naked, and turn not from your own kin. Then your light will shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon." Isaiah 58:7-10.*

As background, what light does this throw on the Gospel above?

Pray over this through the Mass and try to put into practice in the week ahead. God bless.

Fr Peter McAfee SM

—Assistant Priest



## This Week's Readings

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Isaiah</b>	<b>58:7-10</b>
<i>Your light will shine like the dawn.</i>		
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Hebrews</b>	<b>2:14-18</b>
<i>I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.</i>		
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>2:22-40</b>
<i>My eyes have seen your saving power.</i>		

## Next Week's Readings

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Sirach</b>	<b>15:15-20</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>118</b>	
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>1 Corinthians</b>	<b>2:6-10</b>
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>5:17-37</b>

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,155

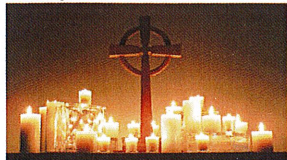


## Guardians Needed

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 a part of this important service to the parish community please contact the parish office by phone 04 473 8074 or email [smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz)

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Teresa Noble-Campbell, Dermont Sullivan, Tony Ford  
**Anniversaries:** Olive Drane, Richard Wright, Brendan O'Connor, Monica O'Grady, Dorothea Walker, Fr Noel Delaney SM, Keith Clapham, Dennis Maccagna, Peter Tawhiki, Ross Meads  
**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, Henry Prendergast



*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.*

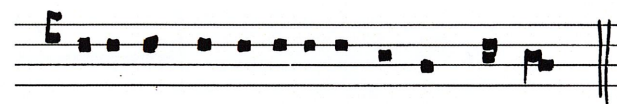
## Responsorial Psalm 111

**R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

He is light in the darkness for the upright:  
 he is generous, merciful and just.  
 The good man takes pity and lends,  
 he conducts his affairs with honour. **R**

The just man will never waver:  
 he will be remembered for ever.  
 He has no fear of evil news;  
 with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
 open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
 his justice stands firm for ever.  
 His head will be raised in glory. **R**



Exórtum est in ténebris lú-men réc-tis:

*To the righteous a light is risen up in darkness:*

## Ash Wednesday Schedule

Mass times for Ash Wednesday, 26 February:

**7.30am, 12.05pm, 1.05pm**

Combined service with St John's Presbyterian Church:  
**5.15pm**

## 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)



## 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)

## Student Life in Occupied Palestine

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## 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.

## Social Worker Vacancy

Catholic Social Services is seeking a part-time Therapeutic Social Worker to join their team. You will work with local communities across the North Island boundaries of the Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington, and you will have the chance to play a key role in the development of Catholic Social Services as an agency actively working for justice and peace, motivated by the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. The successful applicant must have a social work qualification and be registered with ANZASW. Applications close 5pm, **Thursday 27 February**. For more information please phone 04 385 8642 or email [reception@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn.catholic.org.nz)

## 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. Greenstone Doors in Lower Hutt will be holding a 6 week programme from **Tuesday 25 February** 1pm - 2.30pm at 15 Dudley St, Lower Hutt for \$15 (subsidies available). For more information or to register, contact [office@greestonedoors.co.nz](mailto:office@greestonedoors.co.nz)

Catholic Social Services will also be offering this programme over 4 sessions on consecutive Thursday evenings 5.30-8.30pm, from **5 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 [seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz)



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