

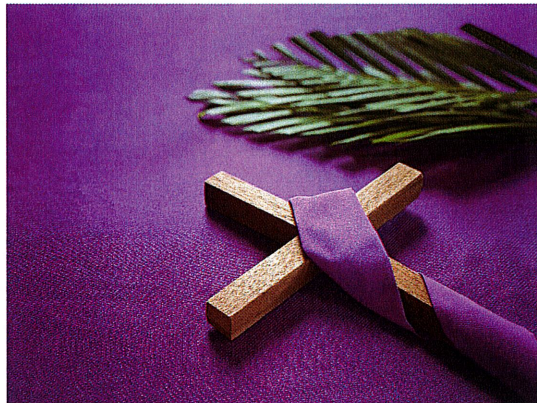
For Your Diaries: 2020

10 March, NZ String Quartet Concert

As part of the NZ Festival of the Arts, the NZ String Quartet will perform a programme entitled *Secrets of Sea and Space*, which includes works by Schoenberg, Berg, and NZ composer Ross Harris. Guest soprano is Jenny Wollerman. The concert starts at 6pm, with a touch tour and pre-show talk at 5pm.

12 & 26 March, *Hear the Cry of the Earth Series*

A series of evenings to inform and inspire people in the Wellington West area to consider realistic ways to respond to the challenges of climate change. There will be guest speakers, time for discussion, reflection and practical action. 7.30 - 9pm in St Thomas More Church, Wilton. Contact person is Estelle: ev.henrys@gmail.com



A Test of Faith

The documentary 'A Test of Faith' provides a wonderful insight into the seismic strengthening work that took place at St Mary of the Angels. The documentary also includes the story of the Church in Wellington from 1843 and in particular the three churches that have been built on the present St Mary of the Angels site. DVDs are available to purchase from the parish office for \$30, with all proceeds going towards the ongoing maintenance of the church.



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A LEGACY OF FAITH



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Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

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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

8 March 2020, 2nd Sunday of Lent

The second week of our journey through Lent is the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain.

A week before was the temptation of Jesus, then he announced his passion to the disciples and their part in it. The transfiguration followed closely, in order to confirm the faith of the three Apostles who would witness his sufferings. They were given a glimpse of Jesus as to what he would be in the future. His face already threatened by death's shadow, is transformed into the light of Easter. The vision is too beautiful to last or even to be expected. Moses and Elijah, two witnesses of the Old Testament testify by their presence to the last days, and to the arrival of the great prophet so long awaited. God the Father was also present in the cloud when he announced, "This is my Son the Beloved, listen to Him."

Soon it is time to come down from the mountain and continue in the footsteps of the servant. Soon the darkness of Calvary will obscure the brightness of that face, and it will not invite a second glance or reflect any hope. The transfiguration was no fantasy or dream. The dawn of Easter will reveal that life itself can rise from the dead. Jesus himself has begun that great exodus; so have his disciples. Have we?

There will be challenges of all kinds in our own lives, but looking back at the time when we were at the highest peak, is a must if only to remind us of that very special moment when we most felt that special relationship between us, God and the community around us.

Our relationship with God and each other is a journey. There are many spiritual experiences that are our own "mountain-top experience" just like the Apostles during Jesus' Transfiguration. They do not happen every day. The Transfiguration gave Jesus a foretaste of his glory, and in the strength of that joy he endured the cross and despised the shame. With our own mountain-top experience, may we also endure the day to day crosses that are attached to our callings.

Sr Frances Gibbs

—Pastoral Worker

This Week's Readings

First Reading **Genesis** **12:1-4**
The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Second Reading **2 Timothy** **1:8-10**
God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

Gospel Reading **Matthew** **17:1-9**
His face shone like the sun.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading **Exodus** **17:3-7**
Psalm **94**

Second Reading **Romans** **5:1-2, 5-8**
Gospel Reading **John** **4:5-42**



Last Sunday's Collection
Total: \$5,553

Guardians Needed

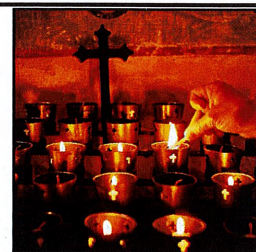
Each day our church is looked after by Guardians who take it in turn to spend an hour in the church ensuring that the many visitors feel welcome and that they respect our sacred place. **We are in need of a Guardian on Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm.** If you would like to consider being a part of this important service to the parish community please contact the parish office.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Fr Pat McCann sm

Anniversaries: Phil Busby, Trevor Randall, Merle Barnett, Frederick Brennan, Anne Brosnahan, Donald Duerr, Coralie Leyland, Rita Kirwin

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.

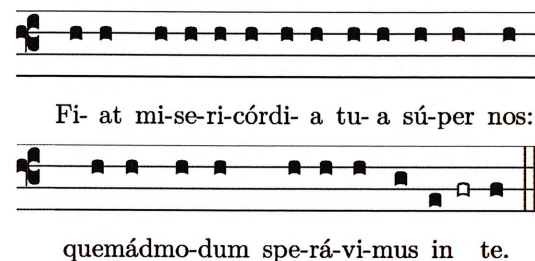
Responsorial Psalm 32

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful,
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R**



Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have hoped in thee

*Due to St Mary of the Angels helping to
host the New Zealand Festival of the Arts,
there will be no 5.15pm Mass this Tuesday
10 March*

Planned Giving

As the financial year is coming to an end, please make sure that we have your correct contact details. We will be sending donation tax receipts via email this year, so **please take the time to confirm your email address with the parish office** by contacting 473 8074 or smaoffice@xtra.co.nz

You are welcome to get in touch with us if you are not currently a part of our planned giving programme and would like to know more about making regular donations to the parish. If you would like to transfer your payment method from envelopes to internet banking in the new financial year we can also arrange that for you.

40 Days for Life

Be a sign of hope this Lent and help save lives! *Family Life Int'l* are spending 40 days running hourly Vigils Monday—Friday 8am to 4pm and Saturday 8am to 12pm outside Wellington Regional Hospital. Join them, as 2 prayer volunteers are needed for each hour. To find out more information and to sign up for your prayer hour please visit fli.org.nz/40daysforlife or call 021 231 7954

Joshua Men's Fellowship Meeting



Come and join other men for fellowship, prayer and a talk on **Thursday 19 March** at 7.30pm, with fellowship from 7pm. To be held in Connolly Hall, Thorndon. Fr Peter Ewart sm, the Joshua Wellington chaplain, will give a talk on "How men can grow to know a personal Jesus through Joseph". Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027 356 9555 or email joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Projector Operator Needed

We are in need of a volunteer projector operator for the 5pm Sunday Masses. You will be part of a monthly roster and you will receive training if needed. If you would like to serve in this ministry, please contact the parish office or speak to Sister Frances.

2020 Lent Appeal

During Lent, NZ's Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas. Money raised through the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. You can donate to this appeal each week in Lent by using the Lenten Giving packs that were distributed last week, or you may make a one-off donation by using the single donation envelopes at the back of the church. These envelopes can be returned through our regular weekly collection or posted freepost directly to Caritas. Alternatively, you can also donate online.



Climate Change Lenten Series (Ōtari)

Whakarongo ki te tangi a Papatūānuku: Listen to the cry of the earth is a Lenten series to inform and inspire people in Wellington to consider realistic ways to respond to the challenges of climate change. There will be guest speakers, time for discussion, reflection and practical action. It will be held at St Thomas More Church, Wilton on **Tuesdays 12 and 26 March** at 7.30pm. This week's speakers are Professor David Frame from the Victoria University Climate Change Institute and Stuart Henrys, an Ōtari parishioner. Contact ev.henrys@gmail.com for more information.

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 on 021896924.



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