

For Your Diaries: 2020

16 March, Interfaith Commemoration of Christchurch Mosque Attacks

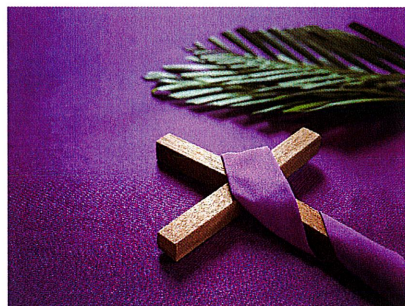
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26 March, Hear the Cry of the Earth Series

The final evening of a series intended 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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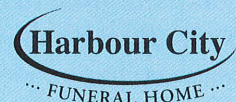
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A LEGACY OF FAITH



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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

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

15 March 2020, 3rd Sunday of Lent

KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON

Any tourist in London will recognize this little slogan, "Keep calm and carry on". It can be seen on tea cups, coffee mugs, tea towels, ornaments, t-shirts – almost anything that people want to buy when they are searching for a memento of their time in London.

The phrase originated in the Second World War during the Blitz in London, those terrible days when airplanes were bombing the city day and night for months on end. People were encouraged not to become overwhelmed and defeatist at the incessant danger and turmoil they faced. Try to live as normally as possible was the advice offered. Go about your business was the order of the day. Keep calm and carry on!

Perhaps we would do well to keep this slogan in mind as the coronavirus begins to impact on our lives here in New Zealand. Stock markets are sliding, oil prices are dropping (a good thing?), travel is being severely restricted. More and more people are now realizing the severity of the virus. We are even hearing of panic buying of necessities from supermarket stores. Images of shoppers fighting over bathroom supplies startle us – I hope!

Are we in danger of losing perspective?

The virus is undoubtedly spreading and spreading fast. It also has the potential to be fatal. But the vast majority of those infected do recover. Authorities are doing all they can to contain the risk to people. Medical professionals are preparing as best they can. We should not be panicked, then, into incivility, into a 'beggar my neighbor' attitude.

As Christians, disciples of Jesus, it would not be inappropriate to recall during this season of Lent the demeanor of Jesus from the moment he entered Jerusalem on the day we now call Palm Sunday, the day which began the last week of his life.

He knew the danger he faced. He knew only too well the powerful forces marshalled against him and intent on destroying him. Yet, he never panicked. He never forgot his followers in his own personal concern for his safety. He acted at all times – even during his trial – with a dignity that doesn't surprise but which still makes us marvel. He kept calm and carried on. Would we have expected anything less?

A dignified calm coupled with a concern for others should be the mark of any true disciple of Jesus during these worrying times. Perhaps it is at moments like this that our faith is being unexpectedly tested?

Keep calm and carry on.

Fr Kevin Mowbray sm — Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Exodus 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

Second Reading Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Gospel Reading John 4:5-42

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Psalm 22

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Reading John 9:1-41



Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,305

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.

Responsorial Psalm 94

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, through they saw my work. **R**



Planned Giving

Donation envelopes for the new financial year are now available for you to collect at the back of the church, listed by surname in alphabetical order. Please check that the number on your envelopes is the same as on your label.

Please let us know if you would like to join our planned giving programme, or if you would like to opt to donate by internet banking instead of donation envelopes this year.

Please also take the time to confirm your email address with the parish office by contacting 473 8074 or smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz so that you can receive your donation tax receipt in April.

Interfaith Commemoration of March 2019 attacks on the mosques in Christchurch

The UN Association of New Zealand, in conjunction with various faith communities, has organized an interfaith service to commemorate those who were killed in the Al Noor and Linwood mosques last year. Participating will be representatives of the Muslim, Jewish, Catholic, Anglican and Bahai communities as well as the office of Ethnic Affairs and UNANZ. Please note the commemoration will take place on **Monday 16 March** in the Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner of Molesworth and Hill St, Thorndon. Gathering from 5.30pm and service at 6pm. All welcome.

Recipes for Restoration

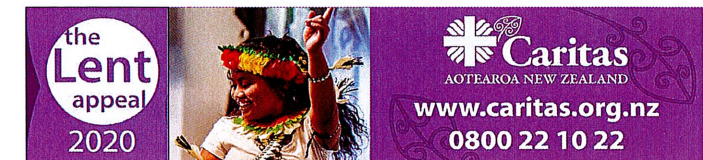
Recipes for Restoration are available for purchase after Masses. The book is \$15, with the price covering the cost of printing and making a small contribution to the building maintenance fund. The book is a 'must have' and great gift idea!

Joshua Men's Fellowship Meeting

JOSHUA
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

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.



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 every Monday at 7.15pm for prayer and teaching. You are invited to attend this meeting and join this apostolate. Enquiries to Neil Coup on 021896924.

Climate Change Lenten Series (Ōtari)

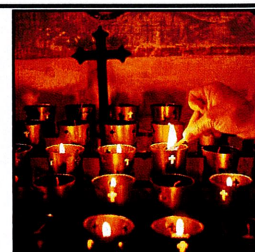
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Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Fr Pat McCann sm

Anniversaries: Ann-Marie Sowry, Patricia Slattery, Baldo Sutich, Margaret McNeill, Denis Boyd, Deidre Sweeney

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.

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