

For Your Diaries: 2020

23 June, Holy Hour

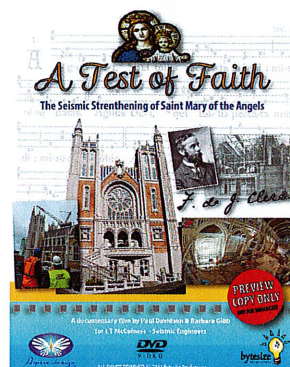
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30 June, St Mary's College Open Day

St Mary's College is holding tours for prospective families during three time slots—11.30 am, 2pm, 4pm. The tours will be one hour. To register or enrol, email the St Mary's office at office@stmw.school.nz

8 July, Healing Service

Fr John Rea SM will conduct a Healing Service at St Bernadette's Church, 194 Naenae Rd, Naenae beginning at 7.30 pm. Please invite all who need Jesus' healing. All are welcome. Phone 819 8323 for any enquiries.



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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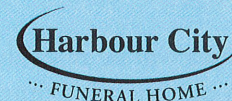
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A LEGACY OF FAITH



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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

21 June 2020, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TESTING TIMES

Here is the Gospel reading for today. See if you can read it through before Mass begins and notice what takes your attention. Ask our Lord what he is saying to you. Then wait and listen.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid of them therefore. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.'

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.'

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Matthew 10:26-33

If you have time left over after your prayerful musings or come up a bit 'dry', here are a few background observations.

The context is persecution – violent, blood gushing persecution. Such persecution had not been much of a problem when Jesus was teaching peacefully in Galilee, but it was for the early church forty years later. When this Gospel of Matthew was being written down (mid 70's AD) the Romans had finally lost patience with Israel. It was a time of open warfare. Jerusalem had been destroyed (AD 70). Remember Jesus' prophecies about the destruction of their temple. They are now fulfilled. Everywhere there were dispossessed and exhausted refugees on the move. Hence the importance of whatever Jesus had said years before about opposition or attack. It was now given pride of place in their memory. This Gospel was put in print probably in Antioch among such a refugee community of Jewish Christian converts. So when Jesus speaks of 'whispering' it is because of spies all around. Or when he speaks of those 'who kill the body', that rings true with their recent experience. But these days will pass he says. Jesus encourages them. The Lord will never abandon those who stay true to him. The only 'death' we need truly fear is separation from God.

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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

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Jeremiah	20:10-13
<i>He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.</i>		
Second Reading	Romans	5:12-15
<i>God's gift to us is nothing like our sign against him.</i>		
Gospel Reading	Matthew	10:26-33
<i>Do not fear those who can kill the body.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	2 Kings	4:8-11, 14-16
Psalm	88	
Second Reading	Romans	6:3-4, 8-11
Gospel Reading	Matthew	10:37-42



Last Sunday's Collection
Total: \$3,008

QR Codes for our buildings

We are joining the government's efforts to help people keep track of where they have been, by displaying our QR codes for the church, crypt, hall, and presbytery/office that is compatible with the Ministry of Health's tracing app. Download the app 'NZ Covid Tracer' on your phone, and scan the QR code posters at the entrances to our buildings. For more information about how the app works, go to: www.uniteforrecovery.govt.nz/covid-19/stay-healthy/keep-track-of-where-youve-been/

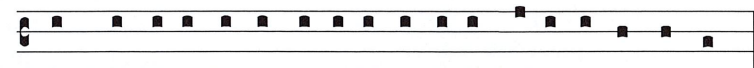
Responsorial Psalm 68

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **R**

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R**

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy;
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **R**



In mul-ti-tu-di-ne mi-se-ri-cordi- ae tu- ae ex-audi me.

In the multitude of thy mercy, hear me.

Planned Giving Receipts & Envelopes

The remaining donation receipts and donation envelopes are in the church now. Please collect these if you haven't done so already.

Alert Level 1 Parish Guidelines

These recent guidelines from the Bishops for our liturgical practices remain in place for the meantime:

- ♦ **Holy Communion** - The faithful are to receive Holy Communion in the hand only, and not from the chalice.
- ♦ **Sign of Peace** - The exchange of peace can be by spoken word, by a gesture such as bowing, or by a pause for silent prayer for peace. At this stage people should not feel obliged to shake hands.
- ♦ **Holy Water Fonts** - are to remain without Holy Water.

These guidelines will be re-evaluated as further health advice is given, or in one month's time. The dispensation from Sunday Mass remains in place for this weekend.

People should stay home if they are sick, and contact their doctor if they have flu-like symptoms.

Wilderkids School Holiday Programme

Wilderkids is a school holiday programme with a difference—it's all about time away from screens. It about getting back to nature, doing things like building shelters, foraging for food, getting crafty, and learning about nature. It runs 8.30am—3.15pm Monday to Friday during the school holidays and is for kids aged 5-12. Located in Mt Victoria. For more information and for pricing, go to: www.sustaintrust.org.nz/school-holiday-programme

Holy Hour

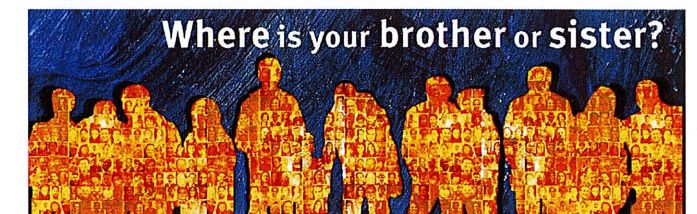
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Wellington Curtain Bank

The Wellington Curtain Bank, a social service that upcycles preloved curtains and fabric, is now up and running and taking orders. Spread the word that those with a Community Services Card or a SuperGold Combo Card and live in the Wellington region can get free double-layered made-to-measure curtains from the Wellington Curtain Bank. For more information: www.sustaintrust.org.nz/free-curtains

Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference promotes a special Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants on the Sunday closest to the World Refugee Day on 20 June. This year's theme is "Where is your brother or sister?", taken from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* where he speaks of his distress about the various forms of human trafficking. He quotes the book of Genesis and challenges us not to look the other way but to recognize our migrant brothers and sisters who are experiencing exploitation.



Prayer for the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Lord God, Master of the Vineyard,
Help us listen to the struggles of those who work hard to provide for their families but still have trouble making ends meet.

Open our eyes to the struggles of those exploited and help us speak for just wages and safe conditions, the freedom to organise, and time for renewal. For work was made for humankind and not humankind for work. Let it not be a vehicle for exploitation but a radiant expression of our human dignity.

Give all who labour listening hearts, that we may pause from our work to receive your gift of rest. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that you might work through us to let your justice reign.

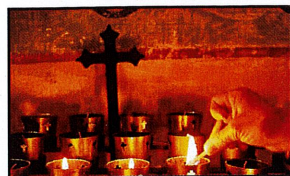
Amen

St Mary's College Open Day

St Mary's College will have their Open Day on **Tuesday 30 June**. For more information see their website page www.stmw.school.nz/ newsarticle/88323 and for enrolments, email their office at office@stmw.school.nz

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased:	Michael Dunn, Brian Bennett, Krystine Tomaszuk
Anniversaries:	Althea Walters, Patricia McEneaney, Colleen Kennedy, Michael Molloy
Prayers for the Sick:	Peter Aldridge, Tony Crawley, John Adams, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, John Foden, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Paul and Francisca Sparnaay, Brendan Gilmore, Pat Johnson, Peter Aston, Barbara and Vic Stairs, Josephine McLean, Shirley Mahony, Dennis Whimp, Doug Matthews



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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