

For Your Diaries: 2020

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

3 July, Taize Prayer

A reflective time with simple songs and scripture that brings us to stillness and silence. 7pm at Our Lady's Chapel at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. All welcome

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.

9 July, A Quiet Day with Suzanne Aubert

A time for gentle reflection on insights from the life and works of Venerable Suzanne Aubert from 10am to 2pm at Crombie Chapel at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. The theme for July: *Let us go together – me haere tahi tāua*. A simple lunch is provided – or bring your own. There is no fee, but a koha is greatly appreciated. Registration required.

15 August, Coast to Coast Rosary

The Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith will be held this year on Saturday 15 August at 3 pm. Please help lead or join a group in your parish or community. For more information, please go to www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz or phone Clare 022 1912 886

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



Remembering St Mary of the Angels in your will provides an ideal opportunity to make a statement of your faith and to give resources that will support your Church for years to come.

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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

28 June 2020, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"TO SING IS TO PRAY TWICE"

Some say St. Augustine first made this statement; others dispute that. No matter! The sentiment of these few words captures beautifully what many would experience when they attend the 11.00am mass on Sundays here at St Mary of the Angels. Time and again I have heard visitors and regular Mass-goers exclaim at how the singing of the choir helps them to enter more fully into the Mystery of the Faith which we celebrate when we gather for the Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharist. People travel from far and wide to worship at St Mary of the Angels by listening to and appreciating prayerfully the *Musica Sacra* of the Church, particularly Gregorian Chant.

We are very blessed to have such a fine choir. It is made up of very willing volunteers who are prepared to devote many hours of their own time to practice and perfect the music which lifts us out of the ordinary rhythm of our lives and allows us to touch something of the eternal. Such beauty and harmony do not just happen; it takes dedication and commitment, a sense of purpose and service.

No-one has given more to ensure that this tradition is maintained and enhanced than the musical director of St Mary of the Angels – Robert Oliver. He epitomizes the qualities I have just mentioned. Indeed, he most probably is responsible for drawing out those very same qualities from each and every member of the choir. Beyond the choir he has worked tirelessly with other musical groups in the parish and the Archdiocese so that we could all 'pray twice'! For over twenty years Robert has given generously of himself, far more than what he was required to do, to create a culture of prayer through music and song. We shall sorely miss his talent and his personal qualities when he retires from his post once his successor takes over, hopefully in this coming month of July.

Two very fine candidates are undergoing a final round of interviews and 'practicums' with the choir this week. Once the interviews and practicums are finished then the position of musical director will be offered to one of those two candidates. We confidently expect that the successful candidate will be able to sustain and complement all that Robert has so wonderfully built-up since he first arrived at St Mary's of the Angels.

We plan to properly and formally farewell Robert later this year. But it does no harm to draw attention to his ministry now at this moment of transition and to assure him that, whenever we sing, we will always pray twice for him!

Fr Kevin Mowbray

—Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading **2 Kings** **4:8-11, 14-16**
That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.


Second Reading **Romans** **6:3-4, 8-11**
Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

Gospel Reading **Matthew** **10:37-42**
Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading **Zechariah** **9:9-10**
Psalm **144**

Second Reading **Romans** **8:9, 11-13**
Gospel Reading **Matthew** **11:25-30**



Last Sunday's Collection
Total: \$5,767

First Reconciliation Candidates

6 candidates from St Mary of the Angels are having their First Reconciliation this Sunday—Anthony Pham, Chanelle Lai, Clementine Strachan, Leon Danusantoso, Malchus Sia, and Ursula Fagan. Congratulations to them all, and please keep them in your prayers as they continue their Sacramental Programme. Special thanks to Bede Clarke who has been helping lead the programme.

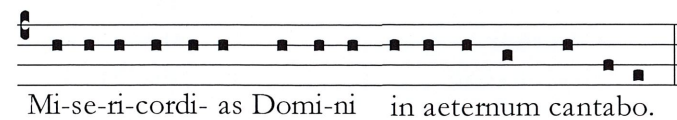
Responsorial Psalm 88

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all the ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
 Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
 it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R**



The mercies of the Lord, I will sing for ever.

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 I 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

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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

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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/

Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre open

Everyone is welcome to spend some time in our public spaces at 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. Opening hours are 10am - 3pm Monday to Friday, and from 13 June, 10am - 3pm Saturday & 12pm - 3pm Sunday. The story of Suzanne Aubert is more relevant than ever in 2020. Come and find new inspiration in the exhibition rooms. Feed your spirit with a visit to the Chapel and Resting Place of Suzanne Aubert. Enjoy a barista coffee or a bowl of soup in the Café.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Michael Dunn, Krystine Tomaszuk, Brian Bennett

Anniversaries: Dee John McMahon, Hugh Cullen, Claire Schima, Mario Pilotti, Michael Schima

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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