

**For Your Diaries: 2020**

**16 July, Joshua Men's Fellowship**

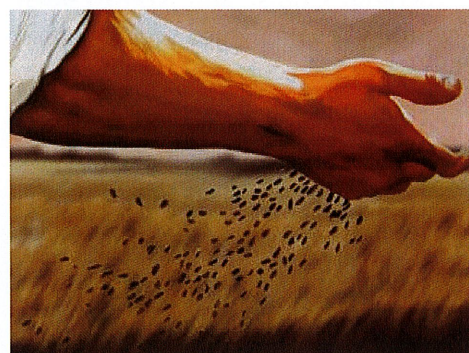
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**25 July, Marist St Pats RFC Book Launch**

Marist RFC past players and supporters are invited to a complimentary luncheon and launch of the Club's 50th Jubilee Book "C'mon Red" at the Hataitai Clubrooms.

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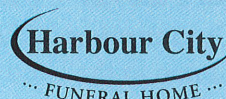
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*St Mary of the Angels is a diverse community which seeks to praise and thank God in a place of calm and beauty and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington*

**12 July 2020, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Where is God in all of this? A question that frequently arises in my mind. I pray for various things and crises in my life, yet all that I receive is silence! Over past weeks there has been plenty to think about, such as unemployment. You all know what is happening in your lives, and the causes we need to pray for.

Today's Gospel speaks about the sower and the seed. God's Word may be influenced and coloured by my experiences in life, my circumstances, background, and environment. Depending how they influenced me, I can become open to welcoming God's Word and letting the Word bear fruit in me, through me, or I can be resistant to God's Word, making it difficult for God's Word to bear fruit in my life.

What do I need to do to welcome God's Word and allow the Word to grow in my life? I can give new positive angles to negative experiences and circumstances so that they can become converted from being barriers to become opportunities to receive God's Word. I have the power to change my environment, no matter how harsh, cultivating it so that God's Word may grow and blossom in it - to change my experiences and circumstances to become welcoming to God's Word. I need to colour them with a new significance. I am responsible in creating an experience and environment worthy for the Word of God to be sown. I am responsible for allowing God's Word to grow and bear fruit in my life. I am responsible in making my experiences, backgrounds and environment conducive to God's Word. I open the door and I let God's Word in instead of denying him entry.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten our minds and hearts to listen and receive the Word of God so that we may share the Word with others.

*Sister Frances Gibbs CSB*  
—Pastoral Worker

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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** Isaiah 55:10-11  
*The rain makes the earth give growth.*

**Second Reading** Romans 8:18-23  
*All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.*

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 13:1-23  
*A sower went out to sow.*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
**Psalm** 85  
**Second Reading** Romans 8:26-27  
**Gospel Reading** Matthew 13:24-43



### Last Sunday's Collection

Total: 6,360

### Missing Parish Statue

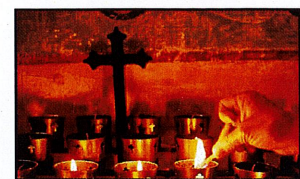
The statue of Our Lady, which the *Legion of Mary* provides for weekly loan to promote Daily Rosary around the parish is currently missing. Perhaps understandably, it has not been returned to the Sacristy, nor the List (at the back of the church) filled-in, since before the COVID-19 Level 4 Lock-down. Could anyone who knows of the current whereabouts of the statue please contact the Legion Praesidium Chairman as soon as possible by phoning Neil on 021 896 924

### Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Noreen Friel, Raymond O'Brien, Cecilia Bok

**Anniversaries:** Gillian Wills, Fr Gerard Mills SM, David Lemon, Rt Hon Bill Young, Peter Hansen, Peter Schmidt, Maureen Swensson

**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, Gerard McGreevy, Tran Minh Quang



*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 64

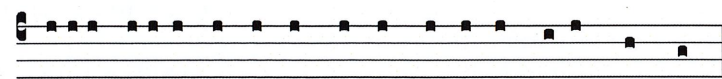
**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **R**

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R**

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R**



Aliud cecidit in terram bonam et ortum fe-cit fruc-tum.

*Some seed fell on fertile ground and yielded its crop.*

### 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.

### Celebration of RCIA Graduation

Next Sunday, within the 11.00am mass, we will celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist – for the graduates of the RCIA program. We hope that many will be able to join us for this celebration and for the light refreshments which will be served in the parish hall immediately after the conclusion of the 11.00am mass. It would be greatly appreciated if people would offer a plate for this celebration.

### Alert Level I Parish Guidelines

- ◆ **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. The dispensation from Sunday Mass remains in place. People should stay home if they are sick, and contact their doctor if they have flu-like symptoms.

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### New Director of Music

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### Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre Revised 2020 Programme

Includes dates for the Winter Film Series, Spiritual Theology Course and Non-Residential Retreat. If you would like an emailed copy, please contact Fr Brian



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