

## For Your Diaries: 2020

### 20 & 27 July, Meditation in the Christian Tradition

An ancient form of contemplative prayer, deeply anchored in the teachings of the early Christian desert fathers and mothers. Held at Our Lady's Chapel at the Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay. All welcome.

### 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.

### 28 July, Hear the Cry of the Earth

A seminar is being held at St Thomas More Church, Wilton from 7.30pm, discussing what is happening locally that can be supported—e.g. Karori Kaitiaki, predator control, and Wellington City Council Waste Management.

### 13 August, A Quiet Day with Suzanne Aubert

10am-2pm at Crombie Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion (2 Rhine Street, Island Bay). A time for gentle reflection on insights from the life and works of Venerable Suzanne Aubert. A simple lunch is provided, or bring your own. There is no fee, but a koha is appreciated. To register, email [sr.sue@compassion.org.nz](mailto:sr.sue@compassion.org.nz)

### 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](http://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



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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

19 July 2020, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sabotage in the Night

Here is the Gospel reading for today. See if you can read it through before Mass begins and take notice of touches you or interests you. Ask our Lord what he is saying to you in that. Then wait and listen. And then respond to him.

*Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."*

(The 'short option reading' for today ends here.)

*He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through'.*

*In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.*

*Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us'. He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his Kingdom all things that provoke offences on all who do evil, and throw them into the burning furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears.*

*The Gospel of the Lord. (Matt 13:24-43)*

It is a story of sabotage. By an enemy in the night. And at first the weed is indistinguishable from the wheat. In this parable the good seed are "the subjects of the kingdom". (By contrast, in the parable of the "Sower who went to Sow" of last Sunday, these subjects were the "good soil" who received the seed – an example of the flexibility within the parables.)

Jesus' use of parables demands engagement from the hearer. Those who do not engage, or refuse to, will not understand (as quoted from the prophecy). So it is that Jesus speaks to the disciples apart (they are making that effort: "explain" they say, and in the house (symbolic of the Church the place of revelation). This goes for all scripture not just the parables. Understanding requires engagement, desire, humility and faith – all of which presumes prayer. Since scripture is the Word of God, written in human language, there is a profundity beyond the mere human meanings of those human words – and we should expect that.

Fr Peter McAfee SM — Assistant Priest

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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** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
*In the place of sin, you give repentance.*

**Second Reading** Romans 8:26-27  
*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.*

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 13:24-43  
*Let them grow together until the harvest.*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Kings 3:5, 7-12  
**Psalm** 118

**Second Reading** Romans 8:28:30  
**Gospel Reading** Matthew 13:44:52



**Last Sunday's Collection**  
Total: \$4848

### 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, Patricia Smyth, Maria Blue

**Anniversaries:** Maria Streefland, Toni Brennan, Bill Prior, Fr Bob Lee SM, Thomas O'Shaughnessy, Veronica Nolan, Agnes Mora, Anthony Clarke

**Prayers for the Sick:** Peter Aldridge, Tony Crawley, John Adams, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Foden, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Paul and Francisca Sparnaay, Brendan Gilmore, Pat Johnson, Peter Aston, Barbara and Vic Stairs, 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.*

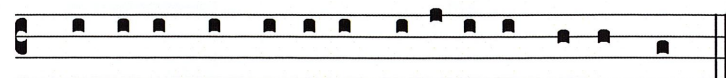
### Responsorial Psalm 85

**R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. **R**

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **R**

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **R**



Quóniam tu Dómine su-á-vis et mi-tis es.

*For thou O Lord art sweet and mild.*



### Congratulations!

Congratulations to all our new graduates from the RCIA Program! Over several months – interrupted by the lock-down! – seven candidates have prepared themselves for full communion with the Catholic Church. Angus, Nigel, Linda, William, Kate, Evelyn and Cate will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist this morning at the 11.00am Mass. We promise them a warm welcome to our community and many prayers of support as they begin a new stage in their lives as disciples of Jesus.

### 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 Cummings SM at [bgcummings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bgcummings@xtra.co.nz)

### St Vincent de Paul Meeting

There's work to be done. Come and join us in serving the needy. Next meeting of St Vincent de Paul is **Tuesday 21 July** at 6pm in the crypt.

### Gianna's Choice

Pregnancy Options and Support. We are here 24/7 to answer your pregnancy questions and talk about your options. Call 0800 367 5433 or text 027 448 8070.

### 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.

### Wellington Curtain Bank

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](http://www.sustaintrust.org.nz/free-curtains)

### Alert Level 1 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.

### Parish Office Support Roles at Wellington South Parish

Wellington South Parish are seeking to employ suitably qualified persons to join our Parish Office Support Team in administration and finance roles. Both are part-time, and the parish is open to one person with suitable skills doing both. Please send your application and CV to Fr Doug Shepherd at [doug.shepherd@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org](mailto:doug.shepherd@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org) and if you want a copy of the job descriptions email [office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org](mailto:office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org)

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### 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.

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