

For Your Diaries: 2020

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

15 August, Vespers for the Feast of the Assumption

At 6.30pm the Feast of the Assumption will be celebrated by St Mary of the Angels Choir.

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

18 August, Healing Service

Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service in Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa beginning at 7.30 pm. Please invite and bring those who need Jesus' healing. All are welcome. Phone 04 819 8323 for any enquiries.

5-6, 19-20 September, Human Love in the Divine Plan (Theology of the Body)

First intake in Wellington! Courses for young adults (ages 18-35 years) on the 5 and 6 September, and for adults on 19 and 20 September. Held at Challenge 2000, 1 Wanaka St, Johnsonville. Contact 0220289737 or email info@marriageandfamily.org.nz for more information.

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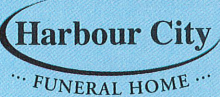
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St Mary of the Angels is a diverse community which seeks to praise and thank God in a place of calm and beauty and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington

2 August 2020, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT

Reading today's Gospel, we think immediately of the Eucharist. Jesus raises His eyes, blesses, breaks and the disciples distribute. Jesus is the one who both restores the broken to wholeness, and who nourishes them for the journey. It is not enough for Jesus to tell His people; "Go, you have been healed." He must also travel with them, nourishing them on their journey. However, it is not only Jesus who is involved in this task. He has intimately associated His disciples, and thus those of us who form the Church today, with His life-giving mission. We are commanded to feed those in need.

Like the first disciples who preferred that the people go to the villages to look after themselves, we too shy clear of the challenge of Christian loving. This often happens because, again like the disciples in the story, we feel we have little or nothing to offer. But Jesus can take what little we have to offer, bless it, and give it back to us so that we might bring fulness to those whose lives we touch. As Jesus transforms the Eucharistic bread, so He also transforms us into Eucharistic people. The meal of Jesus is always open. The twelve baskets of fragments collected by the disciples indicate that the miraculous nourishment provided by Jesus is still available for those who seek it. As long as there are people looking for the gifts that Jesus offers, this nourishment can never be totally consumed. But the story also tells us that Jesus wants disciples who are prepared to distribute His gifts.

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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** **55:1-3**
Hasten and eat.


Second Reading **Romans** **8:35, 37-39**
No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Gospel Reading **Matthew** **14:13-21**
They all ate and were satisfied.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading **1 Kings** **19:9, 11-13**
Psalm **84**

Second Reading **Romans** **9:1-5**
Gospel Reading **Matthew** **14:22-23**



Last Sunday's Collection
Total: \$6212

Donating to the Parish

We encourage you to support the life and ministry of St Mary of the Angels through making your weekly offering by direct debit. Direct debit contributions make it easier for us to plan our activities and to budget for expenses more accurately. If you would like to sign up to our planned giving programme, please contact the parish office at (04) 473 8074 or smaoffice@xtra.co.nz for more information. Thank you for considering this possibility.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Patricia Smyth, Barbara Kriebel

Anniversaries: John L'Estrange, Zita Outtrim, Aiden McLean, James Baird, Paul Veltman, Scott Fraser, Kenneth Bates, Barbara Ross, Rosina Walker

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 144

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. **R**

Ape-ris tu manum tu-am, et imples omne a-nimal.
Thou openest thy hand and fillest every living creature.

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. 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: Neil on 021 896 924

Updating Our Database

During the recent COVID-19 lockdown we discovered that our database of parishioners was out-of-date. Contact details for many parishioners were incorrect. Over the coming weeks, then, we would like to validate your addresses, emails and phone numbers. We will try and make contact with everyone on the parish database in a systematic way. **We ask you please to respond to our email or text message once you receive it.**

For privacy reasons we will not send your details to you. Instead we will request that you reply with your correct details by return email or by contacting the parish office. Even if you only confirm that we already hold the right details that would also be useful for us to know.

Should you have any questions on this matter please contact Alexandra at the Parish Office by phone (04) 473 8074 or by email at smaoffice@xtra.co.nz

—Fr Kevin Mowbray SM, Parish Priest

Reminder: Feast of the Assumption

A reminder that **Saturday 15 August** is the Feast of the Assumption—a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be one Mass only at 11am, as well as Vespers at 6.30pm.

Coast to Coast Rosary

On the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven, there is to be a *Coast to Coast* Rosary throughout New Zealand. The main intention is to pray for the honouring of the gift of life. We will pray in reparation and intercession for a culture of life to prevail in our society. There will be an event on **Saturday 15 August** in the Blessed Sacrament chapel in the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 3pm followed by afternoon tea. Everyone is invited.

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Robert Oliver's Farewell

On the 9th of August at the 11am Mass, the parish will formally farewell **Robert Oliver** after many years of service to St Mary of the Angels as the musical director. In order to show our appreciation of his ministry amongst us, we invite you to make a donation towards a gift for Robert. Your donation can be made by leaving it at the parish office or with Sr. Frances or by direct debit: our bank account is BNZ 02 0536 0003242 24 - please put *Robert Gift* in the reference field.

Thank you in advance for taking part in this gesture towards Robert who has helped make our liturgies and our lives richer through his time and talent!

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.

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