

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

Please join us as the St Mary of the Angels Choir celebrate the Feast of the Assumption with a contemplative service of prayer and song, at 6.30pm in the church.

18 August, Healing Service

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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.

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 smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz for more information. Thank you for considering this possibility.

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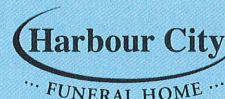
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St Mary of the Angels is a diverse community which seeks to praise and thank God in a place of calm and beauty and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington

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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

9 August 2020, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Courage, do not be afraid!" How often have we heard these words over the past months, and yet have we not reason to be afraid?

The current spread of the Coronavirus is very disturbing. The sense of the unknown! How will it affect me? How will it further change my way of life? Fear is a very unsettling emotion. It can paralyse us and take away our abilities to remain balanced and reasonable and to discern the right choices before us.

The Readings today speak very much of this. The men in the boat, that is to say the disciples in the church, ourselves, tossed by the heavy swell of this world, and torn between doubt and belief.

We need to turn to prayer, to our relationship with God, to find comfort and peace that we need at this time. This is a time to place ourselves in the Lord's hands and to ask for the grace of trust. We certainly pray that the epidemic will come to an end soon, and that the people who contract the virus will receive the care they need. We pray for those suffering, for the most vulnerable all over the world, and we pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

How do we find that peace in the midst of so much anxiety and worry about the future? We can take precautions and be prudent, and we don't have to worry about what we can't control - just trust. We can trust by turning to our God, we can rely on God's love and presence. We can take courage that we are not alone.

Most of all, faith and trust can help us replace our anxiety. The mission each of us has is to love as we have been loved. We ask help in our relationship with our God, to grow in compassion and care for those around us. We can be a source of strength for others. Our charity and the ways we reach out to others will transform our hearts.

Like Peter who represents all of us, demonstrating the truth that only by fully welcoming the word of our Master and adoring him as the Son of God will we be saved. "Courage, do not be afraid. I am with you."

Sister Frances Gibbs CSB

—Pastoral Worker

This Week's Readings

First Reading **1 Kings** **19:9, 11-13**
Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

Second Reading **Romans** **9:1-5**
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

Gospel Reading **Matthew** **14:22-23**
Command me to come to you over the water.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading **Isaiah** **56:1, 6-7**
Psalm **66**

Second Reading **Romans** **11:13-15, 29-32**
Gospel Reading **Matthew** **15:21-28**



Last Sunday's Collection
Total: \$4262

Reminder: Feast of the Assumption

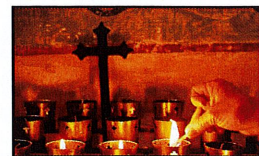
A reminder that **Saturday 15 August** is the Feast of the Assumption—a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be one Mass only at **11am**, as well as Vespers at **6.30pm**. The Vespers liturgy will be led by Fr Peter McAfee and the Choir of St Mary of the Angels, and includes Latin psalms, the Gregorian antiphons and Palestrina's Magnificat. Following the Liturgy, the choir will give a short concert of sacred polyphony featuring Marian motets, under the direction of new choir master **William McElwee**. All are welcome.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Patricia Smyth, Barbara Kriebel, Clare Kennerley, Joan Ciurlionis, Ngaire Leahy

Anniversaries: Mrs Lepeka Vaoliko-Savesi (Fr Joe's mother), Francis Friel, Zenaida Angeles, Fr John Goulter sm, Anna Tait-Jamieson, Maria Kasperowicz, Suzanne Judd, Donald Urquhart-Hay, Kraft D'Souza, Vincent Rosario, Mostyn Robert Coup

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, Doug Matthews



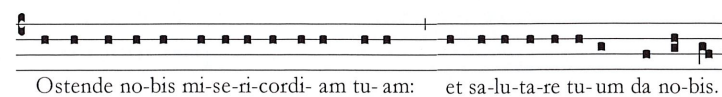
Responsorial Psalm 84

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R**



Show us thy mercy: and grant us thy salvation.

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.**

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

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, 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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Robert Oliver's Farewell

Today at the 11am Mass, the parish will formally farewell **Robert Oliver** after many years of service to St Mary of the Angels as the Director of Music. 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!

Coast to Coast Rosary

On Saturday 15 August, the patronal feast of NZ, there will be a *Coast to Coast* rosary throughout the country. The rosary will be recited in the Blessed Sacrament chapel (Sacred Heart Cathedral) to honour Mary, to pray for a culture of life in our society, and also to pray for our elections. Afternoon tea will follow and all are invited.

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