

For Your Diaries: 2020

6-12 September, Social Justice Week

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20 September, I Want To Sing With You Concert

Fr Chris Skinner SM will be presenting a concert at Our Lady of Kāpiti Church from 2-4pm, with an interlude from Kāpiti Senior Singers. Tickets are \$25 are available to buy from their parish office at (04) 902 8515 or oloktickets@gmail.com

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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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 ***Currently no Sunday Mass***
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

6 September 2020, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel speaks very much of forgiveness. Is anything different now? Jesus in today's Gospel is reminding us that as a church community we are responsible for each other. One of our tasks of love may be in correcting someone. Not an easy task!

We all know that our communities, church groups, family life, and other organisations are laden with all kinds of conflict. These can be the heaviest of crosses. The hurts and bickering, we are all familiar with these. Forgiveness on the part of the other can become difficult, or even outright rejection. Correction is also a spiritual work of mercy when it comes from real charity. We are confronted with the question 'what is there left to do?'

The first step towards reconciliation is to listen. Sometimes what we hear is not actually what was said. Listening is the first step in reaching out to the other- often painful, but necessary for any hope of reconciliation, forgiveness and peace. If a relationship is important, we need to swallow our pride!

The next step is to involve two or three others. Most people do this first, unfortunately. This can be for our own protection and may mean taking it to higher authorities.

Reconciliation is the key to healing rifts and conflicts. The process is made easier by the knowledge that God is with us if we gather in His name during the process. God sustains us even when we feel no hope. When a community works to settle disputes, Christ is in their midst working to achieve the same result.

The reconciliation process is helped by prayer. When in a conflict we need to seek direction in prayer. We have many opportunities here at St Mary of the Angels. The Lord tells us to pray, and get others to pray with us and for us. "Where two or three are gathered, there am I in their midst". It is all about being accountable to others for the power we hold; using the power of God's kingdom to care for the least and most vulnerable. Let us pray for each other for peace and harmony in our lives.

—Sister Frances Gibbs CSB


Pastoral Worker

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Ezekiel	33:7-9
<i>If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.</i>		
Second Reading	Romans	13:8-10
<i>Love is the fulfilment of the Law.</i>		
Gospel Reading	Matthew	18:15-20
<i>If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Sirach	27:30-28:7
Psalm	102	
Second Reading	Romans	14:7-9
Gospel Reading	Matthew	18:21-35



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: -

Automatic Payments: \$2768

Total: \$2768

Readings

The full Readings for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 6 September) can be found at this link: <https://universalis.com/20200906/mass.htm>

Covid Alert Level 2

We currently have our normal timetable running on weekdays and Saturdays—there are no Sunday Masses until we are at Alert Level 1. Please adhere to all restrictions and contact-tracing procedures when you are in the church.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Joan Ciurlionis, Ngaire Leahy, Peter Aston, Daniel Mathenge

Anniversaries: Brett Gray, Louis Hannan, Brian Stempa, Patricia Smith, Judith Mary Blair



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, Barbara and Vic Stairs, Shirley Mahony, Doug Matthews, Carol Armstrong

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 94

R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**

Online Masses

Sunday Mass, 9am | Archdiocese of Wellington
www.youtube.com/c/MCSHWWellington

For up to date information regarding the church during this time, visit our webpage:

www.smoa.org.nz/covid19updates/

2021 Columban Calendars

Columban calendars for 2021 are now available. They are \$12 each and can be purchased from the parish office (cash only).

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One-Day Retreats with Joy Cowley

- ♦ **Saturday 26 September:** *Recycling our Rubbish* – In the parable of the wheat and the tares, we learn that the shadow cannot be discarded. The shadow is light unborn and a valuable teacher. How do we work with our shadow to bring it into the light?
- ♦ **Sunday 27 September:** *Trusting Goodness* – On our faith journey we learn the truth that "all things work together for good to those who love the Lord." When faith is a journey of love and trust in God's goodness, we learn to love and trust ourselves.

Both retreats will be held at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. To register, email spirituality@compassion.org.nz or phone (04) 383-7769.

Zoom Series: Mary, the Mother of God – A Contemporary Understanding of Mary

A series with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive. The topic for the session this **Monday 7 September** is *Mary in the Gospel of Luke*. 7.00pm-8.30pm via Zoom. The fee is \$25 per session. Special fees for groups of more than 2 persons. For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen

A Message from St Vincent de Paul Foodbank Appeal

Our 29th August St Vincent de Paul Foodbank Appeal at two Wellington area supermarkets was unable to proceed due to Covid-19. The demand for the support from the SVdP foodbank remains high, so if any parishioners would like to contribute, online donations would be welcome & can be made here: <https://www.vinnies-wellington.org.nz/donate> Please use 'SMOA' in the Reference field.

Updating Our Database

We are still in the process of updating our parish database and asking parishioners to verify their contact details. **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: (04) 473 8074 or email smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz

Risky Law Campaign

The *Risky Law Campaign* was recently launched, a campaign that aims to inform voters about the implications of the End of Life Choice Act that will be voted on in the referendum soon. Please read their media release [here on our website](https://www.riskylaw.nz), or visit [riskylaw.nz](https://www.riskylaw.nz) and be informed about why the Act is dangerous.



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