For Your Diaries: 2020

15 October, Sacramental Programme for Children – Parents Meeting For parents of children Year 4 and above wishing to receive the sacraments of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Communion this year. 7.00 pm at St Thomas More Church, Wilton.

18 October, Farewell to the Capuchin Friars

You are invited to a Farewell and Thanksgiving Mass for the Capuchin Friars who are withdrawing from work in the Wellington Archdiocese at the end of 2020. The Friars have been involved in Parish and Mission work since 1958. They will be sadly missed. It will be at 9.30am at St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie followed by a cup of tea in the Church Hall.

The Nathaniel Report

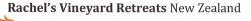
The latest issue of the *Nathaniel Report* is now available to read online. It is filled with topical articles that include scrutiny of the euthanasia and cannabis referendums being held in the general election this October. This report is published by the Catholic bishops' Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics. To read the report, go to: www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Nathaniel-Report-61-FINAL.pdf

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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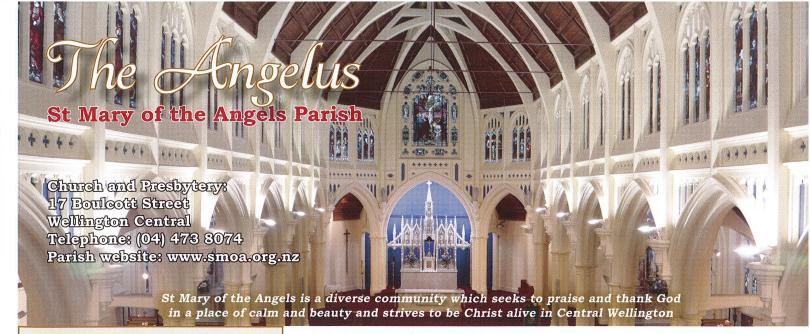
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MASSES

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

Friday

Mon-Thurs 11.30am - Noon

12.30pm - 1pm

4.30pm - 5pm 11am - 11.50pm

12.30pm - 1pm

4.30pm - 5pm

Saturday 10.30am - 10.55am

4pm - 5pm

27 September 2020, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



If one picture is worth a thousand words, Perhaps one vote will be worth a thousand lives.

This Week's Readings

18:25-28 First Reading **Ezekiel** When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-11

Be united in your love.

21:28-32 Gospel Reading Matthew

Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Psalm

Isaiah 79

Second Reading Gospel Reading

5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9 21:33-43 Matthew



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:

Automatic Payments: \$2520

Total: \$2520

Sacramental Programme

Children who are Year 4 and above are encouraged to join the Sacramental Programme for Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Communion. Please contact the parish office at smoa.office@xtra.co.nz or 04 473 8074 for more information or to enrol your child.

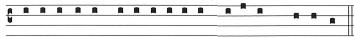
Responsorial 24

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. R

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. R

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. R



Remi-nisce-re mi-se-ra-ti- onum tu- a-rum Domi-ne.

Remember, O Lord the depths of thy compassion.

Peter's Pence Collection

Because the lockdown over Easter period meant the Collection for Peter's Pence could not be taken, it will be taken throughout the world next Sunday 4 October, the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time and memorial of St Francis of Assisi.

2021 Columban Calendars

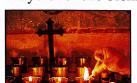
Columban calendars for 2021 are now available. They are \$12 each and can be purchased from the parish office.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Peter Aston, Daniel Mathenge

Mary Crawley, Anthea Walters, Brenda Smith, Olive Va'a, Zoe Moriarty, Norma Burns, **Anniversaries:**

O'Brien Reeve, Tina Lyon, Miriam Wilkins, Paul Barber, Paul Neazor



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, Joe Haddow

> 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.





Councillor **Nicola Young**

representing Lambton ward

Please contact me if I can help with a City Council issue

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Covid Alert Level I

While we are at Alert Level 1 ALL Masses and Reconciliation times will be going ahead as per the normal timetable, with no restrictions to numbers.

The following will still be in place:

- Communion under one kind only, therefore no Precious Blood is to be distributed
- No physical contact at the Sign of Peace but an acknowledgment of some nature
- Communion on the hand only

Go to www.smoa.org.nz/covid19updates for more information and for Cardinal John Dew's full announcement.

Don't forget that daylight savings starts this Sunday 27 September set your clocks forward an hour!

Be informed about the End of Life Choice **Act Referendum**

- The End of Life Choice Act is not an option of 'last resort'. It will not just apply to the 'exceptionally difficult cases'. It does not require that a person first make use of available treatments or counselling, nor that they first receive palliative care. A person does not need to be in physical pain.
- If euthanasia becomes legal in NZ, people will access it because they think they lack other choices. Even though quality palliative care is effective, there is no corresponding legal right to access palliative care. Under current law, people can already say 'no' to treatments and can receive whatever level of pain relief they need. These days, no-one need die in pain.

The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one's views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not 'compassion' to vote for a dangerous law. See www.riskylaw.nz or www.votesafe.nz or www.carealliance.org,nz or www.nathaniel.org.nz

Authorised by John Kleinsman, 15 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington

Book Launch: Business, Faith and Life

Eight solo entrepreneurs in Aotearoa in different lines of business, to whom faith spirituality is of prime importance, describe in the book how they lived their experiences of faith in putting into practice the principles of the 'Economy of Communion' of the Focolare Movement. Chiara Lubich, the founder of the Focolare, described it as "unlike the consumer economy based on the culture of having, the 'Economy of Communion' is based on the culture of giving." The book launch will be held at St John's Anglican Church in Johnsonville, on Sunday 18 **October**. Arrive at 1.30pm for a 1.45pm start.

Invitation: Feast Day of Saint Vincent de Paul

Please join us for the Feast Day of the Society's patron, Saint Vincent de Paul. This special Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal John Dew on Sunday 27 September at 5pm, at St Benedict's Catholic Church, Khandallah. All are welcome, so please pass this invitation on to your friends, family, conference members and wider community. At a time when the world faces so many uncertainities, the St Vincent de Paul Society throughout New Zealand and in Wellingtoncontinues to provide practical frontline support, advocacy and friendship for the most vulnerable members of our community. Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Laurie Butler, President of SVdP City Conference on 027 282 5171 or 027 282 5172

Guardians Needed

Each day our church is looked after by Guardians who take it in turn to spend an hour in the church ensuring that the many visitors feel welcome and that they respect our sacred place. We are in need of a Guardian on Mondays & Tuesdays 1.30-2.30pm, and Tuesdays & Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm. If you would like to consider being a part of this important service to the parish community please contact the parish office.



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