

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.

15 October, Joshua Men's Fellowship

Meeting at 'Loaves and Fishes' next to the Anglican Cathedral (corner Hill St and Molesworth St) at 7.30pm. Contact Steve Ready on 027 356 9555.

17, 18 & 19 October, Election Weekend Latin Masses

Newly-ordained Priest Fr Roger Gilbride FSSP will be visiting and celebrating Latin Masses in Wellington on the weekend of the election. The first of these will be at St Mary of the Angels in Our Lady's Chapel at 9am on **Saturday 17th**, then at the main Altar at 7.30pm on **Sunday 18th**. There will be a third Latin Mass said at Sacred Heart Church in Petone, at 9.30am on **Monday 19th**. There will be a Rosary said at each Mass during "First Blessings".

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.

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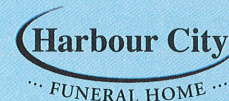
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St Mary of the Angels is a diverse community which seeks to praise and thank God in a place of calm and beauty and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington

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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

4 October 2020, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was preparing for this Sunday the first few lines of the 2nd Reading of St. Paul to the Philippians jumped out for me: "There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it in prayer and thanksgiving, and that the peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts, and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus."

The peace which comes from God and which Christ left us brings forth confidence and prayer. It puts an end to anguish and transfigures all human values.

In the silence of prayer, we come to appreciate that we are infinitely holy as temples of God's own Spirit. We come to understand that our true vocation is to look upon and contemplate the glorious Trinity, and in the process to be made divine ourselves.

For many, praying is an activity for which we are responsible and a duty each day. Those who see prayer as such deny themselves the true riches of the prayer life. Prayer is not something we can turn off and on when it suits us. Our whole life is prayer, because prayer is the life of the glorified Christ through the Spirit within us. When the Spirit who dwells in each of us can be alive in our hearts, we can become a praying person.

As someone pointed out to me, prayer is like a rainbow with many colours and facets. One way that can be helpful is the word A L T A R

Adoration. Lifting our minds and hearts to God.

Love. Making regular of acts of love.

Thanksgiving. For the many gifts that the Lord has bestowed on us

Asking or petition for the various needs for ourselves and the church

Reparation. Asking for forgiveness.

We have many opportunities here at SMOA for various kinds of prayer. This being the month of the Holy Rosary, the Rosary is recited each day before the midday Mass. The Guardians who spend an hour or so in the Church praying and keeping a vigilant eye on things. There is Adoration before Mass each morning and again on Friday at 11am-12pm.

We will all have our own way of prayer. Pray as you can. Remembering there is no right or wrong way; just being in the presence of the Lord is a start.

Sister Frances Gibbs CSB

—Pastoral Worker

This Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7
The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9
Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:33-43
He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10
Psalm 22

Second Reading Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14

Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2692
 Automatic Payments: \$3018
Total: \$5710

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.

Peter's Pence Collection

Because of the lockdown over Easter period, the Collection for Peter's Pence will be taken throughout the world this **Sunday 4 October**.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Peter Aston, Daniel Mathenge

Anniversaries: Paul Barber, John Casserley, John Patrick O'Brien, Eileen Dysart, Claire Bourke, Mary Crompton

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.

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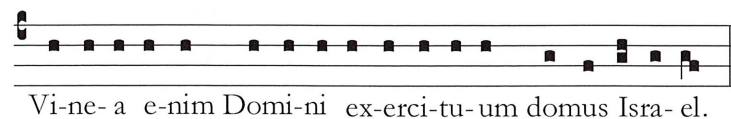
R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
 to plant it you drove out the nations.
 Is stretched out its branches to the sea,
 to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
 It is plucked by all who pass by.
 It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
 devoured by the beasts of the field. **R**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
 look down from heaven and see.
 Visit this vine and protect it,
 the vine your right hand has planted. **R**

And we shall never forsake you again:
 give us life that we may call upon your name.
 God of hosts, bring us back;
 let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R**



The vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the house of Israel.

First Communion

This Sunday and next Sunday (4 and 11 October) at the 9am Mass, our young parishioners will be receiving their First Holy Communion. Keep them in your prayers as they celebrate this wonderful Sacrament for the first time.

Covid Alert Level 1

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 is still 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.

Venerable Suzanne Aubert Celebration Day

This Sunday we remember and celebrate the *spirituality and good works* of Venerable Suzanne Aubert known to Maori as *Meri Hōhepa*. It's the one day in the year when we can take time to reflect on what this remarkable woman achieved here in Aotearoa/New Zealand and be inspired and encouraged as we hope and pray that she will soon be formally recognised by the church as New Zealand's first Saint.

Cardinal John Dew received a personal letter last month from the president of the Causes for Saints, confirming the cure attributed to Suzanne's alleged intercession is right now being closely examined in Rome. If the cure is accepted as miraculous, she will be beatified and known as Blessed. This will be a very significant stage on her journey to Sainthood.

One can only wonder what Suzanne Aubert would say about the COVID-19 pandemic but we know she would be working at the coalface ensuring all were cared for during this time of upheaval and stress. Her *wairua* lives on in the work of the Sisters of Compassion and their co-workers today.

To coincide with Celebration Sunday, the Sisters have launched a special video project design for students. Details are at: www.suzanneaubert.co.nz. You will also find new resources including a video book on her life and a booklet of 35 reflections.

Please pray for her beatification and eventual canonisation. And, let us remember her constant prayer. **"Thanks be to God for all He has done and is doing for us."**

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a Catholic Apostolate which meets weekly to provide charitable service (such as visitation of the sick and elderly) following the example of Our Lady. The Parish's "Our Lady of Refuge" Praesidium would like to welcome new members to enable wider provision of the Works of Mercy. It meets each Monday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room for Devotions & planning.

New Statue

The Legion had a new boxed statue of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (prepared by Stephen Garlick) blessed last weekend during the Marist Patronal Festival Mass of the Most Holy Name of Mary. This newly blessed statue is now available again for weekly Home Rosary loan. Just sign the list by the Sacred Heart statue at the back of the church, and collect and return the Rosary Statue from the SMOA Priests' Sacristy after Masses.

Joshua Men's Fellowship—Retreat

Men's One Day Retreat at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay on Saturday 31 October 8.30am-5.00pm. The Retreat leader is Fr James Lyons, and the theme is "Don't Worry. Trust in Jesus." Contact Steve at joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



2021 Columban Calendars

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

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 for the following time slots:

- ◆ Mondays 1.30-2.30pm
- ◆ Tuesdays 1.30-2.30pm, 3.30-4.30pm
- ◆ Wednesdays 3.30pm-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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