

For Your Diaries: 2020

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. The Friars have been involved in Parish and Mission work since 1958. They will be sadly missed. 9.30am at St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie followed by a cup of tea in the Church Hall.

20 October, St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next meeting for our St Vincent de Paul group will be held in the Crypt at 6pm. Please join us in helping those in need in the Wellington area.

31 October, Joshua Men's One-Day Retreat

At Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay from 8:30am – 5:00pm. The theme is "Don't Worry. Trust in Jesus" and the retreat leader is Fr James Lyons. Contact Steve Ready at 027-356-9555 or joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Weekday Rosary Group

The rosary is said in the church at 11.30am Monday-Thursday, and after the midday Mass on Friday. All are welcome to join.

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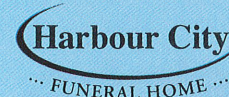
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St Mary of the Angels is a diverse community which seeks to praise and thank God in a place of calm and beauty and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington

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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

18 October 2020, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mission Sunday)

EARTHQUAKE PROOFING AND RENOVATION OF ST MARY OF THE ANGELS' PARISH CENTRE

Just after 5.00pm on Sunday, the 21st of July 2013, Wellington was severely shaken by an earthquake centred off Seddon in Marlborough. Fr. Tom O'Connor, who was celebrating the 5.00pm mass, still remembers to this day how extraordinarily quickly the church emptied as the congregation fled outside to relative safety!

At that time the parish was renovating the parish centre and accommodation block situated at the back of the church. Only half had been completed – the accommodation for the priests' community. As a result of the 'Seddon earthquake' all work stopped on that work and attention immediately switched to saving the church.

For the next few years great energy and enthusiasm went into strengthening and renovating the church of St Mary of the Angels. Fr. Barry Scannell led the parish community in ensuring that our iconic church would not only be saved but made safe for generations to come. Look around you now as you sit in the church and try to imagine if this beautiful, peaceful, prayerful space was no longer here for you. We have so much to be thankful for!

Now the time has come to plan for the completion of the original project that was interrupted over seven years ago – earthquake proofing and renovating the parish centre.

The parish centre comprises the bottom two floors of the building at the back of the church. The centre contains the hall, the offices, meeting rooms, bathrooms, boiler and storage space. Without such facilities the day-to-day work and ministry of the parish could not continue. This project must be completed within the next five years because the whole building is now yellow-stickered!

Architects have drawn up detailed plans and received consent for them from the city council. Once started the project will take approximately six months to complete. The estimated cost is one million dollars (NZ). **We will have to raise this money from amongst ourselves, from within our parish community.**

Over the next few weeks and months you will be hearing and seeing more about this project. We will keep you fully informed as we set out together on completing this project, the final step in ensuring our community will have a church and centre that will make us proud – a church and centre fit for purpose now and for generations to come in the heart of Wellington!

Fr Kevin Mowbray SM, Parish Priest

This Week's Readings


First Reading Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:15-21
Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Exodus 22:20-26
Psalm 17
Second Reading 1 Thess 1:5-10
Gospel Reading Matthew 22:34-40



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2302

Automatic Payments: \$2593

Total: \$4895

Responsorial 95

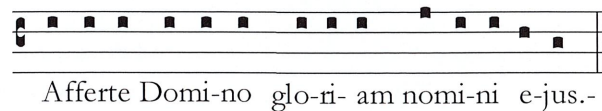
R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. R

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. R

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. R

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. R



Afferte Domi-no glo-ri- am nomi-ni e-jus.-

Bring to the Lord glory unto his name

"Here I am, send me!"

Isaiah 6:8

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A friendly reminder:
Please do not park in the church carpark from Monday to Friday.

There are only a few parks available to parishioners, with the rest being hired by people who must be able to have access to them. You may be towed if you are parked in a reserved space.

Greeting Ministry at St Mary of the Angels

It is always great to be welcomed into Mass by a friendly face! We are seeking more Greeters—volunteers that welcome parishioners and visitors to our church as we gather for Sunday Mass. You will need to arrive 10 minutes before Mass and check that the tables at the church entrances are tidy, and then welcome people as they come in. At the end of Mass the Greeters will tidy up so the church is ready for the next Mass. If you are interested in being a regular Greeter please contact the parish office by emailing smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz and in the meantime, we encourage you to step in as a Greeter if there is no one there when you come to Mass.

Cathedral Fundraiser: Fr Chris Skinner in Concert

See Fr Chris Skinner in concert on **Saturday 31 October** at 2pm in the St Mary's College Hall, Guilford Terrace. Tickets are \$25 and will go towards Sacred Heart Cathedral Strengthening and Restoration Project. Email Josie at 31octconcert@gmail.com to purchase tickets, or see her after the 11am Mass today (18 Oct).

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.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Please join us in helping those in need in the Wellington area. Our next meeting is in the Crypt on **Tuesday 20 October** at 6pm.



2021 Columban Calendars

Columban calendars for 2021 are available to purchase from the parish office. They are \$12 each (cash only).

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.

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

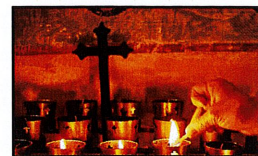
Go to www.smoa.org.nz/covid19updates for more information and for Cardinal John Dew's full announcement.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Fr John Morrison, Tony Crawley

Anniversaries: Ann Ross, John O'Rourke, Colin Hooper, Bryan Outtrim, Peter Bradley, Maria Doriguzzi, Hannah McGuigan, Kathleen Cosgrove

Prayers for the Sick: Peter Aldridge, 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, Samara Jamed



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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