

For Your Diaries : 2018

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23-25 March 2018 Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A weekend of spiritual and emotional healing for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. All enquiries strictly confidential. Contact Wendy Hill 027 254 9222 or rvnzretreats@gmail.com

24 March, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Inviting all women to our meeting at 1.15pm in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon. For more information contact Shura on 021 072 4042

8 April, Father Barry's Farewell

There will be a farewell for Fr Barry after the 11am Mass If you wish to contribute towards a gift from the parish to Fr Barry please pass it either to Fr Kevin, Sr Frances, or to the Parish Office.

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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

11 March 2018, 4th Sunday Of Lent - Year B

The Light Enables Us to Know Light and Darkness

...During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the "new fire", this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds" and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God's word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love... [from, Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2018, Vatican]

Jesus is the light of the world. There are many instances in Scripture which help people to both come to know him as the light and also that darkness is brought to light by the light of the world. One example is John 8:1-11 in which the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery to Jesus. The Pharisees claim that Moses taught them to stone such women to death. What does Jesus do? He bends down and writes with his finger on the ground. When they keep questioning him, he stands up and says, "Let anyone who is without sin cast the first stone." Then he bends down and writes on the ground a second time. These words and actions by the light of the word exposes evil and darkness is seen. The woman experiences first-hand, divine mercy and through this encounter begins to know the light of the world. Did she continue on this journey or did she prefer darkness and revert to a more familiar lifestyle?

Planned Giving

Planned Giving envelopes for the next financial year are available at all Masses today. The envelopes are labelled alphabetically by surname and can be found in the entrance after Mass today, and from the Parish Office during the week. Please ensure that the number on your new envelopes are the same as the number allocated to you from last year. Please collect your envelopes as it will save us the cost of postage.

As we come to the end of the tax year (31 March) it is a good time to review your financial commitment to the Parish. Any lump sum given before 31 March can be claimed in the current tax year. A tax rebate of 33.3% may be claimed on all your contributions. Tax receipts will be issued in April for the 2017/2018 financial year.

If you are not part of the Planned Giving programme you are very welcome to contribute to the Parish in this way. There are two ways to contribute to the Parish through the Planned Giving Programme;

- Direct Credit
- Planned Giving Envelopes

For more information or to become a Planned Giver, please contact the Parish Office or see a member of the Pastoral Team after Mass.

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Parish Priest

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MASSES

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm

Monday to Friday 7:30am, 12:05pm, & 5:15pm

Saturday 11am

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday 11am Mass with Sacrament of Anointing

ADORATION

Monday to Friday 6:45am-7:30am

Friday 11am-noon

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Thursday 11:30am-noon
12:30pm-1:00pm
4:30pm-5:00pm

Friday 11:00am-noon
12:30pm-1:00pm
4:30pm-5:00pm

Saturday 10:30am-11:00am
4:00pm-5:00pm

This Week's Readings

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10
When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

Gospel John 3:14-21
God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm: 50
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel: John 12:20-33

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,929



Cancelling of 5.15 pm Mass

Due to St Mary of the Angels helping to host the New Zealand Festival the 5.15pm Mass will be cancelled on **Tuesday 13 March**. The Group using the church will begin setting up and practising from 1.00pm.

Father Barry's Farewell

After 10 years here at St Mary of the Angels and nine of those years serving as Parish Priest it is approaching the time to farewell Fr Barry. There will be a farewell for him after the 11am Mass on Sunday 8 April. If you wish to contribute towards a gift from the Parish to Fr Barry I invite you to pass it either to Fr Kevin, Sr Frances, or to the Parish Office.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Sister Carmel Cussen (DC), Imelda Reeve
Anniversaries: Coralie Leyland, Rita Kirwin, Patricia Slattery
Prayers for the Sick: James Ramsay, Nancy Grealish, Mary Anne Merrin, Mary Rose Keller, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Margaret Such, Bryce Toimata, Colleen Kennedy, Gil Lescher, Mary Crompton, Jenni Rowell, Teresa Jeong, Dr Peter Brooke, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, John Foden, Jan Tuinman, John Mora, Maria Kim, Maureen McDonald



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 Psalm 136

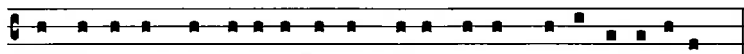
R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **R.**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R.**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R.**



Adhaeret lingua me- a fauci-bus me- is, si non memi-ne-ro tu- i.

Let my tongue cleave to my jaws, if I do not remember thee

Giving to the Needy

At a recent meeting it was decided to trial a food basket for people to donate appropriate food items for those in need. The basket would be placed in the St Joseph's Chapel during the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday. From there the food would be taken to Ozanam House, St Vincent de Paul's headquarters and main food bank.

RCIA Program

The RCIA Programme for the catechumens and candidates desiring to be received into the Catholic faith community at Easter is at the important stage now of deep discernment and decision on their part, as well as the facilitators, as to their readiness and preparedness to make this commitment of faith. As the parish community, please continue to pray for **Helen Tsang, Holly Sinclair, Erica Willoughby, Anne Phillips, Guy Wayne, Jason Chappell and Isabella Jorna**. Over the coming weeks they will participate in the "Scrutinies." There are three "Scrutinies" and these will take place at the Sunday parish masses:
2nd Scrutiny- 4th Sunday of Lent, 11 March, 11am Mass
3rd Scrutiny- 5th Sunday of Lent, 18 March, 5pm Mass.

Camerata - Haydn In the Church

Join us for a short and reviving concert of early Haydn and sumptuous Dvorak pieces for a small chamber orchestra. On Friday 23 March from 7pm - 8pm in St Mary of the Angels Church. Admission by koha, to fundraise for our ongoing seismic strengthening project - all are welcome, regardless of means. The musicians include professional performers, tertiary music students and amateurs. Camerata seeks to make beautiful classical music accessible to all.

Lenten Donations

The money raised during Lent will be used by Caritas to support development and emergency relief overseas, as well as working for justice for those people who have the most urgent need around the world and at home in Aotearoa New Zealand. Envelopes are on the tables at the two main entrances to the church.

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St Mary of the Angels Guardians Meeting

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Altar Servers

Men, Woman, Boys and Girls
 We need Altar Servers for the 9am, 11am and 5pm Masses. If you are interested please contact the Parish office or ring Margaret Clark 4792 820.

A Test of Faith

Those who attended the premiere launch of the documentary 'A Test of Faith' were treated to a wonderful insight into the construction work that has taken place over the past four years with the seismic strengthening of the Church. If you would like to see this amazing documentary you can purchase a DVD at Mass today or from the Parish Office. The cost is \$30 and all proceeds go to the Seismic Strengthening Fund.



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Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

Come along and join us on Thursday 15 March at 7:30pm for fellowship and prayer in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral). Fr Kevin Connors will be speaking, breaking open the Joshua theme for 2018 on "Stay Connected to Christ". If you want to know more contact Steve Ready on 04 970 7715 or 027 356 9555 or email scjready@gmail.com

St Mary of the Angels Choir

The Choir of St Mary of the Angels is looking for new singers! If you are interested in joining our choir please contact Director of Music, Robert Oliver: chant4robert@gmail.com; 04 9342296; or 0210 2574375. There is no audition and you don't need to be able to read music. All that is required is a love of music and willingness to learn. The choir sings at the 11am Mass each Sunday. Rehearsals take place every Thursday 7.30pm - 9.30pm; and 45-minutes before Mass on Sunday

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