

For Your Diaries : 2018

17 April, St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is at 6pm in the Presbytery.

18 April, Teaching Night

'The gift of miracles' at 7:30pm in St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown.

19 April, Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington

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21-22 April, SMAYAC's Tramping Trip

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25 April, ANZAC Day Mass

The ANZAC Day Mass will be celebrated at 9am in St Mary of the Angels. Please bring a plate for morning tea.

26 April, Modern Slavery, Trafficking & Exploitation in NZ

Dr. Rebecca Miller and Peter Devoy from the Ministry of Immigration will be speaking on modern day slavery in New Zealand and what we can do to help. Held in St. Anne's Hall, Emmett St, Newtown at 7.30pm. Gold coin donation.

29 April, St Vinnies Morning Tea

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29 April, Nations Bless Israel

Starting at 7am wherever God sends you, then coming together to Parliament at night to then cross to the live event from 7-9pm. RSVP is essential by 25 April: Email Joanna.moss@nzfoi.org, phone 04 802 5956, 022 154 7865

4-6 May, Peace Retreat

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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

15 April 2018, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Rejoice and Be Glad

In these early times as leader of the faith community of St Mary of the Angels I have found inspiration from Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Exhortation particularly his emphasis on **discernment**. Our delegates to the recent archdiocesan synod are also convinced of the importance of discernment. The signs are that discernment will help us as a parish to move into the future and to do so with rejoicing and gladness. Below is a quote from the Apostolic Exhortation in which Pope Francis shows how discernment can help in daily life:

How can we know if something comes from the Holy Spirit or if it stems from the spirit of the world or the spirit of the devil? The only way is through discernment, which calls for something more than intelligence or common sense. It is a gift which we must implore. If we ask with confidence that the Holy Spirit grant us this gift, and then seek to develop it through prayer, reflection, reading and good counsel, then surely we will grow in this spiritual endowment.

The gift of discernment has become all the more necessary today, since contemporary life offers immense possibilities for action and distraction, and the world presents all of them as valid and good. All of us, but especially the young, are immersed in a culture of zapping. We can navigate simultaneously on two or more screens and interact at the same time with two or three virtual scenarios. Without the wisdom of discernment, we can easily become prey to every passing trend.

This is all the more important when some novelty presents itself in our lives. Then we have to decide whether it is new wine brought by God or an illusion created by the spirit of this world or the spirit of the devil. At other times, the opposite can happen, when the forces of evil induce us not to change, to leave things as they are, to opt for a rigid resistance to change. Yet that would be to block the working of the Spirit. We are free, with the freedom of Christ. Still, he asks us to examine what is within us – our desires, anxieties, fears and questions – and what takes place all around us – “the signs of the times” – and thus to recognize the paths that lead to complete freedom. “Test everything; hold fast to what is good” (1 Thess 5:21). [Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation, Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and be Glad), Vatican, 19 March, 2018, Nos. 166-168]

ANZAC Day Mass

The ANZAC Day Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 25 April at 9am at St Mary of the Angels. It is a time to pray in thanksgiving for those who have given so much for peace and freedom. Representatives of the Returned Services Association will be present as well as the Polish Ambassador and members of the Polish Community. Our choir will lead the singing. Please bring a plate for the morning tea that follows. Come and be part of this significant liturgical event.

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MASSES

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

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

Saturday 11am

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday 11am Mass with
Sacrament of Anointing

ADORATION

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

Friday 11am-noon

RECONCILIATION

Monday to 11:30am-noon
Thursday 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 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5
Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

Gospel Luke 24:35-48
It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12
Psalm: 117
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2
Gospel: John 10:11-18

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,485



Thank You

A sincere thank you to those who have generously responded to the request in the Angelus for donations to complete the work on the Church and grounds. A total of \$108,200 has been raised towards the final total of \$156,552.

Nations Bless Israel

A global call beginning in NZ to bless God and Bless Israel according to Mal. 1:11 & Gen 12:3. Starting on Sunday 29 April at 7am in your area wherever God sends you, then coming together to Parliament at night to worship and praise God and Bless Israel in its 70th year. We will then cross to the live event from 7-9pm. Due to being held in Parliament RSVP is essential by 25 April: To rsvp email Joanna.moss@nzfoi.org, ph 04 802 5956, 022 154 7865 or fill out your details on the sheet at the back of the Church. Visit nationsblessisrael.website for more info.

Mass has been offered for:

Anniversaries: Nance Mills, Clare Dwyer, James Davidson, June Eagle, Jeanine Richardson, Terence McDonald

Prayers for the Sick: Fr David Dowling, Nancy Grealish, Mary Rose Keller, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Colleen Kennedy, Gil Lescher, Mary Crompton, Teresa Jeong, 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.

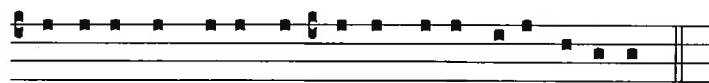
Responsorial Psalm 4

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.
 When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
 from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R.**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
 Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
 for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**



Signa-tum est super nos lumen vultus tu- i Domi-ne.

The light of thy countenance, O Lord, is signed upon us.

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.

Morning Tea Following 9am Mass

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St Vincent de Paul Meeting

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Thank You

A sincere thank you to all parishioners for the lovely farewell last Sunday. I was very moved by the very sincere words from Colin Keating, Olivia Webb and Rev Allister Lane. Thank you to those who personally expressed their thanks and to those who sent letters, cards and emails. I am very humbled by the generous gifts from both individuals and the Parish. Thank you.

There is always a sense of sadness to leave a Parish at the end of one's term. I am moving on after 10 years here. We have been through so much as a Parish especially over the past 5 years with the closure of the Church following the Seddon earthquake in 2013. However, I am so grateful that through your generosity the Church is once again the centre of worship for parishioners and visitors. That gives me a great deal of satisfaction as I move to Hawkes Bay.

I assure you of a warm welcome if you are visiting Napier. I will be back in Wellington from time to time and look forward to catching up with you all then. May God bless each of you and thank you so much for your support during my time as Parish Priest. You will continue to be remembered in my prayer.

Father Barry

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

We are meeting on Saturday 21 April at 1.15pm in Connolly Hall, Guilford Tce, Thorndon. Sr Marie Gore will be speaking on the Holy Spirit with baptism in the Holy Spirit. All women welcome. Contact Shura on 021 072 4042 or email shuraprice@hotmail.com.

Home Needed for Refugee Family

We are desperately searching for a 4 bedroom place for a lovely refugee family of six to rent anywhere in Wellington. The family have been renting a parish house in Mt Victoria on a temporary basis until another family arrives from Afghanistan in 4 weeks. The family arrived in May 2017 and two of the children have been attending Wellington High School and one attending Aro Valley School. They have been paying \$300 a week and can probably afford \$350 a week. If you can help in any way please contact Amanda Calder, Chairperson at the Refugee Family Reunification Trust on 04 475 7994 or email acalder@xtra.co.nz

SMAYAC's Tramping Trip

You're invited to come tramping on the 21-22 April We've booked the Haurangi hut in the Rimutaka ranges, the track is fairly easy, so this trip is suitable for beginners to tramping. There are only a few spots left so register and pay quickly to confirm your spot. If you are interested in coming get in touch with us through our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/SMOAYoungAdults or contact the Parish Office and we will forward you the form to register.

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If anyone would like to be on a prayer list for Greenstone Doors please email us and we will add you to the list. This is to pray for any special intentions that may arise.

To register for any of these or for more information please email greenstonedoors15@gmail.com

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington

Come along and join us on Thursday 19 April at 7.30pm for fellowship and prayer in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon. Fr Peter Ewart, will be speaking on the sequel to "Stay Connected to Christ" entitled "The Holy Spirit working in my life more than I realise". If you want to know more contact Steve Ready on 04 970 7715, 027 356 9555 or email scjready@gmail.com

Teaching Night

Fr John Rea will be speaking on 'The gift of miracles' on 18 April, 7:30pm at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown. The evening will include Praise & Worship, group discussion and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

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