



TAMBULI

Monthly Newsletter of the Filipino Chaplaincy- Archdiocese of Wellington



FR. DANNY'S CORNER

Jesus, St. Peter, And St. Martha had a special meeting in heaven. St. Martha has a concern on preparing banquets in heaven. She complains that the list list that St. Peter gives her for those who will partake in every meal is much less in the actual number of partakers.

St. Peter explained that he could not do anything about the discrepancy. despite the time and effort he gives to guard the gate of heaven so that nobody could not just come in without his knowledge, he said to Jesus, " Lord, I could not do anything about it because whenever I close the door of heaven, your Mother, Mary, always opens the windows."❖

UNDERSTANDING MARY

Christianity is not only a message but a history of salvation of which a broader and deeper understanding of the work of Christ took place. This applies to Mary and explains why we call her, for example, Mother of God, Immaculate Concepcion, and Queen of Heaven.

Mary cannot be accurately understood for herself only. She is intimately related to her son, Jesus Christ, His life and education, His incarnation and redemption. This means also that Mary's person and mission were fashioned by the will of God the Father and the grace of the Holy Spirit. She is the blue print of what it means to be a member of the Church. That is why she is called model and Mother of the Church.

Marian devotions expressed in praise, prayer with, through and to Mary is not idolatry. She is the facilitator who takes us to Jesus, the one mediator. The crucial importance of Mary is that, in the name of the whole human race, gave total assent and commitment to God's offer of new life. This single act and its practical consequences constitute the real reason for the immense popularity of Mary. Her appeal transcends the Catholic and Christian religions and became a bridge to the human psyche in search of affection, protection and care.

As Catholics we are Marian and we are Marian because we are Catholics. Our challenge is to infect others with our Marian devotion. This is a virus that we should not be scared to be infected with and to share and infect others.

FIRST SUNDAY GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the region of the Decapolis. 32 And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech; and they besought him to lay his hand upon him. 33 And taking him aside from the multitude privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue; 34 and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." 35 And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36 And he charged them to tell no one; but the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well; he even makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

Meditation: How do you expect the Lord to treat you when you ask for his help? Do you approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions. ...

What is the significance of Jesus putting his fingers into the man's ears? Gregory the Great, a church father from the 6th century, comments on this miracle: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbors and do you treat them with considerateness as Jesus did?

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with love and compassion. Make me attentive to the needs of others that I may show them kindness and care. Make me an instrument of your mercy and peace that I may help others find healing and wholeness in you." (www.dailyscripture.net)



Sept 8 is The Feast of the Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mama Mary, pray for us.

SYNOD ON THE FAMILY

A CALL FOR PRAYER

The second phase of the Synod on the Family is scheduled on 4-25 October 2015 in Rome. This is an important meeting that will discuss issues concerning family and family life. This year's theme is "The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World."

Pope Francis has been continuously asking for prayers for the upcoming Synod. "I ask you to pray fervently

for this intention, so that Christ can take even what might seem to us impure, scandalous or threatening, and turn it – by making it part of his 'hour' – into a miracle." Cardinal John Dew, in his recent newsletter, also asks for the prayers of the Archdiocese of Wellington for Pope Francis and for all who will attend this Synod that the Lord will accompany and guide them all.

Let this prayer for the Synod on the Family be part of our daily prayer.

Prayer to the Holy Family



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division:

may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer!

Amen.

Sources: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/PopeFrancis/> http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/03/25/pope_calls_for_renewed_prayers_for_synod_on_the_family/

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Schedule of Community Masses

DATE	VENUE	SPONSOR	CHOIR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
20 Sept, 12:30pm	Sacred Heart Cathedral, Wellington	Filipino Chaplaincy Youth Council	Youth for Christ	Myrna Umali, Imelda Borlas, Arsenio Borlas, Jane Arimas, Nora de Leon, Zeny Vogt	Miguel Gierran Hohn Clarence Macaranas	Benett and Russ Hernandez
04 Oct, 12:00pm	Sts. Peter and Paul, Lower Hutt	St. John the Baptist	Upper Hutt Choir	Jane Arimas, Belen Salandanan, Alex estuita, Arnie Martinez, Nora De Leon, Zeny Vogt	Sheldon Pagaura, JL Ibarra	Juanita Angell Gen Macalintal
04 Oct, 5:00pm	Our Lady Of Fatima Church, Waikanae	Brgy Sta Ma Assumpta	Brgy Sta Ma Assumpta	Susan Morgan, Adelle Sheppard, Candy Young	tba	

PENAFRANCIA ACTIVITIES

12 Sept, 5:00 pm - Novena, Anticipated Mass, & Fellowship
 19 Sept, 1:00 pm - Novena, Procession, Fiesta Mass, & Fellowship
 Venue is at Sacred Heart Church, Petone.
 Contact Nilda Campbell for more info at 021-2321171)

NOEL CABANGON-BIYAHENG WELLINGTON CONCERT

18 Sept, Doors open at 6:00pm, concert starts 7:30pm
 Elim International Church, 22 Tennyson St. Te Aro
 \$35/ticket
 Contact Carol Pareno for more info at 021408588.

COUNCIL'S CORNER

MEET UP WITH CARDINAL JOHN DEW

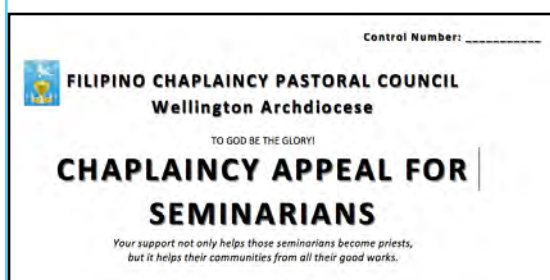
The Council servant leaders of the Filipino Chaplaincy met up with Cardinal John Dew on 5 August 2015 to present what the Filipino Chaplaincy has been up to for the past seven months and at the same time present to him the pastoral plan of the chaplaincy. Fr. Danny Cipriano led the group and each ministry was able to present to Cardinal John what has been done and what need to be done. Cardinal John has expressed his gratitude to the Filipino community for the various work and contributions we do for chaplaincy and the archdiocese. He also offered and reminded us of the various agencies in the archdiocese that can support our mission as a chaplaincy.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FORMATION WORKSHOP AND FELLOWSHIP

On the 8th of August, 2015, Fr. Danny led the chaplaincy's eucharistic ministers for a time to reflect on their calling to serve the chaplaincy and the archdiocese. The participants reflected on their journey as servants of Christ. Despite the differences in the circumstances on how each one was called, there seems to be common yearning for every one and that is to serve Christ through others and the yearning to deepen their relationship with the Lord. This is just the beginning of the quarterly formation and fellowship set for the Eucharistic Ministers. For those who missed out on this workshop/fellowship, there will be another one in October. Watch out for the details.

FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY APPEAL FOR SEMINARIANS

During a council meeting one question that cropped up is "How else can we support our seminarians in their vocation?" We have been praying for vocations and now that there are great men who responded to the call, how else can we further support them? The idea of a "mission fund" for all the seminarians in the Archdiocese was suggested. This month of September, envelopes will be distributed to individuals and the different barangays and we pray that we can all contribute something in this appeal. The council has discussed with Cardinal John Dew the project and he has welcomed it. Whatever amount we will be able to put together will be turned over to the archdiocese. The timeline for the appeal is as follows:



September- distribution of envelopes across the chaplaincy and other Filipino communities

October - collection of envelopes

November- turn-over of funds to the archdiocese

Let us support our seminarians.

BIBLE PROPAGATION PROGRAMME and BLOCK ROSARY

There are still bibles available for disposal. The bible is sold for \$20 to cover the cost and freight. Please contact our formation servant head, Joel Macaranas at fcpc.welly@gmail.com or at +64 2 2 6 4 7 3 0 9 0 for reservation or queries. We encourage that every home should have a bible that the family can use together in knowing the Word of God.

The council is currently updating the database on how many chaplaincy Marian images are still around across Wellington and are being used for the block rosary programme. If you or your barangay has one, can you please let the council know through fcpc.welly@gmail.com.

Joel Macaranas has also developed a new block rosary guide. This will be made available to the different barangays soon.

FEAST OF THE OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CELEBRATED IN THE KAPITI COAST

Congratulations to Brgy. Sta Maria Assumpta- Kapiti Coast on their fiesta held at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Waikanae on 15 Aug 2015. The barangay celebrated their fiesta with their local parish. Fr. Danny Cipriano concelebrated the mass with Our Lady of Kapiti's parish priest, Fr. Michael McCabe. The celebration started at the parish's Vigil mass followed by a dinner fellowship at Waikanae Community Centre.

UPCOMING EVENTS

12 Sept 2015- Archdiocesan "Stewardship Day- Responding to Our Call to Discipleship"; 1:30-4pm, Holy Trinity Parish, Miramar

20 Sept 2015 - Installation of the Knights of the Altar during the third Sunday Filipino Mass

27 Sept 2015 - Brgy. San Lorenzo-Levin is extending their invitation to everyone on their upcoming fiesta.

Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Church Levin at 5:00pm.

The Filipino Chaplaincy Council is publishing the guideline for request for announcements during Filipino masses. Please be guided accordingly.



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GUIDE FOR PROMOTION REQUEST FOR NON-CHAPLAINCY INITIATED ACTIVITIES

Objective

To establish a procedure for announcement of non-chaplaincy-initiated events and activities to achieve the following:

- Maintain orderliness within the church premises;
- Preserve solemnity and reverence of worship services; and
- Enhance the spiritual encounter in every liturgical worship.

Procedure

	Responsible	Activity
1	Initiator	Send announcement request to any council servant or thru fcpc.welly@gmail.com at least 48 hours before the Filipino mass Provide text of basic details of request
2	Recipient (Council Servant)	Forward request to council
3	Council	Assess and approve request. Advise initiator of approval or disapproval of request Provide initiator with a copy of guidelines on conduct of activities (see general guidelines below) Publish approved announcement on the website and the next issue of Tambuli if appropriately timed.

General Guidelines

- Basic information about the event will be included in the announcement reading after communion. This will be read by the designated council servant
- The same information will be included in the announcement sections of Tambuli newsletter and the Chaplaincy website. It will be deleted from the website after the event.
- Distribution of event fliers/brochures or selling of tickets is allowed only in designated areas outside of the Church building after the Filipino Mass.
- Request must be sent in at least 48 hours before the Filipino mass.

This document is subject to regular review by the FCPC to make it more relevant to the needs of the community.

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THE FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY

Vision

A vibrant and living Catholic community witnessing and celebrating their faith mindful of their Filipino spiritual values and traditions with a distinct Marian character while fully and responsibly participating in and enriching their respective parishes.

FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY'S CONTACT DETAILS

We have a new mailing address and a centralised contact number for the chaplaincy. If you have any suggestions or questions please send your queries to:

The Filipino Chaplaincy - Archdiocese of Wellington
PO BOX 30077 Lower Hutt 5040

Mobile: +64226473090 (c/o Heni Catalan)

Email: fcpc.welly@gmail.com

Visit www.filipinochaplaincy-wellington.org.nz.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY PASTORAL COUNCIL - WA

INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE MONTH ENDED AUGUST 27, 2015

Income- Collection	
1st Sunday Mass - Sts.Peter & Paul	\$ 590.30
3rd Sunday Mass - Sacred Heart Cathedral	\$ 177.30
Direct Credit Donation	\$ 440.00
Total Income - August 2015	\$ 1,207.60
Expense	
Donations - Church Use	
1st Sunday Mass- Sts.Peter & Paul	\$ 100.00
3rd Sunday Mass - Sacred Heart Cathedral	\$ 100.00
Stipends Filipino Masses	\$ 200.00
Fr. Danny's monthly mobile plan @ \$39 (6 months due)	\$ 234.00
Tambuli Newsletter Printing	\$ 85.49
Storage Fee	\$ 85.00
Formation Ministry Expense	\$ 73.72
Fuel Expense	\$ 178.00
Total Expense - August 2015	\$ 1,056.21
Net Income - August 2015	\$ 151.39

On Planned Giving and Donations

“The Finance Committee sincerely thank you for your generous financial contribution. It is through your unstinting support that the activities of the Filipino Chaplaincy Pastoral Council of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington (FCPC-WA) is made possible. The Filipino Chaplaincy is registered with Charities Commission (Registration No CC48928) and as such, you are entitled to a tax rebate of 1/3 on all your contributions to the Filipino Chaplaincy during the financial year. A receipt will be issued by the Chaplaincy, accordingly, for this purpose.”

Planned Contribution to the Filipino Chaplaincy is encouraged and may be made through regular contribution during the mass (using envelopes with pre-allocated number) or through automatic electronic bank transfer payments. Please feel free to email Finance Committee at finance@filipinochaplaincy-wellington.org.nz or contact our Finance Administrators:

Archie Ampong – (04) 5671864; archie_07@yahoo.com
Grace Almario – (04)2321516; sg_almario@xtra.co.nz

in order to be issued envelopes with pre-allocated number or to arrange bank transfer auto- payment or visit www.filipinochaplaincy-wellington.org.nz, “Planned Giving” Tab. You may also transfer your donations directly to our new Westpac Bank Account: Filipino Chaplaincy - Wellington Account No: 03 0543 0334365 00

You may also write to: The Finance Committee, Filipino Chaplaincy, P.O. Box 30077 should you wish further information or contact us at + 6 4 2 2 6 4 7 3 0 9 0.

All information provided will be held in strictest confidence. Maraming salamat po.

May you be ever refreshed and enriched by God’s manifold grace!

Are you new in Wellington? Do you need a hand in settling in? Contact our Outreach Ministry (c/o Heni Catalan) and we might be able to give you a hand. The chaplaincy is here to help.