



# *The Parishioner*

St Mary's Parish, Manuka St. Nelson

Fifth Sunday of Easter - 10 May, 2009

## I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES

A little boy forgot his lines in a Sunday school presentation. His mother was in the front row to prompt him. She gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it did not help. Her son's memory was blank. Finally, she leaned forward and whispered the cue, "I am the light of the world." The child beamed and with great feeling and a loud clear voice said, "My mother is the light of the world." (- Bits and Pieces, 1989)

Mothers' Day would not be the theme of the liturgical celebration that we have this Sunday, but a mother's love may well be the starting point of any reflection on what binds us together as branches to the vine. The second reading from 1 John creates this image. The Christian community will always be known by love, and it is through belief in Jesus and through participating in the love that he shares that we remain in intimate union with God.

"Behold, your mother." These words of Jesus, from the cross, to his beloved disciple (John 19:27) is a message of Jesus to each member of his Church: Behold your mother, the one who brings God's life to you. Hence, over time, Mary has become an image of the Church itself. Women and men, created by God, bound one to another by and through the love of God.

"I am the vine, you are the branches." With faith, with love ... go and bear much fruit

Fr. Raymond

**HAVE A WONDERFUL  
CELEBRATION OF MOTHER'S DAY!**



## Saints Corner

Saint Matthias      Feast Day 14 May

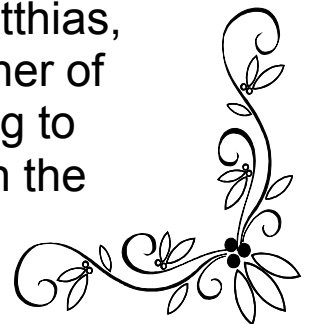
Following the Ascension of Jesus, Peter proposed that Judas Iscariot be replaced with a 12th Apostle. Two men were selected; Joseph called Barsabbas, also known as Justus, and Matthias.

**Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles**

This is the one and only mention of Matthias in Scripture

He died in c. 80 AD, at Jerusalem or in Colchis (modern-day Georgia) and is considered to be the patron saint of alcoholics, tailors and small pox sufferers

It is claimed that St Matthias the Apostle's remains are interred in the oldest German town, Trier, at the abbey of St Matthias, and were brought there through Empress Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine 1 (the Great). However, according to Greek sources, the remains of the apostle are buried in the castle of Gonio-Apsaros, Georgia

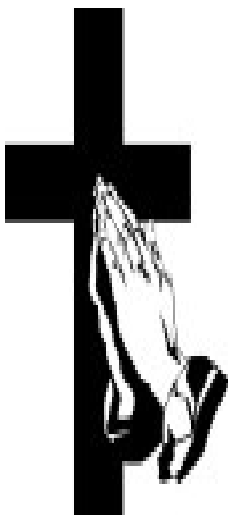


### **WE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Maureen Dear, Josephine Small, Bevin Harvey, Colin Chapman, Stirling Anderson, Mary White, Susan Tohill, Norma Cook, Nancy Eathorne, Gerald Fletcher, Ted Langley, Barry Clarke, Keith and Margaret Wareing, Kevin Kearns, John Monopoli, Brigida Basile, Maria De Lorenzo, Salve Dellabarca, John Cafferty

***Recently Deceased*** - Rex Fisher

***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace***



## **St Vincent de Paul**



**St V D P. desperately need  
blankets,  
duvets and  
bed linen**

**If you can help please drop them into the  
centre in Vanguard Street**

**OR**

**Call Lois on 547 9127 or 548 9372  
and we will come and pick them up.**

**Thank you for your generosity**

## **DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN - NELSON**

**'PAMPER PACK FOR MOTHERS DAY' RAFFLE**

**WINNER - (pink spade) LISA CHINNOCK**

**Many thanks to everyone for  
your generous support.**



## **ALL PARISHIONERS**

**Would those on the planned giving  
programme in the church please pick up  
your tax receipts from the foyer.**

**THANK YOU**

# This Week

## R N D M ASSOCIATES MEETING

**Where: At the Convent,  
20 Manuka St**

**When: Sunday 10 May  
at 3pm**

***New Members most welcome***

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Fortnightly meeting  
Tuesday **10 May**, 1:30pm  
in the Parish Centre

NEW MEMBERS  
WELCOME



## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR St. Mary's Church, Manuka St., Nelson

Seminar Proper

**beginning Tuesday 12 May  
7:30pm Parish Centre**

(opposite the church)

**for seven weeks**

**ALL WELCOME**



Praise the Lord

### **The Seminar is for:**

- non Christians
- mature Christians
- anyone interested in growing in their faith
- those wanting to learn more about the Holy Spirit
- those who have been through a seminar before, to be refreshed
- new Christians

**Contact:** Katie Rose 5469937  
Raewyn Todd 5489155

Cardinal Suenens described the Charismatic Renewal as *“a high voltage current of grace which is coursing through the Church”*

**This Week**

Cont'd

Nelson/Tasman Marion Mothers Group

Next Meeting:

this Wed 13 May 10am-12pm

Reflection, Prayer and Morning tea

Welcome all Mothers

Pre-schoolers Welcome.

89 Cambria St Nelson

Ph; Lynette on 5469500

**Next Week**

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**CWL**

All women are invited to a WUCWO Evening

7.30 p.m. Monday May 18th

St Frances Parish, Stoke.

We will begin with the WUCWO Eucharistic Liturgy. Followed by an International Themed Evening

WUCWO is the international World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations of which the Catholic Women's League is a member.

Any questions to Jo Morris phone 587235 (Evenings)

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**PASTORAL AREA YOUTH MASS**

*the first of the year*

**When: May 17**

**Where: St. Francis, Stoke with Arch Bishop Jon Dew**

**Everyone very welcome**

If anyone is interested in helping with Youth Masses:

reading <> offertory <> or in any way at all

**Please contact**

Belinda Mellor - area youth coordinator -

on 5224620 or email [bmellor@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bmellor@xtra.co.nz)

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## **Coming Up**

### **GALILEE EXPERIENCE**

***An opportunity for adults aged 18 - 30 years to explore what it means to be a Sister, Brother or Priest.***

***10am Sat 23 May - 1:30pm Sun 24 May.  
Limited to 12 persons. Koha \$10.***

***Enquiries and registration by 21 May***

***To: Brother Kevin 021 230 7990  
[kevdocbbyn@ihug.co.nz](mailto:kevdocbbyn@ihug.co.nz)***

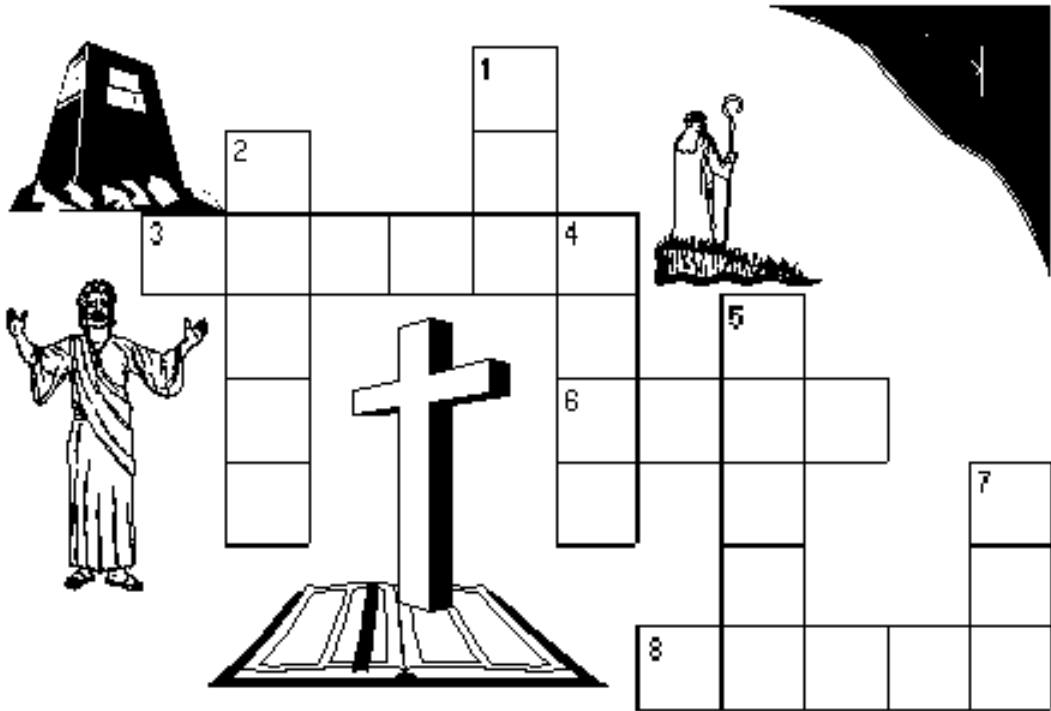
***Sister Stephanie 027 245 8859  
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### **CEC APPEAL**

***Just to inform you that Trinity Sunday 2009 (7 June) is designated by the Bishops' Conference as "a day of prayer for the work of the Catholic Enquiry Centre." The Catholic Enquiry Centre's national Appeal occurs once every three years.***

***In the next few weeks each parish will receive a parcel from the Enquiry Centre. it will contain a 'white' letter for the Priest; and a pack of 'blue' Appeal letters for the people. The 'blue' letters will be in the Church foyer where it can be accessed.***

***Thank you all for your generosity.***



## The Greatest Events in History

### Across

3. Someday, we will live there with God. ( \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ) (6)
6. Created without sin, but he brought death to all mankind.  
( \_ \_ \_ \_ ) (4)
8. Judgement upon all mankind, except for 8 people.  
( \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ) (5)

### Down

1. The mother of all humans. ( \_ \_ \_ ) (3)
2. God, in the flesh, came to give life to mankind. ( \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ) (5)
4. He and his family were saved from the worldwide judgement of sin. ( \_ \_ \_ \_ ) (4)
5. Where God caused people to speak different languages.  
( \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ) (5)
7. Our Creator and Redeemer. ( \_ \_ \_ ) (3)



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**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL** Principal: Mike Burton 548 4050  
**GARIN COLLEGE** Principal: John Boyce 543 9488

**REGULAR PARISH SERVICES**

**RECONCILIATION** After Saturday 10am Mass or by Appointment Ph 546 8442  
**ROSARY** Before Tues - Thurs 12.05pm and after Sat 10.00am Masses  
**EXPOSITION** Fridays: 11am-noon Sundays: 7-8pm  
**WEEKEND MASSES** Vigil: 6pm Sundays: 8:30am 10:00am  
 Stoke Sundays: 9:00am 5pm  
 Richmond Vigil: 6:30pm Sundays: 9:30am  
 Wakefield Sundays: 8am

**THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND READINGS***(except**where a Requiem replaces the Mass of the Day)*

**Mon - 8.00am** - Acts 14:5-18 Psalm 113:1-4,15-16 John 14:21-26  
**Tue - 12.05pm** - Acts 14:19-28 Psalm 144:10-13,21 John 14:27-31  
**Wed - 12.05pm** - Acts 15:1-6 Psalm 121:1-5 John 15:1-8  
**Thurs - 12.05pm - St MATTHIAS, Apostle (Feast)**  
 Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Psalm 112:1-8 John 15:9-17  
**Fri - 12.05pm** - Acts 15:22-31 Psalm 56:8-12 John 15:12-17  
**Sat - 10am** - Acts 16:1-10 Psalm 99:1-3,5 John 15:18-21  
**Sat (Vigil) - 6:00pm Sixth Sunday of Easter** Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48  
**Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am** - Psalm 97:1-4 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:1-17



<b>ROSTERS -</b>			
<b>Counter</b>	Jill Scott	Gifted last wk (excl APs) House \$603 Parish \$1004	
<b>Vacuumping</b>	11-16 May	Kevin & Val de Courcy	
<b>16-17 May</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	E Adamson Simone Affleck	Mary Smith Rose Brown	Bee Small Marie O'Sullivan
<b>Readers</b>	Shirley Gunn David Carran	Jacqui Blackwell Peter Gillin	Confirmation Programme
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	P Palmer P Palmer K Cleary A McBride P McBride	D Fisk (K Curtis N Dimas R Blackwell P v d Elzen <b>ALL C S</b> ) K Powick - <b>HOSP</b>	H Robinson P Preston H Newman A Oertly A Ellis