



The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Nelson

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12 August 2007

ACTIVE VIGILANCE

"The church well knows that no temporal achievement is to be identified with the kingdom of God, but that all achievements simply reflect and in a sense anticipate the glory of the kingdom, the kingdom which we await at the end of history when the Lord will come again. But that expectation can never be an excuse for lack of concern for people in their concrete personal situations and in their social, national and international life."

(Pope John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*)

Our liturgy this weekend shares with all believers' parables of Jesus encouraging wakefulness and preparedness. The task is to be vigilant like the servant waiting for the unexpected return of the master or the homeowner ready for an unexpected break-in of the house. But our waiting should not be a passive one.



Last Thursday, the members of the Parish Council gathered to think of action plans that would put flesh to the mission and vision of our parish. They met over a period of three hours. I sincerely extend my heartfelt gratitude to them for all they do to help us to remain wakeful and prepared.

Let us never forget the power of prayer. God will help us if we ask. He gives us the grace and strength to remain faithful, and he will reward our faithfulness.

- Fr Raymond

ASSUMPTION - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Wednesday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. Masses to celebrate the Feast will be at 11.45am at Garin College, 12.05pm or 1.30pm in St Mary's. The School will attend the 1.30pm Mass.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There are still some in the foyer. Have you got yours ?



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

meets Tue- 2.00pm - Parish Centre

HOLIDAY HOME WANTED

Christchurch family would like to exchange their 4-bdrm home with en-suite for similar in Nelson approx 23/12 - 2/01/08.

Please phone Tony and Rosie McInerney - Boon 03 3854774

PLEASE

would all those people who borrowed my 'Alpha' books return them as I don't know who has what? ??? Yes I could just be getting a little forgetful....
- *Rosalie Barber*

NEXT REGIONAL YOUTH MASS

Sunday 26 August, 7pm, St Francis of Assisi
Live Youth Band, Fantastic Food.

Bring a friend, gold coin and some fantastic food to share.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

the sick

the recently deceased: Dorothy Maplesden,

those whose anniversaries are near: Nancy Carran, Aniello & Josephine Esposito, Emily Guerin, Audrey Schaab, John O'Connor, Leonard Roden, Kathleen Glencross, Brenda Day, Denis Mackle, Anthony Gargiulo, Albert Adamson

deceased family members: John Guerin, James Conaghan Catherine Conaghan, Marie Neville



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SOUTH ASIAN FLOODS.

Info is available on our website. If you want to donate please

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- Donate online using a credit card at www.caritas.org.nz
- Post donations to: Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand,
PO Box 12-193, Thorndon, Wellington 6144

COME AND SEE

The seminary in Auckland is hosting a Come and See weekend for those who are perhaps thinking of priesthood on 13/14 Oct. Begins with lunch on 13th and concludes with lunch on 14th.

If you are interested please contact Fr Raymond.

NZ CATHOLIC ON SALE TODAY

High Court ruling won't stop Church from speaking out . . .
Catholic school rolls still rising . . . Child abuse linked to abortion mentality . . . Church takes on violence in the home . . .
Professor: Priest shortage hits rural parishes especially hard . . .

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP



URGENT Needs at present ...

- **Capable Drivers** for pick ups and deliveries in the Society's van. Even an hour every now and then would help us immensely.
- **Warm bedding, blankets** etc

The Society also welcomes **Volunteers**
in the shop in Vanguard Street
to sort clothing and other incoming goods.

We would love your help.

Contacts: Audrey 548 6541, Lois 547 9127

PRIEST

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PARISH SECRETARY

Helen Coleman 9.00am - 3.00pm Mon/Tue, Thur/Fri

PARISH CONTACTS**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Shop: 77 Vanguard St;

548 9372 All hours

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; Second Sunday each month: 4 - 5pm

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

Mon - 8.00am - Pontian, Hippolytus - Dt 10: 12-22; Mt 17: 22-27

Tue -12.05pm - Maximilian Mary Kolbe - Dt 31: 1-8; Mt 18: 1-5. 10. 12-14

Wed - 12.05, 1.30pm - ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Holy Day of Obligation - Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a. 10ab; 1 Cor 15: 20-27; Lk 1: 39-56

Thur - 12.05pm - Stephen of Hungary - Jos 3: 7-10a. 11. 13-17; Mt 18: 21 - 19: 1

Fri - 12.05pm - Jos 24: 1-13; Mt 19: 3-12

Sat - 10.00am - Jane Frances de Chantal - Jos 24: 14-29; Mt 19: 13-15

Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm; Sun 8.30, 10.00am**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****Jer 38: 4-6. 8-10; Heb 12: 1-4; Lk 12: 49-53****LITURGY ROSTERS**

Counter	L Palmer ?	Gifted last wk (incl APs): Hse \$1131 Parish :\$2262	
Vacuuming	Quin Family		
18-19/08/07	Sat Mass - 6.00pm	Sun Mass - 8.30am	Sun Mass - 10.00am
Music	Organ	Organ	Dove
Greeters	M Keppel, I Sowman	J Kelly, K Mardon	Bateup Family
Readers	F Andrews, L Palmer	B Gibbs, A Bentley	Confirmation Prepn
Ministers of the Eucharist	A McBride, P Wright, L Wright, P Robertson, S Hunt	Preston, Hunt, M Monti Blackwell, van Deursen - <i>All CS</i> ; J Tohill - <i>Hosp</i>	A Oertly, J McInerney, E Smith, A Achterberg, M Achterberg
Library	P Colombatti		