



The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Nelson
4th Sunday of EASTER - 13 April 2008

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This Sunday we are looking at God as our shepherd, as our master, and guide. His is the only voice we are meant to listen to, but how often do I get a bit side-tracked, and start listening to other voices around me ?

"They will not follow a stranger because they do not recognize his voice." This is a very convincing phrase from today's gospel. Imagine being so sure of God's voice in your life that any other voice you would shy away from, and any other distractions you would see for what they are. Unfortunately it isn't that easy. But God calls us his sheep, and Jesus our



Shepherd for a reason. Sheep obey without question. They may seem a bit stupid, but if we listened to and followed everything that took our fancy all the time, then being a Christian would be a difficult thing.

For us, the shepherd's voice speaks through others as well, we need to listen to those God has put in authority over us; who He is speaking through. Like Paul in the second reading. He was an instrument that Jesus used to convert 3000 in one day! If we ignored all advice and leadership from those around us, then we would be in a dire situation.



God is a jealous God, and wants us to follow only him and listen to only Him It would be an interesting exercise to look at those things which drive us and the influences in our life, and then to consider each one and clarify whose voice we are following.

- K. Todd

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS

Unfortunately our order appears to be irretrievably lost in transit. We are presuming 140 books will pop up in the back of a Post Office cupboard sometime later in the year. The Catholic Enquiry Centre is very apologetic about not being able to deliver the books.



Nelson Catholic Women's League
invites YOU to join in celebrating
WUCWO DAY

(World Council of Catholic Women's Organisations)
at 10.00am Mass on Saturday 10 May
to include special liturgy prepared by WUCWO women
Morning tea follows in the Parish Centre
with an address by Alison McAlpine
on Education for Young Women in NZ,
the Pacific and around the World.
RSVP to Sr Catherine 548 8578
or Hilary 027 477 6030 (hjmitch@xtra.co.nz)

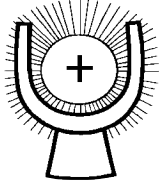
PLEASE PRAY FOR

- **the sick**
- **the recently deceased:** Judy Scott (N P, - niece of Fr Lou), Raymond Smith (son of Paddy and Melva), Rosa Persico, Joe Kelly, Rosaleen Conlon (IreInd), Eileen Pender (IreInd)
- **those whose anniversaries are near:**
Charles Walsh, Carmela Lauria, Arthur McGinley, Terry Ralfe, Patricia Murray, Emma Romano, Antonietta Gladstone, Michael O'Brien, Frank McBride
- **dec'd Parish family members:**
? Aniello & Josephine Esposito, Wojciech & Maria Lubas



PRIESTS IN THE PARISH

Fr Mario Dorado OFM Cap will be in the Parish this week while Fathers Raymond and Lou are away attending the national Clergy Assembly.



SHORT SPIRITUAL TALKS AND BENEDICTION

Sunday Evenings 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Join the WYD pilgrims in their spiritual preparation.
Spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

are available in the foyer.
Please collect yours today.

YOU are invited to the Presbytery
7.00 - 8.30pm on Mondays
for an evening session of
QUESTIONS, ANSWERS AND
DISCUSSION ON THE
SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING
OF OUR FAITH



JUSTICE AND PEACE CORNER

"Social Justice is at the heart of the Gospel". As a small step toward knowing and understanding what this means, we start this section of the *Parishioner* with the eleven *Principles of Catholic Social Teaching*. We have the first this weekend:

- 1) HUMAN DIGNITY. EVERY PERSON IS SACRED - MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD. THE DIGNITY OF THE PERSON GRANTS THEM INALIENABLE RIGHTS - POLITICAL, LEGAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS.

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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;

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND READINGS

(except where a Requiem replaces the Mass of the Day)

Mon - 8.00am - Acts 11: 1-18/ Ps 42: 2-3; 43: 3-4/ Jn 10: 11-18
Tue - 12.05pm - Acts 11: 19-26/ Ps 87: 1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Jn 10: 22-30
Wed - 12.05pm - Acts 12: 24 -- 13: 5a/ Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6 and 8/ Jn 12: 44-50
Thur - 12.05pm - Acts 13: 13-25/ Ps 89: 2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/ Jn 13: 16-20
Fri - 12.05pm - Acts 13: 26-33/ Ps 2: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/ Jn 14: 1-6
Sat - 10.00am - Acts 13: 44-52/ Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 14: 7-14

Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm
Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6: 1-7/ Ps 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/ 1 Pt 2: 4-9/ Jn 14: 1-12

ROSTERS			
Counter	L Palmer	Gifted last wk (excl APs): Hse - \$602 Parish - \$1205	
Vacuuming	14-19/4/08	Quin family	
19-20/4/08	Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm	Sun - 8.30am	Sun - 10.00am
Music			
Greeters	J Persico, I Sowman	T and J McInerney	M Musso, B Gargiulo
Readers	R Barber, G Warner	G and G Quin	Confirmation Team
Ministers of the Eucharist	P and P Palmer, N Affleck, A and M Monti	Sr Catherine, M Pike, Dimas, Greaney, Preston, - ALL CS; P McBride - Hosp	A Oertlty, V Hambly, H Robinson, P Schipper, K Curtis