



The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Nelson

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 October 2007

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

We will not see the day when all human life is respected and defended unless we address a deeper problem.

As Pope Benedict XVI has said: "If truth does not exist for man, then neither can he ultimately distinguish between good and evil. And then the great and wonderful discoveries of science become double-edged: they can open up significant possibilities for good, for the benefit of mankind, but also, as we see only too clearly, they can pose a terrible threat, involving the destruction of man and the world. We need truth.



(Homily at Marianzell, Austria, Sept. 8, 2007).

Prayer for Reverence for Life

Almighty God, giver of all that is good,
we thank you for the precious gift of human life:

- for life in the womb, coming from Your creative power,
- for the life of children, making us glad with their freshness and promise,
- for the life of young people, hoping for a better world,
- for the life of people who are disabled, teaching us that every life has value,
- for the life of the elderly, witnessing to the ageless values of patience and wisdom.

Like Blessed Mary, may we always say "YES" to your gift.

May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end.
And bring us at last, O Father, to the fullness of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Dan Peirce)*



... and I thank God for the privilege of sharing in your life!

- Fr Raymond

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ST MARY'S PARISH TO SHARE OUR BLESSINGS

Nelson Catholic Women's League invites all parishioners to join us in raising funds for the branch's mission stations in Port Vila, Vanuatu. We support both the SMSM Sisters who run a girls' hostel, and the Diocese of Vanuatu.

Claire Dunning visited our stations recently and was shocked by the poverty and hardship she saw. Of the Sisters she writes: *"There are 4 SMSM Sisters at the Port Vila Mission Convent - one late 70s, two mid 80s. The recent arrival is an African Sister who will work in the Diocesan Dispensary. The Sisters provide a hostel for girls coming from outlying Islands to study.*

The Sisters visit the poor, pay bills, give food, make clothes – they share what has been given to them with the community of needy people".

PLEASE PRAY FOR

the sick

the young people preparing for Baptism

Jamie Morris and Sophia Stappers who will marry next Saturday in St Mary's

the recently deceased: Nico Steyn (br of late Jack),
Salve Dellabarca, Gerald Burton (br of Jim),
Rose Blackwell (mr of Ron), Eileen Greally (mr of Fr John)

those whose anniversaries are near: John O'Brien,
Joseph Day, Phyllis O'Neill, Matilda (Tina) Cuccurullo,
Thomas Burton, Jean Oliver, Margaret Bensemann,
Nancy Carpenter, Mieczslaw Wisnewski,
Justina Mapley, Lorna Zeewoldt

the Intentions of: past and present SVdP members



Claire draws attention to articles about Vanuatu in last weekend's *Christchurch Press* which highlight the stark contrast between conditions at Vanuatu's tourist resorts and life in the villages where *"families ... including babies and the elderly, sleep on packing cases on dirt floors, which turn into rivers of mud and sewage when the annual rainy season sweeps through"*. The reporter visited an outlying island and found *"medical supplies are a precious commodity ... almost everyone in the village has some sort of festering sore which they cover with ripped strips of cotton because they have no plasters or swabs to keep things clean"*.

Claire says "These are our neighbours: they are very grateful for contact from outside - to know they are not alone and people really do care about them".

Nelson CWL has just sent \$400 raised through catering to Vanuatu, and would like to send more before Christmas. If you wish to help, please BUY A TICKET TO THE FILM "Evening" (below) and/or MAKE A DONATION which could be left (in an envelope marked "Vanuatu Missions") at the Convent for Sr Catherine.

"EVENING"

a story of a mother, her daughters and memories of a lost love...

☆ Vanessa Redgrave ☆ Claire Danes ☆ Glenn Close
☆ Toni Collette ☆ Natasha Richardson ☆ Meryl Streep.

"A languid, gorgeously-shot film... Clear-eyed without being cynical, reflective but never maudlin."

6.00pm - Wed 7 November - State Cinema, Nelson

Tickets (\$12 each) will be available after Masses on the weekends of 21st and 28th October.

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT

5.30pm Fri 26 - 3pm Sun 28 Oct -

Teapot Valley Camp, Brightwater

Led by Fr Phil King-Turner.

Noticeboard has full details and reg forms

If the fee is a problem we can help. Please seriously consider coming and contact asap Johan van der Geest 03 5728189 or 0211437091 or johanvan@callsouth.net.nz

LAST REGIONAL YOUTH MASS OF THE YEAR

Sunday 28 October 7.00 pm - St Francis' Stoke
Live Youth Band and Choir....these young adults
are awesome!

Visitors from St Marys in Blenheim:

Father Alan Roberts, Father David Dowling

Youth group/World Youth Day Pilgrims

Bring some food to share for supper afterwards

Invite a friend to this lively Mass, see you there

LLOYD GEERING

(who for over 40 years has exercised the minds of NZers
on matters of life and faith) returns to

SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS

Cafe Yaza, Montgomery Square - Wed 24 October.

Cafe opens for dining/drinks 6.00pm

Conversation 7.30-9.30pm Topic:

"God as the first scientific theory of everything"

Come and eat, drink, listen, think and participate.

This is an open forum for comments & questions.

Koha to cover expenses.

MORNING TEA

NEXT Sunday after 10.00am Mass

is hosted by the Knights of the Southern Cross.

Plan to stay and socialise with fellow parishioners.

JANUARY HOUSE SWAP

Anyone interested in swapping a 4-bdrm hse in Nelson, Stoke or Richmond for a 3-bdrm + family rm house in Taupo for a week from 12 Jan 2008 please ph Peter McBride 548 8723 for details.

FEBRUARY HOUSE RENTAL

Family of three from Christchurch would like to rent a 2-bdrm house in Nelson-Stoke-Richmond for a week in February 2008.

Please phone (03) 383 2523 or email: kellyc@cpit.ac.nz



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL GALA

11.15am start TODAY
Sunday 14 October

**BOUNCY CASTLE -
NODDY TRAIN - GAMES
RAFFLES - STALLS -
CHOCOLATE WHEEL**

See you there

NEW TO THE PARISH ??? WELCOME

Please give your contact details and drop this in the plate at Mass or call in to the Parish Office.

**\$2 ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS
AND
\$6 COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE**
from the stall in the foyer.

ATTENTION: READERS

If you are rostered on for 10.00am Mass over the next four weeks - 21/10, 28/10, 4/11 and 11/11 - you will not be required as the young people preparing to receive First Holy Communion will take up the Lector ministry for those Masses.



CONGRATULATIONS TO JACQUI BLACKWELL
on receiving the International Education Association
ISANA NZ award for her work with international
students at NMIT. Well done and well-deserved.

SHARING OUR WEALTH

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Catholics in every parish in the world are invited to contribute to the Holy Father's mission funds. This money will help the Church to grow by helping the poor in practical ways - building schools, hospitals and churches where they are needed most. Make use of a Mission Sunday envelope - Planned Givers have one in their envelope bundle and there are special printed ones in the porch for non-Planned Givers.

TAIZE HOUR

All are welcome to a reflective, gentle hour of scripture and quiet prayer in St Francis' Chapel, Stoke at 7.30pm THIS Tuesday 16 October. Bring your friends to this ecumenical prayer time.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All women welcome at the CWL AGM at 7.00pm THIS Wednesday 17 October in the Parish Centre followed by some comedy DVDs and supper.

PARISH / SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

This project is progressing well. The Archbishop has given his approval and after a series of meetings of school and parish representatives a final plan has been agreed upon. The architect will now prepare detailed plans so the tender process can begin. The revised plan is in the church foyer.

Give feedback to or ask questions of Graham Warner or Gaike Knottenbelt

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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 the Mass of the Day)*

Mon - 8.00am - Teresa of Avila - Rom 1: 1-7/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Lk 11: 29-32

Tue - 12.05pm - Hedwig, Margaret Mary Alacoque - Rom 1: 16-25/ Ps 19: 2-5/ Lk 11: 37-41

Wed - 12.05pm - Ignatius of Antioch - Rom 2: 1-11/ Ps 62: 2-3. 6-7. 9/ Lk 11: 42-46

Thur - 12.05pm - Luke - 2 Tm 4: 10-17b/ Ps 145: 10-11. 12-13. 17-18/ Lk 10: 1-9

Fri - 12.05pm - Isaac Jogues and John de Brébeuf - Rom 4: 1-8/ Ps 32: 1b-2. 5. 11/ Lk 12: 1-7

Sat - 10.00am - Paul of the Cross - Rom 4: 13. 16-18/ Ps 105: 6-7. 8-9. 42-43/ Lk 12: 8-12

Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm

Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am -

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 17: 8-13/ Ps 121: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8/ 2 Tm 3: 14 - 4: 2/ Lk 18: 1-8

LITURGY ROSTERS

Counter	L Palmer	Gifted last wk (excl APs): Hse -\$531, Parish -\$1011	
Vacuuming	E Adamson, G Wratt		
20-21/10/07	Sat Mass - 6.00pm	Sun Mass - 8.30am	Sun Mass - 10.00am
Music	Organ	Dove	Choir
Greeters	D Elener, M Sauer	V and K deCourcy	M Musso, B Gargiulo
Readers	L Palmer, Sr June	A McDowall, M Monti	Sac Prep
Ministers of the Eucharist	M Pike, P Cronin, A McBride, K Cleary, M Lagrutta	van Deursen, S Ellis, E Smith, Dimas, Schryvers - <i>All CS</i> ; J Tohill - <i>Hosp</i>	M Achterberg, N Affleck, K Cleary, A Oertly, T Romano
Library	P Collombatti		