



The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Nelson

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 September, 2008

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

When Jesus was presented in the temple as a week-old baby Simeon prophesied ³This child is set for the rise and the fall of many in Israel and for a **sign that shall be contradicted**. This certainly came true because through Jesus, crucifixion changed from the shame and degradation of the death sentence to the sign of the greatest possible good, the means of glory and eternal life. That is what we are celebrating today! Unless Jesus had voluntarily offered His life for human sins, it is we who would be facing the death sentence and not only death but the loss of our whole destiny, the eternal happiness of heaven.



All three of today's FAITH is the key to Christian meaning of reading the people

when they looked at the sign raised up by Moses. In the second reading we are asked to contemplate in faith the saving death of the Son of God and the resulting glory of Jesus. And in the Gospel, Jesus invites us to respond with faith to the unlimited love God has shown us by the death of His Son on the Cross: so that everyone who believes in Him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

readings tell us that understanding the the Cross. In the first were saved from death

Through the Cross Jesus showed us that the sufferings of this life can have meaning and value and that eternal life is worth any sacrifice we may have to make in this world to attain it.

Patrick Cronin

This Week

Open Day for the Parish and School Archives. TODAY!

The Parish/School Archives will be open from after 8:30 Mass until 12 noon. The Archives are all housed in the brick building by the hall. Come and browse through the extensive range of memorabilia that the Parish owns including items belonging to Fr. Garin. A huge range of photos, from school, and Parish events. You may even find a photo of you or your family. Check out the Index of parish registers, all 24,000 names. Also on sale our own Parish History Book

'The Beauty Of Your House' only \$5 copy.

For enquiries Diana Clark 5489527

Marriage Encounter Weekend

- **Wanted:** Married couples seeking a quiet, loving, weekend retreat focused on their relationship.
- **When:** 19 -21 September 2008
- **Where:** El Rancho Christian Camp, Waikanae
- **Why:** You deserve it.
- **Who to contact:** Francie & Neil at Worldwide Marriage Encounter Freephone 0800 362 686



Past Pupils Association



Villa Maria College

Learn to Praise what is of Value

*Mercy Celebrations
Blenheim*

*Mass 9:30am St. Mary's
Lunch Marlborough Club 11:30am*

ALONE AGAIN ??

- Widowed? Separated? Divorced
- WSD Support Group helps you heal the pain
- You're not alone

Course starts Sept 17

Ph: Mary-Jane 383-4965

Email: wsd.support@gmail.com

World Youth Day DVD's

DVD's of the 5 events are now available for viewing at no cost. They can be obtained from the Parish Office on Tuesdays between 9.30 – 12.00
Wednesdays between 1.00 – 2.30.



PLEASE NOTE:

Notices for the Parishioner need to be into the Priest or Parish Office by the Wednesday prior to publication



Next Week

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

Our grateful thanks to all who supported the CWL's Father's Day Raffle and congratulations to the winner Mary Cairns

Catholic Women's League invites every women of St Mary's to be part of the renewal of League in Nelson
Please come to

1 Monro Way
(behind DeLorenzo's Motel off Trafalgar St)
at 7pm on Wednesday 24 September
for a social/information evening

RSVP to Hilary ph 546 6698 by 22 September

Coming Up

All For Life: Doctors, Nurses, Pastors and Allied Workers Conference

24-26 October, Tahuna Beach Function Centre, Nelson

Come and be part of an exciting new development in NZ, the inaugural '**All For Life Conference**' promoting the culture of life. There is great work being done around New Zealand and overseas by enthusiastic people: working for women who are facing crisis pregnancy; helping with adoption; promoting healthy, sustained relationships; working with those grieving post-abortion. Come and hear about their work, be inspired and encouraged.

There will be presentations from International and NZ doctors working in this field, NZ politicians and a wide range of pro-life groups. This work is vital. If you believe human life is sacred please come - we need your help.

This will be an opportunity to network, get better organised, better coordinated and support one another. General Practice CME points 4.5 awarded

Registration online www.family.org.nz OR email contact all4life@paradise.net.nz

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Meeting at St Francis of Assisi Church, Stoke at 2pm the 1st of November 2008.
Guest Speaker Helen Funnell – Auckland, National President for Dove.

For more info contact Margaret 545 2554 or Ann 548 8723

WE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

Lillian Connor, Maria Mead, Carol Williams, Florence Hailes, Alison Sannazzaro Harley Manson, Vinaccia Pasquale, Emily Guerin, John Guerin, James Conaghan, Catherine Conaghan, Marie Neville, Sr. Adrienne Forsyth

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



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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 Sundays: 7-8pm
WEEKEND MASSES Vigil: 6pm Sundays: 8:30am 10:00am
 Stoke Sundays: 9:30am 7pm
 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 - Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)
 1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33 Psalm 39:7-10,17 Luke 7:1-10
Tue -12.05pm - Ss Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs (Memorial)
 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31 Psalm 99 Luke 6:12-19
Wed - 12.05pm - 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Psalm 32:2-5,12,22 Luke 7:31-35
Thurs - 12.05pm - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Psalm 117:1-2,15-17,28 Luke 7:36-50
Fri - 12.05pm - 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Psalm 83:3-6, 12 Luke 6:39-42
Sat - 10.00am - Corinthians 15:35-37 Psalm 55:10-14 Luke 8:4-15
Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm 144:2-3,8-9.17-18 Philippians 1:20-24,27
 Matthew 20:1-16



ROSTERS			
Counter	Lois Palmer	Gifted last wk (excl APs) Hse \$ Parish \$	
Vacuuming	September 15-20		
<u>20-21 Sept</u>	<u>6.00pm</u>	<u>8.30am</u>	<u>10.00am</u>
Music			
Greeters	S Affleck E Adamson	F Andrews J van der Laan	M Cairns R Brown
Readers	P Cronin S Ellis	S Williams V Redding	K Rose A Challis
Ministers of the Eucharist	A Achterberg M Archterberg T James A McBride T Romano	P Wright J Greaney K Curtis E Smith P McBride ALL C S A Bakulich - HOSP	N Affleck T Barkley H Robinson S Hunt V Hambly