

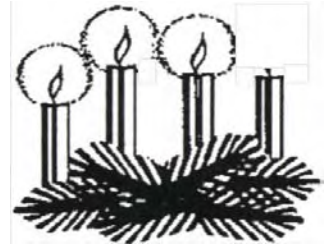


# The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Nelson

Third Sunday of Advent - 16 December 2007

## REJOICE IN THE LORD



The common theme running through this Sunday's readings is one of joy and encouragement, and the need for patience in those awaiting the first coming of Jesus. Today is *Gaudete* Sunday. It is a call to rejoice because of the coming of our Lord and Saviour.



The prophet Isaiah in the first reading encourages the exiled Jews in Babylon to believe that God is going to save them and transform their lives. In the second reading James the Apostle encourages the early Christians to be patient "*because the coming of the Lord is at hand.*" Finally, in the Gospel reading, Jesus encourages John the Baptist by showing that his words and deeds point to the answer of his question.

Last Thursday's Garin College Prize giving was also an occasion of joy and rejoicing from students, faculty and staff reaping the fruits of their hard work, to parents admiring the achievements of their children. For me the Farewell from the Head Students summed it all up. What they shared was a fitting tribute to the Catholic Character of Garin College and the never ending possibilities and potential with the help of God's grace and blessings.

This is the Advent invitation for us. We should rejoice as we find ourselves comforted by the transforming possibilities that the presence of Jesus can bring to our own human reality and experience. We pray that we will be filled with and be able to share that faith in the One sent by God to experience the difference having God in our lives can make to us.

- Fr Raymond

**ADVENT  
RITE 2 RECONCILIATION**



**7.30pm**

**TONIGHT  
16 December**

**Come as you are -  
Go away better !**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**the sick**

**the recently deceased:** Marc Ku (Myanmar - fr of Sr MarMar Lwin), Mary Satherley, Milne Jellie David Huggins, Mary Cotterell, Val Mead, Frank Tourell Wynand Schryvers, Frank Tourell, Faye Glausius, Leslie McGirr, Sr M Bernardus Thompson RNDM (NP), Sr M Jane Costello RNDM (AkInd), Noel Orton

**those whose anniversaries are near:** George Edward Dunning, Margaret Dunning, Lena McKillop, Desmond Walsh, Antonio Angerame, Bill Mangos, Noel O'Byrne, Charlie Stack, Donald Watkins, Constance Christall, Lavona Richards, Winifred Armstrong, William Mangos, Marion Fisher

**deceased family and friends:** dec'd rels and friends of the Gunn family, Salve Esposito, Frank Pricolo, Rosa and Domenico Pricolo, Cataldo and Emma Romano, Alfredo and Angela Miccio, Cataldo Miccio, Alfred and Patricia Monahan





## **ATTENTION ALL PARENTS**

of Yr 4 and above children who have not yet received one or more of the sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist or Reconciliation. Next year's preparation programme starts with a 9.00am session in the Parish Centre and 10.00am Mass on the **FIRST SUNDAY** the kids are back at school in February. Please enrol your child **NOW** and avoid some of the chaos at the start of the school year by ringing Linda Bunt 548 3404 or Debbie Lagrutta 548 9888

**NZ CATHOLIC and TUI MOTU ON SALE TODAY**

### **FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Our Centre closes at mid-day **THIS Wed 19 Dec** and will re-open on **Mon 14 January**, so please hold any donations of goods etc over until after 14 January.



### **UNIQUE ROSARIES, GIFTS ETC FOR SALE**

Ph Elizabeth 546 6469 or Stephanie 547 4544.  
Proceeds to **WYD**



### **TWILIGHT WINE & FOOD FEST COMING UP**

4.00 - 9.00pm

Sun 3 Feb 2008 (Nelson Anniversary wknd)

Garin College Fields, Champion Rd Richmond

Live music - spitted pigs - gourmet seafood - local wines and beers

Planning is well underway but we still need helpers.

If you can lend a hand in any way the next meeting is:

7pm - **TOMORROW Mon 17 Dec** in Garin Staffroom.

A fundraiser for the Regional **World Youth Day** Group.

Our Pilgrims need your support. We are also looking for some Holiday Accommodation as a raffle prize. Can you help with this?

Please phone Ally Moffat 5445113

***PLEASE STICK THIS TO YOUR FRIDGE***

The 125th Anniversary of the  
**FIRST MASS IN OUR CHURCH**  
falls on Sunday 30 December 2007.

To mark the occasion we will have  
**ONLY ONE** morning Mass at 10.00 am  
that day and then socialise  
over morning tea provided by the Parish.



### **PARISH TO PARISH BED AND BREAKFAST**

a scheme whereby parishioners offer B&B  
accommodation in their homes to people from  
other parishes in NZ and Australia at a cost of \$20 pp.  
Contact Tom and Judy McInerney 546 8359 for an  
updated booklet (cost \$15) which details all the  
properties involved.



### **HEARTS AFLAME**

For anyone aged 18 - 35  
Starts 3pm, Fri 28 Dec 2007  
Ends 1.30pm, Sun 6 Jan 2008



Location: St Mary's Diocesan School, Stratford, Taranaki  
\$390 per person covers all meals, accommodation and  
scheduled activities. For more details contact Perrin 027  
2006590. To register: [info@heartsaflame.org.nz](mailto:info@heartsaflame.org.nz)



### **ADVENT GIVING**

Please contribute non-perishable **FESTIVE** food  
items as a gift to the less fortunate through  
St VdP, Night Shelter, Seafarers' Mission etc. No  
need to giftwrap. Please put tins, packets etc in  
the box under the tree in the foyer.

**2007 / 08**  
**HOLIDAY MASS TIMETABLE**

<u>23 Dec</u>	4th Sunday of Advent	8.30 am, 10.00 am
<u>24 Dec</u>	Monday Vigil of Christmas Day *Carols	8.00am Family Mass (*5.30) 6.00 pm (*8.30) 9.00 pm (*11.30) 12.00 pm
<u>25 Dec</u>	CHRISTMAS DAY (Tuesday)	10.00 am
<u>26-28 Dec</u>	Wednesday - Friday	9.00am
<u>29 Dec</u>	(Saturday)	10.00 am
<u>30 Dec</u>	Saturday SUNDAY	Vigil Mass of Sunday 6.00 pm 8.30 am, 10.00 am

31 Dec -18 Jan

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am Sat: 10.00 am  
 Vigil Mass of Sunday Sat: 6.00 pm  
 SUNDAYS: 8.30 am 10.00 am

19 Jan ONWARDS (except for ♦ )

Mon: 8.00 am Tue - Fri: 12.05 pm Sat: 10.00 am  
 Vigil Mass of Sunday Sat: 6.00 pm  
 SUNDAYS: 8.30 am 10.00 am

4 Feb ♦ NELSON ANNIV DAY (Monday) 9.00 am

Mass times for Ash Wednesday 6 Feb (Waitangi Day)  
 will be advertised in due course

## **FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PORCH NOTICEBOARDS**

The St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council is keen to tidy up the noticeboards in the church porch, and will allocate a section to groups in the parish displaying information on a monthly, rotational basis.

Each group could use the space to inform the Parish of their goals, ideals, contacts, meeting dates, etc. During their display month, they could also advertise in the *Parishioner* and perhaps write a reflection for one of the Sundays during the month, based on the day's readings linked to their group.

If your group would like to participate, please contact Nicky Sowry 547 8278 or Patrick Cronin 548 2524.

## **MAHITAHİ**

### **CATHOLIC VOLUNTEERS OVERSEAS NEEDED**

PLUMBER - St Mary's Vuvu Secondary School, East New Britain, PNG - 3 months  
BUILDER - St Mary's Vuvu Secondary School, East New Britain, PNG - 1 year  
BUILDER - Archdiocese of Honiara, Solomon Is - 3 mths  
ACCOUNTING WITH MYOB - Diocese of Auki, Solomon Is - 1 mth,

If none of these projects suit you, but you are interested in volunteering, visit Mahitahi's website to register your skills anyway: [www.mahitahi.org](http://www.mahitahi.org)

For all positions: Local community assistance is sought to cover air travel, medical and insurance costs. Accommodation and a basic local allowance is provided. For more information, or to apply visit [www.mahitahi.org](http://www.mahitahi.org), or contact Mahitahi directly to speak to Christina. Applications will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. Please apply immediately.

## **TASMAN CATHOLIC YOUTH TRUST**

It is proposed to have the Tasman Catholic Youth Trust fully functioning again by the beginning of March 2008. An initial task will be the engagement of a Catholic Youth Coordinator for the region who will work with the Parish youth volunteers from each of the four parishes – St Peter Chanel Parish Motueka, St Mary's Parish Nelson, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Richmond and St Francis of Assisi Parish Stoke.

Each parish is asked to make two appointees to the Trust. Trust members would be asked to commit 2 years of service.

The encouragement and support of our youth in the Tasman Region is a priority action from the Synod for all the parishes.

The purpose of the Trust is to develop effective local Catholic ministry to, for, with and by young people by:

- Encouraging local parishes to commit to taking a comprehensive approach to youth ministry
- Liaising between Catholic parishes and others in youth ministry in the Region
- Identifying and responding to local youth and parish needs
- Identifying parish volunteer youth ministry helpers
- Providing training opportunities for parish volunteers
- Employing persons to coordinate youth ministry
- Actively seeking financial support for the work of the Trust
- Any other means which might assist ministry to young Catholics

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Tasman Catholic Youth Trust please contact the Parish office or Fr Raymond 546 8442

**PARISH CLERGY**

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**PARISH SECRETARY**

Helen Coleman

Mon/Tue, Thur/Fri

9.00am - 3.00pm

**PARISH WEBSITE**

www.stmarysnelson.org.nz

**PARISH CONTACTS****ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Shop: 77 Vanguard St;

548 9372

Mon - Fri: 10.00am-3.30pm; Sat 10.00am - 1.00pm

**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 (O Sapientia) Gn 49: 2. 8-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17/ Mt 1: 1-17

Tue - 12.05pm (O Adonai) Jer 23: 5-8/ Ps 72: 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/ Mt 1: 18-25

Wed - 12.05pm (O Radix Jesse) Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25/ Ps 71: 3-6,16-17/ Lk 1: 5-25

Thur - 12.05pm (O Clavis David) Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 24: 1-6/ Lk 1: 26-38

Fri - 12.05pm (O Oriens) Peter Canisius - Sg 2: 8-14 or Zep 3: 14-18a/ Ps 33: 2-3,11-12,20-21/  
Lk 1: 39-45

Sat - 10.00am (O Rex Gentium) - 1 Sm 1: 24-28/ 1 Sm 2: 1,4-8/ Lk 1: 46-56

**Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm****Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am****FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Emmanuel)**

Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 (7c. 10b)/ Rom 1: 1-7/ Mt 1: 18-24

**LITURGY ROSTERS**

<b>Counter</b>	Jo Morris	<b>Gifted last wk (excl APs):</b> Hse - \$513 Parish - \$1027	
<b>Vacuumping</b>	Fisk family		
<b>15-16/12/07</b>	<b>Sat Mass - 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sun Mass - 8.30am</b>	<b>Sun Mass - 10.00am</b>
<b>Music</b>	Guitar	Organ	Choir
<b>Greeters</b>	D Elener, M Sauer	J Kelly, L del Favero	M Cairns, R Brown
<b>Readers</b>	G Quin, N Sowry	K Rose, S Ellis	A Oertly
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	P Cronin, T Romano, A Bakulich, E Smith, N Affleck	P Wright, V deCourcy, E Smith, S Hunt, A McAlpine - <i>All CS</i> ; P McBride - <i>Hospital</i>	K Cleary, M Lagrutta, T Barkley, B Tohill, Sr Catherine