



The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Nelson

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16 September 2007

GOD OFFERS ME A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE!

A divorced woman found herself struggling with an increasingly rebellious teenage daughter. It all came to a head late one night when the police called her to pick up her daughter who had been arrested for drunk driving. The two of them didn't speak on the way home or next day either, until at last the mother broke the tension by giving her daughter a small, gift-wrapped package. The girl opened it with an air of indifference and found inside a small rock. "Well, that's cute, Mum. What is it?" "Read the card, dear," the mother replied. As the girl did so, tears began to trickle down her cheeks, and she gave her mother a hug as the card fell to the floor. On the card her mother had written: "This rock is more than 200 million years old. That's how long it'll take before I give up on you."

God will never give us up. The constancy of his love does not depend on what I am or how I behave but on what he is. No matter how I may have messed up my life, how unchristian, how indifferent my life has been, with what indifference I have behaved towards this love, God always forgives me.



I believe that for God, there is never a "too late," therefore, I have not missed anything yet. If we believe this, then we must also hold on to the truth that the best is yet to come. At every moment, God offers us a future full of hope.

God loves you always.

- Fr Raymond



DEMELZA SOWRY AND BRADLEY GALLEN



will marry during a nuptial Mass at St Mary's at 3.pm
on Sat 22 Sept. Please keep the young couple in your prayers.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS GROUP

Eileen Romanos - NZ Co-ordinator of the above intercessory
prayer group of those praying for their children and
grand-children - is visiting Nelson on Wednesday 26 Sept
to gauge interest for starting a group here.

Interested ? Phone Rosalie 542 1552

CATHOLIC MEN'S RESIDENTIAL RETREAT

5.30pm Fri 26 - 3.pm Sun 28 Oct - Teapot Valley Camp

Spiritual Director: Fr Phil King-Turner

See noticeboard for full details and registration forms

REGIONAL YOUTH MASS PROCEEDS

At the last Youth Mass on 26 August, the sum of \$105.30 was
contributed by the young people. This money goes directly to
pay the expenses of the Mass e.g. CCLI Hymn Licensing.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH - WAIKANAE

is celebrating its 25th Jubilee with a parish dinner on 6 Oct 2007
and a Thanksgiving Mass on 7 Oct 2007 at 10am.

Ex-parishioners are invited to join us on this very special
occasion. A Parish history is available from the office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

the sick

the recently deceased: Salve Dellabarca, James
Greaney (Hstngs - br of John), Benedetto Esposito (Wgtn),
Maria Saveria Mollo (mthr of Raffaele), Dorothy Maplesden

those whose anniversaries are near: Maria Mead, Margy
Hailes, Alison Sannazzaro, Raefaele Angela Buonocore



PLANNED GIVING

Needless to say the overhaul of the system has not gone quite according to timetable! However weekly, monthly and yearly envelopes have been distributed and by the end of the coming week all AP donors who did not collect their envelopes for the special collections during the upcoming year should have received them in the post.

Faith and Light welcome you to join us for a

BUS TRIP



on Sat Oct 6 departing St Francis' Stoke at 9 45am.

We are going to Kaiteriteri for lunch and having a drive around the coastal and inland highway. Cost - including lunch at the Shoreline is \$20. To book ph Judy 5486253 or Cecily 5475717

ROSTER MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

that music, greeters, readers and Eucharistic ministries at St Mary's Youth and Family Masses will be carried out by youth, so you will not be needed for 6.00pm Mass on the 2nd Sat each month. This over-rides some published rosters.

YOU ARE INVITED

to 13 Richmond Ave, 7pm onwards, NEXT Sunday 23 Sept for a very informal evening to help Fr Patrick Bridgman mark his 40th Birthday (actually on 26 Sept). Please bring a small party plate for supper and BYO. Come and stay as little or as long as you like. Any queries please contact Gabrielle 5466515, or Debbie Lagrutta 5489888

St Vincent de Paul

invites sick, elderly and other parishioners to a

HEALING MASS OF ANOINTING

1.30pm - Tuesday 2 October in St Mary's Church

followed by afternoon tea in the Parish Centre.

For transport phone 542 3591

PRIEST

Fr Raymond Soriano

PRESBYTERY

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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 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 - Robert Bellarmine - 1 Tm 2: 1-8; Lk 7: 1-10

Tue - 12.05pm - 1 Tm 3: 1-13; Lk 7: 11-17

Wed - 12.05pm - Januarius - 1 Tm 3: 14-16; Lk 7: 31-35

Thur - 12.05pm - Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and companions - 1 Tm 4: 12-16; Lk 7: 36-50

Fri - 12.05pm - Matthew - Eph 4: 1-7.11-13; Mt 9: 9-13

Sat - 10.00am - 1 Tm 6: 13-16; Lk 8: 4-15

Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm

Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Am 8: 4-7; 1 Tm 2: 1-8; Lk 16: 1-13

LITURGY ROSTERS

Counter	T McInerney	Gifted last wk (incl APs): Hse \$1093 Parish \$2187	
Vacuumping	E Adamson, G Wratt		
22-23/09/07	Sat Mass - 6.00pm	Sun Mass - 8.30am	Sun Mass - 10.00am
Music			
Greeters	E Adamson, M Keppel	F Andrews, J van der Laan	M Musso, B Gargiulo
Readers	P Heaphy, E van den Elzen	K Clark, G Warner	G Quin, V Redding
Ministers of the Eucharist	B Tohill, L Wright, M Monti, M Warner, J Blackwell	Dimas, McAlpine, E Smith, P/W Schryvers, K Curtis - <i>All CS</i> ; P McBride - <i>Hosp</i>	A Bentley, B Small, A Oertly, T Barkley, M Achterberg
Library	M Ralfe		