



The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Nelson
5th Sunday of EASTER - 20 April 2008

I remember a little story when I was in Guam, so many years ago. I was trying to go to the post office. When I can't find it, I ask some young people to help me. One boy told me which way to go. As an appreciation I invited him to come to mass and I will tell him the way to heaven. He immediately said: "Sir, you do even know how to go to the post office, how can you tell me the way to heaven!"

Today Jesus is telling us the same thing, "in my Father's house there are so many places..... I am the way, the truth and the life." He wants us to be together in His Father's house, our true home. Jesus is inviting us. What is our response?

I know it is difficult to make decisions in life. So Jesus is again exhorting us, "Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in me...."

We have nothing to worry about. Let us just trust in the Lord. He will show us the path because he is the Way. He will tell us what to do because he is the Truth. And He will continue to guide us and accompany us in the journey because he is Life and He has given us Himself.

St. Paul said: "There are three things that last, faith, hope and love, and the greatest of this is love." Love demands faith, and faith is nourished by hope. We need all these. The Lord has given these as his gifts for us. Faith in the words of Jesus. Hope that He is always with us. Love that binds us to Him and to one another.

The Lord does His part. We need also one another. I need you! We have to support and encourage one another. We could be an inspiration for everyone. As a family, as a community or as a parish, we can walk hand in hand to reach our true home.

- Fr Mario Dorado, OFM Cap



LITTLE WHITE BOOKS

Thanks to Fr Lou we have some from Blenheim Parish.

There are literally only a handful so be in quick.

They are in the porch and no payment is necessary.

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

are available in the foyer for the LAST TIME TODAY.

Please collect yours.

Stoke St Vincent de Paul

invites you to hear

Francis Day

of Marsden House Funeral Home

speaking on

FUNERAL PROCEDURES AND COSTS

at 10.00am

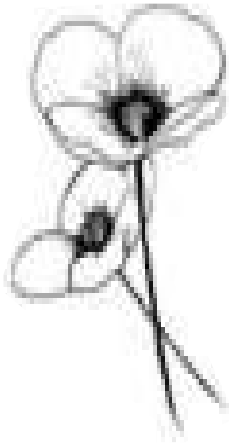
THIS Wednesday 23 April

at St Francis' Stoke meeting rooms

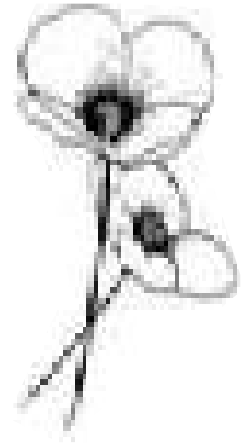
PLEASE PRAY FOR

- **the sick**
- **the recently deceased:** Judy Scott (N P, - niece of Fr Lou), Raymond Smith (son of Paddy and Melva), Rosa Persico, Joe Kelly
- Andrew and Gabriella Dunning, Gerard and Caroline Dunning on their wedding anniversaries
- **those whose anniversaries are near:** Michael O'Brien, Dickie Stapp, Joan O'Dea, Min Fellowes
- **dec'd Parish family members:**





ANZAC DAY
TO HONOUR THE FALLEN
Poppies will be laid with ceremony
at the Pieta outside St Mary's after
10.00am Mass
THIS Friday 25 April.
Tea and ANZAC biscuits to follow.



BOARD NEEDED

by a 19-year-old Girls College student from Fiji starting
next term. Please ph Marcos 027 711 8327 or 548 4505
(evenings)

THANK YOU

to Fr Mario Dorado OFM Cap for his pastoral care of
our Parish while Frs Raymond and Lou were away.

SEVERAL COLD REFUGEES
would really appreciate
donations of warm blankets.
Please phone John 545 2393

JUSTICE AND PEACE CORNER

The Second Principle of the Social Teaching of the
Catholic Church:

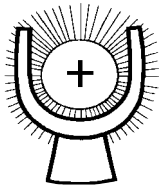
2) **HUMAN EQUALITY:** EQUALITY OF ALL PEOPLE COMES FROM
THEIR INHERENT HUMAN DIGNITY. DIFFERENCES IN TALENTS ARE
PART OF GOD'S PLAN, BUT SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC
DISCRIMINATION ARE NOT

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please pick up your new rosters from the porch

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)



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

We have been asked
to bring this to your attention ...

FREE FLU VACCINATION – ARE YOU ELIGIBLE

The Asthma and Respiratory Foundation urges those with asthma or other respiratory conditions talk to their GP or practice nurse about a FREE FLU VACCINATION. More than 500 000 people may be eligible. All New Zealanders over 65 (or persons of any age with a chronic respiratory condition) are considered “at risk” and entitled to a free vaccination, but only until 30 June, 2008. For more information about the vaccine, contact the Ministry of Health on 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863).

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**



ST VINCENT DE PAUL
meets Tuesday - 1.30pm -
Parish Centre



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.

NZ CATHOLIC ON SALE TODAY

China trade deal seen as helping rich get richer . . .

Right to Life hopeful in case against abortion committee . . . Catholic layman and Catholic MP in war of words . . . WYD countdown enters final 100 days . . . ANZAC Day feature: Bringing God to the troops . . . Retiring Jerusalem patriarch reflects on 20 years in the Holy Land . . .

New Dr Seuss film pro-life? . . . Tauranga volunteers build Fiji village convent.



Women of God

Weekend Convention

**St Bede's College,
Christchurch**

23 - 25 May 2008

YOU are invited to
come aside for an
uplifting weekend
of refreshment
and encouragement.

Details and registration
forms in the porch.

Contacts:
Margaret 545 2554
Cristine 548 7593

WORLD YOUTH DAY
FUNDRAISERS



AVAILABLE NOW

**Advanced Dental
“Cosmetic Clean”**

Cost \$59-00 - of which \$30-00 goes to WYD
(30 spaces available)

Please mention WYD fundraiser
when booking. Phone 548 4675



COMING UP

Quiz Evening



7.30pm - Friday 16 May
St Joseph's Hall
Get a table together
for a fun night,
great prizes



and to help get our parishioners to Sydney.

Quiz Master: *Teresa O'Connor*

Phone 546 6515 Gabrielle and Gerry Quin

More details will follow



REGIONAL YOUTH MASS
CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED

At present we are looking for someone to take on this role. If you would like to help with the Youth Masses in this or ANY other way please contact Perrin Madsen on 54 71484 or 027 2006590, Many hands make light work and we have all sorts of small jobs for all ages☺.

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Raymond Soriano (PP), Fr Lou Leuthard

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; Mon - Fri: 10.00am-3.30pm 548 9372

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;

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND READINGS*(except where a Requiem replaces the Mass of the Day)***Mon** - 8.00am - Anselm- Acts 14: 5-18/ Ps 115: 1-2. 3-4. 15-16/ Jn 14: 21-26**Tue** - 12.05pm - Acts 14: 19-28/ Ps 145: 10-11. 12-13ab. 21/ Jn 14: 27-31a**Wed** - 12.05pm - George, Adalbert - Acts 15: 1-6/ Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4ab. 4cd-5/ Jn 15: 1-8**Thur** - 12.05pm - Fidelis of Sigmaringen - Acts 15: 7-21/ Ps 96: 1-2a. 2b-3. 10/ Jn 15: 9-11**Fri** - 12.05pm - Mark - 1 Pt 5: 5b-14/ Ps 89: 2-3. 6-7. 16-17/ Mk 16: 15-20**Sat** - 10.00am - Acts 16: 1-10/ Ps 100: 1b-2. 3. 5/ Jn 15: 18-21**Sat (Vigil)** - 6.00pm**Sun** - 8.30am, 10.00am**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 8: 5-8. 14-17/ Ps 66: 1-3. 4-5. 6-7. 16. 20/ 1 Pt 3: 15-18/ Jn 14: 15-21

ROSTERS			
Counter	L Palmer	Gifted last wk (excl APs): Hse - \$421 Parish - \$843	
Vacuuming	21-26 April	Mary Keppel	
19-20/4/08	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Music			
Greeters	E Adamson, M Sauer	F Andrews, J van der Laan	M Cairns, R Brown
Readers	Sr June, P Cronin	G Warner, R Barber	Confirmation Team
Ministers of the Eucharist	K Cleary, A Monti, A & P McBride, T James	K Curtis, G Wratt, S Hunt, M Monti, A Bentley - <i>ALL CS</i> ; S Ellis - <i>Hosp</i>	J McInerney, M Rutter, J Tohill, D Tohill, P Robertson