



# *The Parishioner*

St Mary's Parish, Nelson

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21 October 2007

## **MISSION SUNDAY**

St Thérèse of Lisieux is patron saint of the missions. A cloistered nun, patron of those who leave home and family for parts of the world they've never been ??? The wisdom of the church is seen, in that in her prayer Thérèse journeyed from her 'cell' with those who went proclaiming the Gospel of Good News.

In the Scriptures this Sunday we hear of the centrality of prayer. We are to be unremitting in prayer, constant and continuing in asking God for our needs. We also know that from prayer we can act to help achieve our intentions.



On Mission Sunday we are invited to contribute financially to missionary efforts. Like Thérèse, we may never leave our 'cells' but we can be patrons of the missions. Please be generous. There are many hearts that yearn to hear what we hear, and see what we see.

It is wonderful to be with you this weekend.

With prayers,

- Fr Patrick

## **\$2 ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS**

on the stall in the foyer.

## **\$6 COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE**

### **ATTENTION ALL PARISH GROUPS**

To prepare for our new building project, the store room in the Parish Centre is to be cleared in a week's time to accommodate the library. If a person or group owns anything stored in that room would you please remove it within seven days.

- *Patrick Cronin* (for Parish Council)

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

meets Tue - 2.00pm - P Parish Centre

### **FAITH AND LIGHT**



warmly welcome you to our shared meal, and a time of friendship, music, prayer and fun starting at 12.30pm  
NEXT Sun 28th Oct at St Francis', Stoke  
For more information phone

Cecily 5475717, Judith 5486368, Judy 5486253.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**the sick**

**the young people preparing for Sacraments**

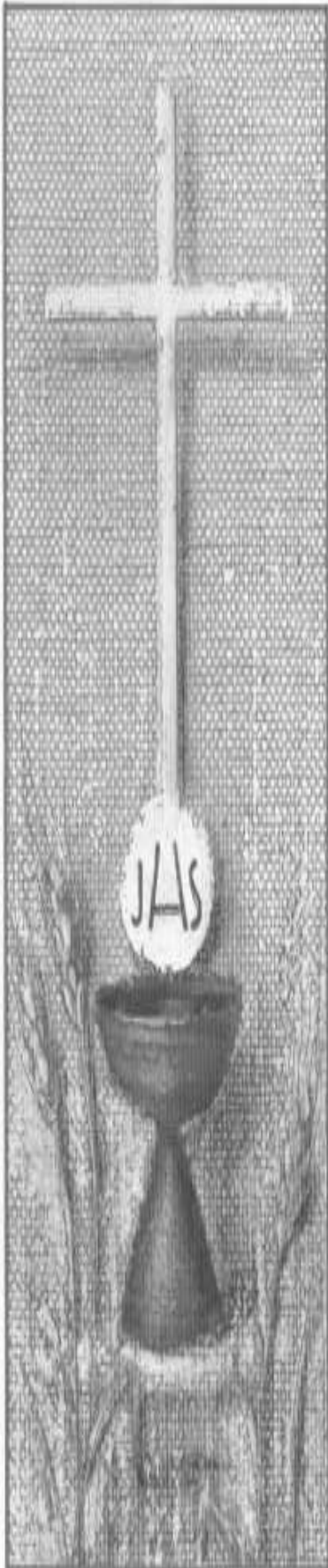
**Sophia Stappers and Jamie Morris** - married this weekend

**the recently deceased:** Leslie McGirr, Faye Glausius

**those whose anniversaries are near:** Monica McQueen and baby Ruth, Nancy Rainbow, ScottMayer, Beat Bailey, Morris Parker, John Schaab, John Bakulich, Jessie Pike, Eileen Chaney, Peter Robinson



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Preparation classes have started for twenty three of our young people who will receive the Sacrament for the first time at 10.00am Mass on Sun 18 Nov.

As part of their preparation the youngsters will take up some of the ministries at 10am Mass each Sunday from now until then.

Included in this newsletter is a prayer card naming one of the young people. Please pray for the named person over the next few weeks and then maybe write a note in the card and return it via the collection plate at Mass to be given to them on their special day.

### **LAST YEAR'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS' PARENTS**

We would appreciate it if you could help with the practicalities of the "breakfast" for the First Communicants on 18 Nov and leave this year's parents free to concentrate on their special young person.

We will do a ring around, but if you or ANYONE would like to volunteer your help please phone  
Fr Raymond 5468 442  
or Debbie Lagrutta 548 9888

## **ATTENTION: READERS**

If you are rostered on for 10.00am Mass over the next three weeks - 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.

## **ST MARY'S PARISH - SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS**

Join Nelson Catholic Women's League 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.

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) are available after Masses  
THIS and NEXT weekends.

Last chance for you MEN to  
book a place on the  
**CATHOLIC MEN'S  
RETREAT**

Teapot Valley, 26-28 October  
There is a good number going  
but still some places available.

This is a perfect opportunity  
for you to reflect on the after-  
math of the Rugby World Cup  
or just forget about it and re-  
flect on your relationship with  
Jesus Christ!

Contact Johan van der Geest  
on 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: Fr Alan Roberts,  
Fr David Dowling  
Youth group/WYD Pilgrims  
Bring some food to share for  
supper afterwards  
Invite a friend to this lively  
Mass, 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.

**Lloyd Geering -**  
**"GOD AS THE FIRST SCIENTIFIC**  
**THEORY OF EVERYTHING"**  
at  
**spirited conversations**  
**Cafe Yaza, Montgomery Square - this Wed 24 Oct**  
**Cafe opens for dining/drinks 6.00pm**  
**conversation 7.30-9.30pm**

**SHARING OUR WEALTH**  
**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 07**

Today all Catholics are invited to focus on the call of Jesus to take his life-giving Gospel to the ends of the earth. Special emphasis is given to those who are witnessing to the faith in lands freed from Communism and those where Christ is not widely known. Pope Benedict points out people are hungering for God and not just bread and liberty. Please help missionaries today with your prayers and a financial contribution and so deepen your own commitment to Evangelization here at home.

**PARISH / SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT**

The revised plan is in the church foyer as the architect begins drawing up detailed plans for the tender process. Give feedback to or ask questions of Graham Warner 548 9422 or Gaike Knottenbelt 545 6949

**ST MARY'S YOUTH AND FAMILIES MASS**

Calling all young people who wish to be involved in planning the next Mass.  
We are meeting at the Presbytery 7 - 8.00pm on 30 Oct  
Your input is very welcome.  
Contact Katherine Older on 548 3507 for more details.

## TWO BOOKS WITH LOCAL CONNECTIONS ...



### **Behind the Visor**

Sr Sheila O'Toole (who has been in Nelson in recent months) has devoted her life to aiding and guiding people in need, particularly the indigenous people of South Vietnam. The tragedies and triumphs encountered along the way have inspired her to write this book. This fascinating journey of faith follows Sr Sheila through Vietnam during war-time and her return 17 years later.

\$29.90  
incl GST

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OR THE CONVENT

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Buy both  
books for just  
\$40

\$25  
incl GST

### ***EUPHRASIE***

In her re-telling of the story of Euphrasie Barbier (the founder of our RNDM sisters' order) Sr Mary Philippa Reed RNDM takes us back to the early 1800's when destitution was commonplace and survival had to be strived for on a daily basis. In these difficult times Euphrasie set out to become a missionary. Her journey brought many challenges and eventually led to the establishment of the Religieuses de Notre Dame des Missions



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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 - Rom 4: 20-25/ Lk 1: 69-70. 71-72. 73-75/ Lk 12: 13-21

Tue - 12.05pm - John of Capistrano - Rom 5: 12,15b, 17-21/ Ps 40:7- 10,17/ Lk 12: 35-38

Wed - 12.05pm - Anthony Mary Claret - Rom 6: 12-18/ Ps 124: 1b-3. 4-6. 7-8/ Lk 12: 39-48

Thur - 12.05pm - Rom 6: 19-23/ Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 and 6/ Lk 12: 49-53

Fri - 12.05pm - Rom 7: 18-25a/ Ps 119: 66. 68. 76. 77. 93. 94/ Lk 12: 54-59

Sat 10.00am - Rom 8: 1-11/ Ps 24: 1b-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ Lk 13: 1-9

Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm

Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sir 35:12-14,16-18/ Ps 34: 2-3,17-19, 23 (7a)/ 2 Tm 4: 6-8. 16-18/ Lk 18: 9- 14

**LITURGY ROSTERS**

<b>Counter</b>	L Palmer	<b>Gifted last wk (excl APs):</b> Hse -\$531, Parish -\$1011	
<b>Vacuuming</b>	K and V deCourcy		
<b>27-28/10/07</b>	<b>Sat Mass - 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sun Mass - 8.30am</b>	<b>Sun Mass - 10.00am</b>
<b>Music</b>	Choir	Organ	Guitar
<b>Greeters</b>	B Small, M Keppel	F Andrews, J van der Laan	Bateup Family
<b>Readers</b>	L Palmer	M Goodwin, P Maplesden	Sac Prep
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	P Robertson, S Schryvers, P and P Palmer, M Smith	R Blackwell, K Curtis, H Newman, P Wright, J Greaney - <i>All CS</i> ; G Wratt - <i>Hosp</i>	A Bentley, Jim Tohill, J McInerney, B Small, K Cleary
<b>Library</b>	L Garwood		