



The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Nelson

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21 September, 2008

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK

Doesn't the gospel reading for today go against normal, human logic? Many of us are paid for the hours we work, more hours mean more pay and less means less. And this is pretty fair and simple. To be honest, I think that I would get rather put out if someone who had done less work than me in a day got paid the same. How apt that the first reading for the day is from Isaiah "*For my thoughts are not your thoughts nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord*". How God works is a mystery, but what idea was Jesus trying to put across in this parable?

What was the heart of the vineyard owner? It would've have been much easier and cheaper for him to pay the latecomers what they had worked for and deserved, but instead, he was generous and merciful and gave them a whole days wage....even though they hadn't necessarily earned it.

Sound familiar? Every single day God could look at us and decide to give us exactly what we deserve, which definitely does not amount up to a full days wage, but instead He takes each one of us where we are at, by what we need, not by what we deserve. He doesn't compare us to those around us; friends, family or colleagues, He sees us for who we are and with mercy and grace, daily grants us a multitude of gifts and blessings.

We have been given something precious, something that we cannot in good conscience keep to ourselves. As we go into this week with a focus on Social Justice, let us remember that God created us equal members of His family. Even though some of us are in different situations, we all have been given the gift of grace and mercy to share with all around us.

I will finish with the inspirational words from St. Paul

*"Above all else, you must live in a way that brings honour
to the good news about Christ."* Katrina Todd

THANK YOU

to the 35+ people who took the opportunity to visit the Parish Archives last Sunday. A most successful and fun filled morning.

Many a fond - and not so fond memory was rekindled as people browsed through records and memorabilia.

I am always appreciative of the little pieces of history people have donated to the Archives, - but am still needing more; including a school white panama hat, a boy's school black and white 'S' clasp belt, photos, items from St Joseph's School, Sacred Heart and Redwood Colleges, and the Convent, before the building was donated to Founders Park. Also anything from by gone days of our Parish. Phone Diana Clark 5489527

This Week

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Fortnightly meeting
 Tuesday 23 September
 1:30pm in the Parish
 Centre
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



PILGRIMS PASSAGE

I wasn't too excited about seeing the Pope or bishops or even the Prime minister of Australia. Sure they're "important" people but in the end they're just normal people like you and me. I was more impressed by the people I saw who were my age. It was no big deal seeing the Pope make a speech. Sure, he had some great things to say, but I was more inspired by just seeing teenagers like myself leaving their comfort zones and doing things they weren't used to doing. Going overseas was a new experience for me and I wasn't always sure what to do but seeing other people my own age going out there and doing things that they weren't sure of either gave me hope and I felt more inspired to give new things a go. There were some things we didn't want to do, such as walk for long distances to go to events, or get up early on in the day, but we did it anyway, and had a better experience because of it. So yeah, it was good listening to the Pope and bishops and seeing all the well known people, but seeing other youth like myself made a bigger impact on me than any of that other stuff. Now I am more willing to give things a go, even if I don't really want to or can't see myself benefiting from it.



Thanks Joseph James

Francis Maloney

Many older parishioners will remember Francis. Sadly his days are now numbered. If you wish to send him a card, his address is:

C/- St Joseph's Home of Compassion,
 237 Fergusson Drive,
 Heretaunga, Upper Hutt 5018"



PLEASE NOTE:

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



CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

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
 Please park on Trafalgar St
 RSVP to Hilary ph 546 6698 by 22 Sept

Next Week

Luncheon at Brightwater Hotel

Faith & Light warmly welcome any parishioners who would like to join us for lunch on
 Sunday 28th September at 12 30 pm.
 For more details phone
 Cecily 5475717
 Judith 5486368 Judy 5486253

Parish to Parish Bed & Breakfast Books \$15

These books list the names & addresses of all participating hosts. This scheme has been operating throughout N Z & Australia for 3 years. It aims to provide inexpensive accomodation & warm hospitality to Parishioners. The charges are set at \$20 per person per night for a double/ twin or \$25 for a single room including continental breakfast.
 To purchase a book contact:
 Marie Anderson 2 Brent Place Christchurch 5.
 Phone 033595541 OR
 Phone Tom & Judy McInerney on 5486253

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.



Coming Up

Theology of the Body Seminar

Why were we created male and female?

Does it really matter if we are one sex or another?

What is the purpose of the married and celibate vocations?

What exactly is "Love"?

Pope John Paul II's teaching of Theology of the Body is based on Scripture and reveals the meaning of our physical human bodies.

When: Oct 11 & 12

Where: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Centre, Richmond

Cost: \$40 (covers materials provided and refreshments)

Presenters: John and Celia Kennedy, Family Life International, Christchurch.

"If finance is an issue please contact me, as this is an opportunity not to be missed."

Taumaranui: Parish of the Immaculate Conception

Centenary Celebrations 10
– 12 October 2008

Please see flyer and registration forms on noticeboard

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

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

Headlines from the September 21 – October 4, 2008 issue of NZ Catholic:

Communications office to close in NZCBC move . . . Christian parties quarrel . . . Aids workers and Maori pay tribute to Josephite . . . Priest talks about dialogue between faith and science . . .

Compulsory abortion counselling sought . . . Political leaders tout their family policies . . . Pope tells French bishops how to rejuvenate Church . . . NZ Catholic looks back over 300 issues.

The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on October 5, 2008.

WE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

Margaret Costello, Raffaella Buonocore, Elizabeth McGinn, John Jeffries, Sharon Kotua, Angela Buonocore, Deceased members of De Santis family, Deceased members of Giliberti family, Cataldo and Emma Romano

Recently Deceased Giovanni Muollo, Mary Ralfe, Joan Burgham, Frank Cappiello

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 - Proverbs 3:27-34 Psalm 14:2-5, Luke 8:16-18
Tue -12.05pm - Proverbs 21:1-6 Psalm 118:1,27,30,34-35,44 Luke 8:19-21
Wed - 12.05pm - Proverbs 30:1-9 Psalm 118:29,72,89,101,104,163 Luke 9:1-6
Thurs - 12.05pm - Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 Psalm 89:3-6,12-14,17 Luke 9:7-9
Fri - 12.05pm - Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 Psalm 143:1-4 Luke 9:18-22
Sat - 10.00am - St Vincent de Paul (Memorial)
 Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8 Psalm 89:3-6,12-14,17 Luke 9:43-45
Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am Ezekiel 18:25-28 Psalm 24:4-9 Philipians 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32



ROSTERS			
Counter		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	J Persico I Sowman	K Mardon L Del Favero	R Coman C Dunning
Readers	R Barber P Mapleston	S Ellis P Cronin	V Redding S Williams
Ministers of the Eucharist	P Palmer P Palmer B Tohill J Tohill S Meria	S Hunt P Preston P Wright B van Deursen P Spears ALL C S K Older - HOSP	A Oertly V Hambly M Monti K Curtis J McInerney