



The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Nelson

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22 July 2007

DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY!

My first years of priesthood had been defining moments of my priestly ministry. Whenever I encounter difficulties, I almost always go back to my experiences then to give me that certain sense of comfort.

That place is called Malibcong, Abra situated among the hinterlands of the Philippines during the thick of the occupation of the military and subversive elements in those areas. People were scattered in 19 villages and the closest to the main station was an hour's walk away. My old reliable Landrover could only be used three months in a year and with the help of spades and other equipments because of the road conditions.

We had two Catholic primary schools in the area, one was in the main station and the other was four hours away. Two weeks in a month would find me away from the main station to reach out to those who are further away. To make it easier, I left mass kits in all the villages and change of clothes so I would only carry the bare minimum in my backpack.

We had no electric power then apart from the generators for our rice mills. There were pine torches when you are out at night and gas lamps inside the houses. That was the beginning of 80's. No television, no refrigerator for three years.

If I were only a Martha or a Mary, and not both I would have not survived.

- *Fr Raymond*

HAVE YOU BORROWED TRESTLE TABLES

from the School and not yet returned them ? About 6 are missing. The school will be pleased to get them back - no questions asked, no detentions given !! Ph Graham 548 4050

GARIN HOSTEL QUIZ NIGHT

NEXT Saturday 28 July 7pm in the Garin gym. Come along and support the hostel building programme. Teams of 8 at \$12 per head - if you are not able to make up a team, let us know and we'll make up a team for you. Tickets available at the school office or phone Leonie or Shona on 543-9488.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

meets THIS Wed 25 July at 1.45pm in the Convent

FAITH & LIGHT

Our next Fiesta will be held NEXT Sunday 29 July in St Francis' Stoke rooms. All are welcome to join us starting with lunch at 12:30pm. Enquiries Judith 548 6368 or Cecily 547 5717

REGIONAL YOUTH MASS

NEXT Sunday 29 July- 7pm -St Francis of Assisi, Stoke
Father John Griffin will lead the celebration with the "Ute Band" in full swing. Things to bring:* some fantastic food to share * a gold coin to help with costs * some friends!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

the sick esp Leslie McGirr, Francis Maloney

the recently deceased: Peter Hawke, Dick Potton,
John Jones,

those whose anniversaries are near: Maureen Martin, Rex Schwass, Margaret Bartlett, Aldo Cuccurullo, Joy Grice, Noel Manhire, Vaughan Savage, William Wright, Giovanni Gargiulo

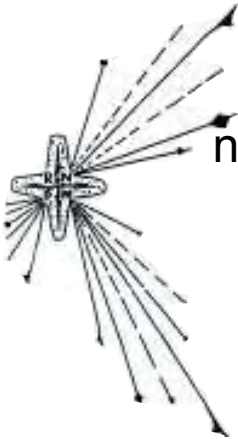


PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

for Next Sunday through to next year are now available.

PLEASE COLLECT YOURS FROM THE FOYER

before going home today.



WELCOME

TO SISTER MAR MAR LWIN

newly arrived from Myanmar, bringing the Nelson community of RNDM Sisters up to 6 in number. Sister begins English studies at NMIT on Monday. We wish her well and hope she has an enjoyable and fruitful time in Nelson.

GARIN COLLEGE

Information evening - Thurs 26 July 7pm - 8.30pm

Open Day - Wed 1 August noon - 2.30pm

During the open afternoon, lunch will be provided and students will have a tour of the school and participate in an interactive programme for the afternoon.

Year 7 and 8 students very welcome.

DOMINICANS

Anyone associated with the Dominican Family is warmly invited to a gathering to celebrate the Feast of St Dominic

2.00 - 4.00pm - Sunday August 5

at Stoke Catholic Presbytery 196 Songer St.

where Sr Molly (formerly Mercedes) Griffin is visiting from Arrowtown. if you would like to join us, RSVP by phoning 547 6623 before Friday 3 August.



PRIEST

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PARISH SECRETARY

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PARISH CONTACTS**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

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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 Mass of the Day)*

Mon - 8.00am - Bridget of Sweden - Ex 14: 5-18; Matthew 12: 38-42

Tue - 12.05pm - Sharbel Makhluf - Ex 14: 21-15: 1; Mt 12: 46-50

Wed - 12.05pm - James - 2 Cor 4: 7-15; Mt 20: 20-28

Thu - 12.05pm - Joachim and Anne - Ex 19: 1-2. 9-11. 16-20b; Mt 13: 10-17

Fri - 12.05pm - Ex 20: 1-17; Mt 13: 18-23

Sat - 10.00am - Ex 24: 3-8; Mt 13: 24-30

Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm

Sun - 8.30am; 10.00am

Jul 29 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**Gn 18: 20-32; Col 2: 12-14; Lk 11: 1-13****LITURGY ROSTERS**

Counter	L Palmer	Gifted last wk (incl APs): Hse \$889 Parish \$1202	
Vacuuming	K and V deCourcy		
21-22/7/07	Sat Mass - 6.00pm	Sun Mass - 8.30am	Sun Mass - 10.00am
Music	Dove	Organ	Choir
Greeters	J Persico, I Sowman	Warner Family	M Cairns, R Brown
Readers	M Monti, P Cronin	E van den Elzen, H Newman	A McDowall, I Paterson
Ministers of the Eucharist	T Barkley, T Romano, P Speers, J Greaney, A Oertly	S Ellis, Curtis, Preston, Dimas, P/W Schryvers - <i>All CS</i> ; P McBride-Hosp	C Miccio, S Hunt, G Wratt, Jo Tohill, H Robinson
Library	R Coman		