



# *The Parishioner*

St Mary's Parish, Nelson

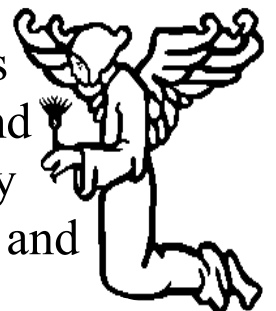
Fourth Sunday of Advent - 23 December 2007

The frantic pace of the end of the year school activities have become so overwhelming to people that the spirit of the Christmas season had been put on hold until such a time that it gets more frantic and overwhelming. But the quietness of Friday morning was a welcome invitation, at least for me, to spend quality time with my own personal story of Christmas. In a few days the silence becomes deafening again, but for now, I'll savour this opportunity.



My own story really wouldn't go far. It incorporates what I feel with everything that is happening around me. I feel the joys of the festivities around the season. I also feel the sadness of those whose experience would make it difficult to find the joys of the season. I feel the happiness of those whose achievements would enthruse them to face the new year with gratitude, but I also feel the loss of those devastated by calamities and uncertain about what the future could bring.

The good news and consoling message of Christmas is that Jesus still waits to live in our hearts, yours and mine, and to transform us and our world with the beauty of his Father's love, kindness, mercy and compassion and bring us all into the joys of his own celebration.



Merry Christmas everyone, and may the coming of the New Year fill you with God's choicest blessings.

*Fr Raymond - Fr Lou*

<b>PARISH PRIESTS</b>	Fr Raymond Soriano	Fr Lou Leuthard
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<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>	re-opens for regular hours in late January	
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Helen Coleman	
<b>MASSES</b>	Mondays - Fridays 9.000am; Saturdays 10.00am	
	<b>Sat (Vigil of Sunday) 6.00pm; SUNDAY 8.30am, 10.00am</b>	

## CHRISTMAS EVE 6.00PM MASS

We still need One altar server and a wise man (person ?) Please ph Mandy 539 1221 asap.

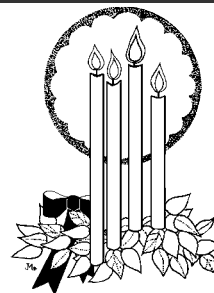


On the night ...

ALL THOSE CHILDREN WITH A PART IN THE MASS - readers, Prayers of the Faithful, play characters etc please SIT IN THE RESERVED SEATS IN FRONT OF THE LECTERN

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

- **the sick**
- **the bereaved** esp those at their first Christmas without loved ones
- **the recently deceased:** Teresa Taunt (sr of Fr Lou) Robin Topp, Marc Ku, Faye Glausius, Leslie McGirr, Nigel Blyth(Tak), Michael Carty(Lndn), Eddie Costelloe (Lndn)
- **those whose anniversaries are near:** Giovanni Gargiulo, George Fisher, Thaddy Ryan, John McBride, Teresa Waite, Kevin Beban, Joyce O'Kane, Peter Satherley, Kath Brown Peter Keenan, Frank Huggins, Rose Round, Julie Oxnam, Sr Maureen Lawson, Janet Tunney, Shawnee Tulouna, Dorothy Heaphy, William Phillips, Jeanine Brunwin, Brian Ross, Catherine Bramfield, Rex Hutchinson, Ken Hussey, Linda Davies , Allan Dick, Gemma Muollo, Barry Beckingsale, Tom King-Turner, Charles Nalder, Joseph White, George Fisher, Lily Pahl, Raymond Fisher, Barbara Lockhart, Wilhelmus Verberne, Linda Davies, Jean Maxwell, Charles Nalder, Barry Beckingsale, Gemma Muollo, Tom King-Turner, Elvira Williams, Paul Rees, John Fulton, Marion Fisher, Peggy Gargiulo, Marney O'Connor,
- **deceased parish family members:** Allan Baker, Palmer, Nesbit and O'Connor family members, Shelley Langley, Margaret and Keith Wareing, Francesco Pricolo, Derek Baker, Michaelangelo Lauria, Carmela Sanseverino, Domenico, Rosa and Frank Pricolo, Aniello and Josephine Esposito, Federico Persico, Wojciech and Maria Lubas, Giuseppe and Teresa Albano, Tony Amitrano



## **FROM THE CONVENT**

We pray a Happy and Holy Christmas for all parishioners.  
May the joy and the blessings of the newborn Lord be  
with us all at this time and throughout the coming year.  
- *Sisters Catherine, Himani, June, Mar, Monica and Yung.*

## **PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

The Office will reopen for ordinary hours in late January.  
In the intervening period it will be staffed only intermittently.  
The next *Parishioner* will be published for Sun 27 January.  
Notices for it in by Wed 23 January please.

## **FRIDAY EXPOSITION**

of the Blessed Sacrament  
will resume at 11am on Fri 8 Feb



## **CHRISTMAS NZ CATHOLIC ON SALE TODAY**

### **MOBILITY SCOOTER FOR SALE**

Fisher and Paykel three-wheeler. Excellent condition. \$500.00  
Ph Maria Cameron 548 7600

### **CAROLS ON CHRISTMAS EVE**

Church Steps from 8.45pm - Nlsn City Brass, Male Voice Choir.

### **FR JIM SORAHAN**

St Patrick's Parish, Ballinamuck, Co Longford, IRELAND  
Phone: 04 324 110 (details from Internet) sends greetings.  
"Nelson and all the wonderful people at St Mary's are regularly in  
my prayers and thoughts. Arrived (here) at the end of August.  
People hospitable and very welcoming. Remembering the  
names - now that's another issue. May you all be filled with  
peace, joy, faith and love as you celebrate the Lord's birth."



## FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Vanguard St Centre is now closed and will re-open on Mon 14 January. Please hold any donations of goods etc over until after 14 January.

## TWILIGHT WINE AND FOOD FEST



A Fabulous evening coming up.

4.00 - 9.00pm - Garin College Fields, Champion Rd, Richmond  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2008 (Nelson Anniversary weekend)  
(reserve day: Monday 4 February)

*Live music, pig on a spit, gourmet seafood, international dishes,  
Devonshire tea, local wine and beer.*

Proceeds to the Regional World Youth Day Group

You are invited to the Blessing and Opening of the

## PARISH AND SCHOOL ARCHIVES

NEXT Sunday 30 December after 10.00am Mass.

The archives are now in the brick building (ex-Library).

What a fitting way to celebrate the 125th anniversary of our present St Mary's church - the third one since 1844.

Come and view the extensive range of archives that the Parish is caretaker of - Fr Garin's chairs, old photos, memorabilia, articles from the school, over 150 boxes of information ...

Contrary to my belief at the time, the Holiday Mass timetable published last week was not the correctly detailed one !

Please **STICK THIS PARISHIONER** to your fridge

as a reference for Mass times (on the next page)

- note the additional Masses for the Feast of the

Motherhood of Mary on New Year's Eve/Day -

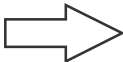

and as a reminder if you are on a Liturgy roster

(two pages over).

## ST MARY'S PARISH HOLIDAY MASS TIMETABLE

<u>23 Dec</u>	4th Sunday of Advent	8.30 am, 10.00 am
<u>24 Dec</u>	Monday	8.00 am
	Vigil Masses of Christmas Day	
	*Carols	Family Mass (*5.30) 6.00 pm
		(*8.30) 9.00 pm
		(*11.30) 12.00 pm
<u>25 Dec</u>	CHRISTMAS DAY (Tuesday)	10.00 am
<u>26-28 Dec</u>	Wednesday - Friday	9.00 am
<u>29 Dec</u>	(Saturday)	10.00 am
	Saturday	Vigil Mass of Sunday 6.00 pm
<u>30 Dec</u>	SUNDAY - 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of first St Mary's Mass	
	One Mass only at 10.00 am	
<u>31 Dec</u>	Monday (New Year's Eve)	
	Vigil Mass of Feast of Mary, Mother of God	8.00 pm
<u>1 Jan</u>	Tuesday (New Year's Day)	
	Feast of Mary, Mother of God	9.00 am
<u>2-18 Jan</u>	Mon - Fri: 9.00 am	Sat: 10.00 am
	Vigil Mass of Sunday	Sat: 6.00 pm
	SUNDAYS: 8.30 am	10.00 am
<u>19 Jan ONWARDS</u>	<i>(except for ♦)</i>	
	Vigil Mass of Sunday	Sat: 6.00 pm
	SUNDAYS: 8.30 am	10.00 am
	Mon: 8.00 am	Tue - Fri: 12.05 pm
		Sat: 10.00 am
♦ <u>4 Feb</u>	♦ NELSON ANNIV DAY (Monday)	9.00 am
	Mass times for Ash Wednesday 6 Feb (Waitangi Day)	
	will be advertised in due course	

<b>ROSTER CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Mins of the Word</b>	<b>Mins of the Eucharist</b>
<b>(5.30) 6.00pm Xmas Eve</b>	E Adamson +	Children	G Wratt, M Smith, A and P McBride, M Warner
<b>(8.30) 9.00pm Xmas Eve</b>	J van der Laan, V & K deCourcy	P Heaphy E van den Elzen	J Greaney, T Romano, L Wright, S Schryvers, K Curtis
<b>(11.30) midnight Xmas Eve</b>	M Musso, B Gargiulo F Andrews	A McDowall	P Preston, A and M Monti, N Sowry, P Speers
<b>10.00am Xmas Day</b>	R Coman, C Dunning	A Bentley P Cronin	V de Courcy, V Hambly, S Ellis, A Oertly, J McInerney
<b>VACUUM 24/12/07</b>	L del Favero R Brown	<b>VACUUM 27-29/12/07</b>	M Keppel Quin Family

<b>29-30/12/07</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Mins of the Word</b>	<b>Mins of the Eucharist</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	C Rivers S Affleck	P Cronin, Sr June	J and B Tohill, M Warner, M and A Monti
<b>NO 8.30am Mass</b>	PLEASE NOTE 	COMMUNION TO THE SICK goes from 10.am Mass via the following ... 	G Wratt, V de Courcy, Sr Catherine, P van den Elzen, Preston <i>All</i> <i>CS</i> ; A Bakulich <i>Hosp</i>
<b>10.00am</b>	K Mardon L del Favero Bateup Family	S Ellis K Rose	T Romano, P Schipper, A Bentley, A Oertly, K Curtis
<b>VACUUM 31/12-5/1/08</b>	V & D Hambly		

<b>5-6/01/08</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Mins of the Word</b>	<b>Mins of the Eucharist</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Light of Christ Com	E van den Elzen I Paterson	P & A McBride, P & P Palmer, E Smith
<b>8.30am</b>	T&J McIn- erney	Sr June P Cronin	Speers, McAlpine, Bentley, P Wright - <i>All CS</i> ; S Ellis <i>Hosp</i>
<b>10.00am</b>	M Cairns R Brown	G Quin, N Sowry	V Hambly, J McInerney, Cameron, A&M Achterberg
<b>VACUUM 7-12/1/08</b>	D and J Auld	<b>COUNTING Mon 7/1/08</b>	T McInerney, P McBride

<b>12-13/1/08</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Mins of the Word</b>	<b>Mins of the Eucharist</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	J Persico I Sowman	G Warner	P Schipper, R Schryvers, S Schryvers, K Older, A Nother
<b>8.30am</b>	J Kelly L del Favero	E van den Elzen I Paterson	van Deursen, K Curtis, Dimas, R Blackwell, P McBride <i>All CS</i> ; K Older - <i>Hosp</i>
<b>10.00am</b>	R Coman C Dunning	P Cronin Sr June	P Speers, A Bakulich, H Robinson, B & J Tohill
<b>VACUUM</b> 14-18/1/08	E Adamson G Wratt	<b>COUNTING</b> Mon 14/1/08	P Small

<b>19-20/1/08</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Mins of the Word</b>	<b>Mins of the Eucharist</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	D Elener M Sauer	J Blackwell R Schryvers	P Cronin, H Newman, A Monti, R Blackwell, L Wright
<b>8.30am</b>	K&V deCourcy	G Warner	van den Elzen, P/W Schry- vers, E Smith, S Hunt, Monti <i>All CS</i> ; M Pike - <i>Hosp</i>
<b>10.00am</b>	M Musso B Gargiulo	I Paterson E van den Elzen	N Affleck, T Barkley, B van Deursen, M Warner, T Romano
<b>VACUUM</b> 21-25/1/08	M Lenihan	<b>COUNTING</b> Mon 28/1/08	C O'Regan

<b>26-27/1/08</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Mins of the Word</b>	<b>Mins of the Eucharist</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	E Adamson B Small	G Quin R Barber	K Curtis, M Lagrutta, K Cleary, A McBride, A Oertly
<b>8.30am</b>	F Andrews J van der Laan	R Schryvers J Blackwell	V deCourcy, B van Deursen, M Monti, Sr Catherine, Ellis - <i>All CS</i> ; G Wratt- <i>Hosp</i>
<b>10.00am</b>	Bateup Family	G Warner	N Dimas, M Monti, V Ham- bly, S Schryvers, P Schipper
<b>VACUUM</b> 28/1-2/2/08	K&V deCourcy	<b>COUNTING</b> Mon 28/1/08	N Manson

## CONTACTS

ST VINCENT DE PAUL	Shop: Re-opens 14 Jan 77 Vanguard St; 9am - 4 pm	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

## DAILY READINGS

**Mon** - 8.00am - 2 Sm 7: 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16/ Ps 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27 and 29/ Lk 1: 67-79  
(Vigil of Christmas) **Vigil:** Is 62: 1-5/ Ps 89: 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 (2a)/ Acts 13: 16-17. 22-25/  
Mt 1:1-25. **Tue - Christmas Day - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - Midnight:** Is 9: 1-6/  
Ps 96: 1-3. 11-12. 13/ Ti 2: 11-14/ Lk 2: 1-14. **Day** Is 52: 7-10/ Ps 98: 1-6/ Heb 1: 1-6/ Jn 1:  
1-18 **Wed Boxing Day - 9.00am - St Stephen - Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59/ Ps 31: 3-4, 6,**  
8ab.16b-17/ Mt 10: 17-22 **Thur - John - 1 Jn 1: 1-4/ Ps 97: 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/ Jn 20: 1a and 2-**  
8 **Fri - Holy Innocents- 1 Jn 1: 5 - 2: 2/ Ps 124: 2-3. 4-5. 7b-8/ Mt 2: 13-18 Sat - Thomas**  
Becket - 1 Jn 2: 3-11/ Ps 96: 1-3,5-6 Lk 2: 22-35 **SUNDAY 30 Dec - HOLY FAMILY - Sir**  
3:2-6,12-14/Ps 128: 1-5/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Mon - Sylvester I - 1 Jn 2: 18-21/ Ps 96: 1-2. 11-12. 13/ Jn 1: 1-18 Tue - New Years Day -**  
**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Nm 6: 22-27/ Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2a)/ Gal 4: 4-7/ Lk 2: 16-**  
21 **Wed - Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen 1 Jn 2: 22-28/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Jn**  
1: 19-28 **Thu - Holy Name of Jesus -1 Jn 2: 29 - 3: 6/ Ps 98: 1. 3cd-4. 5-6/ Jn 1: 29-34**  
**Fri - Elizabeth Ann Seton - 1 Jn 3: 7-10/ Ps 98: 1. 7-8. 9/ Jn 1: 35-42 Sat 1 Jn 3: 11-21/ Ps**  
100: 1b-2. 3. 4. 5/ Jn 1: 43-51 **SUNDAY 6 Jan - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Is 60: 1-**  
6/ Ps 72: 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/ Eph 3: 2-3a. 5-6/ Mt 2: 1-12

**Mon - St Raymond of Peñafort - 1 Jn 3: 22 - 4: 6/ Ps 2: 7bc-8. 10-12a/ Mt 4: 12-17. 23-**  
25 **Tue - 1 Jn 4: 7-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4. 7-8/ Mk 6: 34-44 Wed - 1 Jn 4: 11-18/ Ps 72: 1-2.**  
10. 12-13/ Mk 6: 45-52 **Thu - 1 Jn 4: 19 - 5: 4/ Ps 72: 1-2. 14 and 15bc. 17/ Lk 4: 14-22**  
**Fri - 1 Jn 5: 5-13/ Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/ Lk 5: 12-16 Sat - 1 Jn 5: 14-21/ Ps 149: 1-**  
2. 3-4. 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3: 22-30 **SUNDAY 13 Jan - BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Is**  
42: 1-4. 6-7/ Ps 29: 1-2. 3-4. 3. 9-10 (11b)/ Acts 10: 34-38/ Mt 3: 13-17

**Mon - 1 Sm 1: 1-8/ Ps 116: 12-13. 14-17. 18-19/ Mk 1: 14-20 Tue - 1 Sm 1: 9-20/ 1 Sm 2:**  
1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd/ Mk 1: 21-28 **Wed - 1 Sm 3: 1-10. 19-20/ Ps 40: 2 and 5. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10/**  
Mk 1: 29-39 **Thu - Anthony - 1 Sm 4: 1-11/ Ps 44: 10-11. 14-15. 24-25/ Mk 1: 40-45 Fri - 1**  
Sm 8: 4-7. 10-22a/ Ps 89: 16-17. 18-19/ Mk 2: 1-12 **Sat - 1 Sm 9: 1-4. 17-19; 10: 1/ Ps 21:**  
2-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Mk 2: 13-17 **SUNDAY 20 Jan - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME Is 49: 3. 5-6/ Ps 40: 2. 4. 7-8. 8-9. 10 (8a. 9a)/ 1 Cor 1: 1-3/ Jn 1: 29-34**

**Mon - Agnes - 1 Sm 15: 16-23/ Ps 50: 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 and 23/ Mk 2: 18-22 Tue - Vincent**  
of Saragossa - 1 Sm 16: 1-13/ Ps 89: 20. 21-22. 27-28/ Mk 2: 23-28 **Wed - Wed - 1 Sm 17:**  
32-33. 37. 40-51/ Ps 144: 1b. 2. 9-10/ Mk 3: 1-6 **Thu - Francis de Sales - 1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19:**  
1-7/ Ps 56: 2-3. 9-10a. 10b-11. 12-13/ Mk 3: 7-12 **Fri - Conversion of Paul - Acts 22: 3-16**  
or Acts 9: 1-22/ Ps 117: 1bc. 2/ Mk 16: 15-18 **Sat - Timothy and Titus - 2 Tm 1: 1-8 or Ti**  
1: 1-5/ Ps 96: 1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 10/ Mk 3: 20-21 **SUNDAY 27 Jan - 3rd SUNDAY IN OR-**  
**DINARY TIME Is 8: 23 - 9: 3/ Ps 27: 1. 4. 13-14 (1a)/ 1 Cor 1:10-13. 17/ Mt 4:12-23**