



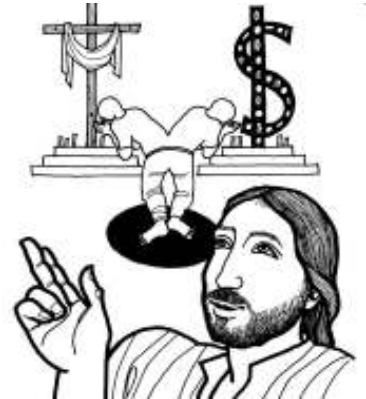
The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Nelson

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23 September 2007

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

I arrived last year amidst all the fuss about “Kiwisaver” and it got me thinking about investing on my future. I thought it would be something like being shrewd in the ways of the world that would give me assurance of peace and contentment in my old age. You may be able to help me as until now I haven’t decided yet. But that indecision came from a text message I had received asking me “Why are people so concerned about acquiring things that would pass away and neglect eternity that we can’t run away from?”



I guess I’ll settle for doing my best to be a good priest and I’d leave the decision about the future to our finance people. I’ll just share a story ...

The local Jewish Rabbi is out jogging through the country side. He encounters a man with two puppies for sale. He asks the man what kind of puppies they are, and the man responds, "They're Jewish puppies, Rev. Rabbi." The Rabbi thinks that is so great that the next day he brings his wife to see these puppies for herself. He asks the man to tell his wife what kind of puppies they are, and the man responds, "They're Catholic puppies." The Rabbi looks puzzled and says, "Yesterday, you told me they were Jewish puppies." The man smiles and says, "Yesterday, they were. But today, they have their eyes opened and a Catholic priest booked them paying in advance!"

God bless you all everyone and join me in wishing Fr Patrick a great celebration of his 40th birthday.

- *Fr Raymond*

I have been called away to a funeral in Wellington and this *Parishioner* was printed on Tuesday. I am sorry if any notices have consequently missed out. I would love to hear from anyone familiar with Publisher who could back me up in future similar situations. - *Helen Coleman* PARISH SEC



MOTHERS' PRAYERS GROUP

Eileen Romanos - NZ Co-ordinator of this international prayer group of women (not nec mums) praying for children - is here THIS Wed 26 Sept to gauge interest for starting a group. Interested ? Phone Rosalie 542 1552

CATHOLIC MEN'S RESIDENTIAL RETREAT

5.30pm Fri 26 - 3pm Sun 28 Oct - Teapot Valley Camp - led by Fr Phil King-Turner. Noticeboard has full details and reg forms

FAITH AND LIGHT INVITES YOU ON A BUS TRIP

on Sat Oct 6. Leaves St Francis' Stoke at 9 45am - to the Shoreline at Kaiteri for lunch - drive around coastal and inland highways. Cost - \$20 incl lunch. To book ph Judy 5486253 or Cecily 5475717



St Vincent de Paul invites sick, elderly and others to a



HEALING MASS OF ANOINTING

1.30pm - Tuesday 2 October in St Mary's Church - followed by afternoon tea in the Parish Centre. For transport phone 542 3591

PLEASE PRAY FOR

the sick

the recently deceased: Eileen Greally, Salve Dellabarca

those whose anniversaries are near: Mary Lynch, Elizabeth McGinn, Margaret O'Donnell, John Jeffries, Mavis Vercoe, Sharon Kotua, Vinaccia Pasquale



YOU ARE INVITED

to the Quins', 13 Richmond Ave - 7.pm onwards, TONIGHT (Sun 23) to help Fr Patrick Bridgman mark his 40th Birthday (actually on 26 Sept). Please bring a small party plate and BYO.

Very informal. Stay as little or as long as you like.

Any queries ph Gabrielle 5466515, or Debbie 5489888

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PARISH WEBSITE

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PARISH CONTACTS**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Shop: 77 Vanguard St;

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 - Ezr 1: 1-6; Lk 8: 16-18

Tue - 12.05pm - Ezr 6: 7-8. 12b. 14-20; Lk 8: 19-21

Wed - 12.05pm - Cosmas and Damian - Ezr 9: 5-9; Lk 9: 1-6

Thurs - 12.05pm - Vincent de Paul - Hg 1: 1-8; Lk 9: 7-9

Fri - 12.05pm - Wenceslaus, Lawrence Ruiz - Hg 2: 1-9; Lk 9: 18-22

Sat - 10am - Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael -Dn 7:9-14 or Rv 12:7-12; Jn 1:47-51

Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm**Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am****TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****Am 6: 1a. 4-7; 1 Tm 6: 11-16; Lk 16: 19-31****LITURGY ROSTERS**

Counter	J Morris	Gifted last wk (excl APs): Hse \$416 Parish \$853	
Vacuumping	M Towers, M Lenihan		
29-30/09/07	Sat Mass - 6.00pm	Sun Mass - 8.30am	Sun Mass - 10.00am
Music	Organ	Organ	Organ
Greeters	C Rivers, S Affleck	T and J McInerney	Bateup family
Readers	G Dunning, J Blackwell	Evan den Elzen P Heaphy	G Warner, K Clark
Ministers of the Eucharist	N Affleck, M Pike, K Curtis, M and A Achterberg	G Wratt, Newman, Speers, V de Courcy, J Greaney - <i>All CS</i> ; A Bakulich - <i>Hosp</i>	M Rutter, J McInerney, John Tohill, P Preston, P Schipper
Library	R Coman		