



The Parishioner

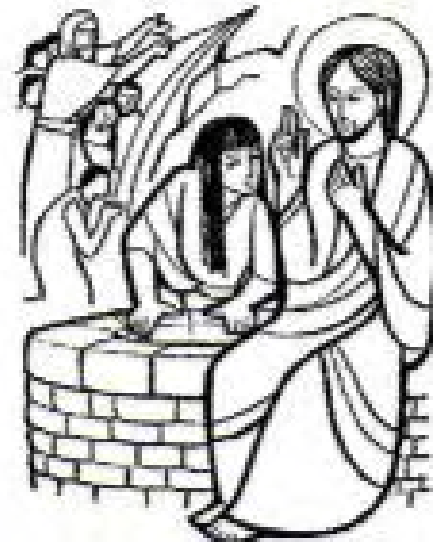
St Mary's Parish, Nelson
3rd Sunday of Lent - 24 February 2008

THE LIVING WATER

In the busyness of our everyday lives, it sometimes seems impossible to get everything into our day that we need to. On top of family, work and other commitments, we also need to make sure we are catering to our own needs, spiritual and physical.

In the Gospel readings today, we see that Jesus is offering us exactly what we need to not just get through our days, but to get the most out of and enjoy our everyday life.

When the Samaritan woman heard what Jesus was offering her at the well, she begged him for this special water. Although she didn't know exactly what she was asking for, she knew in her heart that what He had would be just the thing that she was looking for and needed. And it is the same with us, we don't always know what it is we need, but Jesus does. He knows us better than we know ourselves, and if we ask Him to give us what we need for the day, He will give us His living water, His Holy Spirit, joy, love and refreshment.



We can try and try to find our own ways to satisfy our thirst, but until we realise our need for Jesus and His Living Water, we will never quench it. "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst". Yes, we will have our times of weariness and frustration, but the living water that Jesus gives us is a constant supply that we can draw from whenever we need it.

Try it! Today in Mass, and throughout your week, ask God for His Living Water. Be reliant on it, and see how it will change the pace and focus of your life.

(Katrina Todd)



FAITH AND LIGHT

are having their annual camp at
Teapot Valley this weekend.

Please keep the campers in your prayers

MOTHERS' PRAYERS GROUP

meets 2-3pm each Wednesday at 11 Atawhai Drive

For more information - phone Rosalie 548 7558

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

meet THIS Tuesday - **1.30pm** - Parish Centre.

All Welcome



VACANCY FOR YOUNG ADULT MALE

The Grove Community has a vacancy for a young adult male (through the transfer of one member to Otago University). This is a Marist Brothers' Young Adult community located at 7 Birch St, Lower Hutt.

For further information, please contact:

Br Doug Dawick Phone: 972 6926

or brdoug@paradise.net.nz

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- **the sick**
- **ourselves on the Lenten journey**
- **those preparing to enter the Church at Easter**
- **the recently deceased:** Nancy Ferry, Latoya Lawson, Neil Robertson (br of Iain), Josie Doak, Jan Doherty (Wgtn), Jack Fitzgerald
- **those whose anniversaries are near:** John Monopoli, Helen Rackley, John Nixey, Joan Williams, Herman Lenting, Noel McBride, David Sharp, Allan Baker



LENTEN MEALS

hosted by the Light of Christ Community are on Fridays at 6.00pm in the Hall followed at 7.30pm in the Church by

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

is prayed each Lenten weekday morning except Monday at 9.00am in the church.

The Parish Office is effectively closed while it is on.

CARITAS LENT APPEAL

Your support during last year's Lent Appeal made a difference in Tanzania. Here, Caritas Partner CORDS works with Maasai people to improve their capacity to protect traditional lands from settlers, international tourist interests and farmers seeking large land holdings.



With reduced community violence and improvement in land protection, Maasai people have increased hope for a better future. *May the Holy Spirit empower us to reconcile all that divides our world, and help us to recognise each stranger as our brother or sister. Amen.*

LENTEN TALK BY FR EDMUND LITTLE

THIS Wednesday 27th February, 7.30-9.00pm,
Richmond Parish Centre, 35 William St. All Welcome

'PRAYING THE PSALMS'.

VACANCY FOR TEACHING PRINCIPAL, MOTUEKA

St Peter Chanel School, Motueka U2, decile 5, Catholic Y1-8.
Apps close 3pm, 25 Feb. App packs available from 423 High St,
Motueka; ph (03) 528 7366; email spc.motueka@xtra.co.nz

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference
endorses the celebration of

CHILDREN'S DAY

on 2 March 2008

and supports it by distributing the

PRAYER CARD

enclosed in this newsletter.

Please pray the prayer printed on it regularly in
your personal and family prayer.

Doing so will help the Open Home Foundation
achieve their vision of...

*"Every child and young person growing
up in a secure loving family and receiving
a depth of care which will bless them
throughout their life".*

In working to bring about this vision, the Open
Home Foundation [a Charitable Trust working
within the provisions of the Children, Young Per-
sons and their Families Act (1989)] provides
training, finance and prayerful support to
empower communities to develop care and
protection services for their neglected children.

To get more information: visit the websites -
www.ohf.org.nz or www.ohfint.co.nz

To help our vulnerable children:
pray the prayer.

WANTED Guests for party.
Fun-loving, Laughing, Kick-
Up-Your-Heels Persons willing to
devote time to livening up a Party.

If you fit the above description
and want to come out and have
a good time then please join
St Joseph's School PTA
for this fund-raiser event for
the Year 6 trip to Wellington

1970s ~ 1980s themed party dance

On: Saturday 8 March 2008
From: 8.00pm to midnight
At: St Mary's Hall
Tickets: \$12 per person ~ on Sale NOW !
Contact Kaye ~ 548 1126



Supper provided
Dress: 1970s ~ 1980s
Bring your attitude and
your refreshments
Entertainment with live
DJ Roger Neame



**WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISERS:
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Parish Variety Concert , Saturday April 12 and
Parish Quiz Evening, mid-late May

There will be a meeting to organise these in the
Presbytery **THIS MONDAY** February 25, at 7:30pm.
All are welcome. Parishioners wishing to help / enter
items, please contact Graham Warner 5489422 or
Willie Schryvers 5483507



**SHORT SPIRITUAL TALKS
AND BENEDICTION**

on Sunday Evenings
7:30 – 8:30 pm

Begins NEXT Sunday 2 March.

Join the World Youth Day pilgrims
in their spiritual preparation. Spend quality time
with the Lord before the Blessed Sacrament

YOU are invited to the Presbytery
7.00 - 8.30pm on Monday 3 March
(and each Monday thereafter)
for an

**Evening Session of
questions, answers
and discussion on
The Spiritual Understanding
of Our Faith
(A good Lenten exercise)**

Come one and all to

THE SOUTH ISLAND SOCIAL JUSTICE HUI.

- a great opportunity to network and gain energy from others, find support and encouragement through sharing of ideas and experiences, and grow in understanding the Gospel call to work for the Reign of God.

Where: Richmond Parish Centre,
35 Williams St, Richmond

When: THIS Saturday 1 March 2008
10:30am – 3.00 pm

NZ CATHOLIC ON SALE TODAY

Reflection Time

Sunday 24th February 7.30pm

St Mary's Presbytery

*A time of Reflection on the
Readings for the Youth and
Family Mass on Sat 8th March*

**All who are participating in the
Mass are encouraged to attend
and all who wish to support the
Mass are invited!**

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Raymond Soriano (PP), Fr Lou Leuthard

PRESBYTERY

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PARISH SECRETARY

Helen Coleman

Mon/Tue, Thur/Fri

9.00am - 3.00pm

PARISH WEBSITE

www.stmarysnelson.org.nz

PARISH CONTACTS**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Shop: 77 Vanguard St;

548 9372

Mon - Fri: 10.00am-3.30pm; Sat 10.00am - 1.00pm

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** - 2 Kgs 5: 1-15b/ Ps 42: 2. 3; 43: 3. 4/ Lk 4: 24-30. Optional for any day this week: Ex 17: 1-7/ Ps 95: 1-2. 6-7ab. 7c-9/ Jn 4: 5-42**Tue - 12.05pm** - Dn 3: 25. 34-43/ Ps 25: 4-5ab. 6 and 7bc. 8 and 9/ Mt 18: 21-35**Wed - 7.00am, 12.05pm** - Dt 4:1. 5-9/ Ps 147: 12-13. 15-16. 19-20/ Mt 5: 17-19

Thur - 12.05pm - Jer 7: 23-28/ Ps 95: 1-2. 6-7. 8-9/ Lk 11: 14-23

Fri - 12.05pm - Hos 14: 2-10/ Ps 81: 6c-8a. 8bc-9. 10-11ab. 14 and 17/ Mk 12: 28-34

Sat - 10.00am - Hos 6: 1-6/ Ps 51: 3-4. 18-19. 20-21ab/ Lk 18: 9-14

Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm**Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am****FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT.**

1 Sm 16: 1b. 6-7. 10-13a/ Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6 (1)/ Eph 5: 8-14/ Jn 9: 1-41

ROSTERS

Counter	John van der Laan	Gifted last wk (excl APs): Hse - \$635 Parish - \$1270	
Vacuuming	25/2 - 1/3	Quin Family	
1-2/3/08	Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm	Sun - 8.30am	Sun - 10.00am
Music			
Greeters	Light of Christ Comm	F Andrews, J van der Laan	M Cairns, R Brown
Readers	D Todd, L Palmer	B Gibbs, F Andrews	Sac Prep
Ministers of the Eucharist	P and L Wright, A Monti, M Smith, P Preston	Blackwell, E Smith, Curtis, P van den Elzen, McAlpine <i>All CS; Bakulich - Hosp</i>	P Robertson, V Hambly, M Warner, N Affleck, (1) Help Needed please