



The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Manuka St. Nelson
Third Sunday of Easter - 26 April, 2009

Rejoice in the Lord always!

I have a confession to make. Although it was Holy Week, I found it difficult to focus on the message of the season, just after a holiday. Without God's grace I would have not managed to stay with it. I'm just grateful that school holidays have provided the chance to catch up and digest the experience.

It is wonderful to experience and to be a part of an event. But it is more important to know the reason for the event and the impact it would have in our life. My holiday gave me not only a sense of relaxation but also of renewal that I know would impact on my relationships back home and my home in our community here in Nelson.

It is the same with our experience of the Risen Lord. It is good to be a part of the celebrations that we had. But our part is not only listening to an event or an experience. We are all participants, the impact of which is living the life of the Risen Christ, and not a ghost. Our faith should encourage us to work on recognising Him and to acknowledge that our happiness lies in the peace that He gives.

The poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote:

“Every bush is afire with God. Those who see it take off their shoes; the rest sit around and eat blackberries.”

More prosaically:

**“The cosmos is aglow with the glory of God.
Those who see it bask in the sunlight;
those who don't, slather on sunscreen.”**



Saints Corner

Saint Catherine of Siena - virgin, doctor Feast Day 29 April

She was born Catherine Benin in Siena in 1347 and was the last of 25 children.

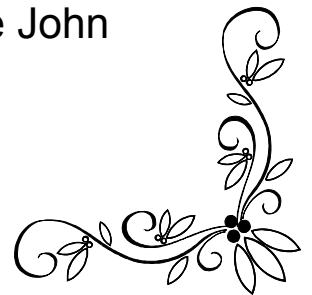
In about 1366, St Catherine experienced what she described in her letters as a "Mystical Marriage" with Jesus. She was told by Christ to leave her withdrawn life and enter the public life of the world. There Catherine dedicated much of her life to helping the ill and the poor.

In the early 1370s, she began writing letters, increasingly widening her audience to include figures in authority. She begged for peace between the republics and principalities of Italy and for the return of the Papacy from Avignon to Rome. She carried on a long correspondence with Pope Gregory XI, also asking him to reform the clergy and the administration of the Papal States.

In her letters to the Pope, she often referred to him affectionately as "Papa" or "Daddy" ("Babbo" in Italian). Roughly one third of her letters are to women. Her other major work is "The Dialogue of Divine Providence". Often assumed to be illiterate, Catherine is acknowledged as capable of reading both Latin and Italian.

St Catherine died of a stroke in Rome, the spring of 1380, at the age of thirty-three. Pope Pius XII named her a joint Patron Saint of Italy along with St. Francis of Assisi. In 1999, Pope John Paul II made her one of Europe's Patron Saints.

**"For love, You O God have become human
and we have become divine!"**



WE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

Laszlo Bozoky, John Lee, Mary Burley,
Beverley Small, Raymond Shedden, Pamela Murray,
Colleen Robinson, Kenneth Percival, Ellis and Webley
Families, Guiseppe & Teresa Albano, Tony Armitrano,
Maria Teresa Albano, Kevin Reidy, Alfredo &
Angelina Miccio, Cataldo & Emma Romano

Intentions: Lauria and Sowman Families

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace

Youth and Family Mass

Once a month we have a Youth and Family Mass on Saturday night. We would love for you to be part of this celebration. We particularly need young people and families to:

greet

act in liturgical skits etc.

read

Contact: Paula 548 1751



ROSTERS

There is a need for a

Convenor for the Cleaning Roster

(This merely involves compiling and circulating a schedule of those who have volunteered to clean the church)

Please ring Mary Warner if willing to perform this small service, on 548 9422

ALL PARISHIONERS

Would those on the planned giving programme in the church please pick up your tax receipts from the foyer.

THANK YOU

This Week

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Fortnightly meeting
Tuesday 28 April
1:30pm in the
Parish Centre



**DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP
FOR WOMEN - NELSON**

ST FRANCIS CHURCH,
SONGER STREET, STOKE

SATURDAY 2ND MAY 2009 2-4PM

GUEST SPEAKER:

HELEN REINEN - AUCKLAND

THEME:

MY NEW NAME IS 'CONFIDENCE'

CONTACT:

MARGARET 545 2554

ANN 548 8723

**DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN
NELSON**

RAFFLE - "PAMPER PACK FOR MOTHERS DAY"

TICKETS - \$1.00 each

ON SALE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

DRAWN - Saturday 2nd May

at our monthly meeting held at

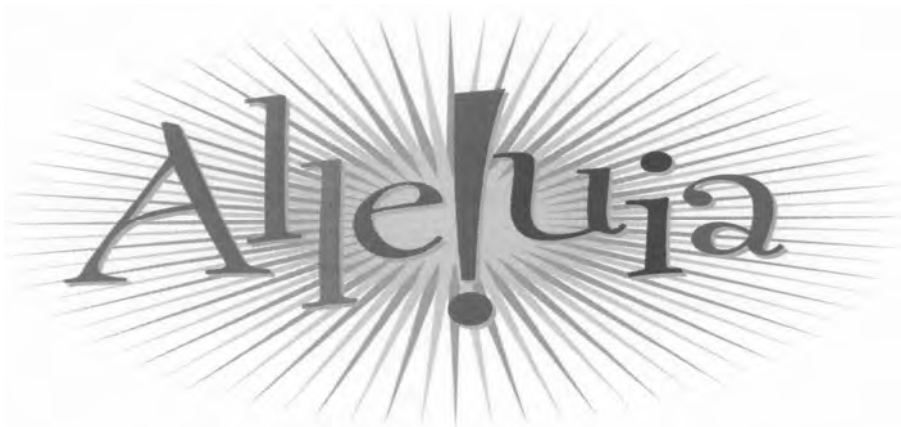
ST FRANCIS CHURCH, STOKE 2pm - 4pm



Coming Up

Mass of Anointing

St. Vincent de Paul invite the sick and the elderly and other parishioners to a Healing Mass of Anointing on the Tuesday **5th of May 2009**, at 1:30 pm followed by afternoon tea.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR St. Mary's Church, Manuka St., Nelson

Adult

There have been inquiries about an adult LiSS. This is being run **after Easter**. If interested we would love to hear from you. Let us know what time would suit you. Please contact:

Katie Rose 5469937

Raewyn Todd 5489155



Praise the Lord

If you have been through a seminar before come and be refreshed

Cardinal Suenens described the Charismatic Renewal as "a high voltage current of grace which is coursing through the Church"

To all Our Parish Family

Thank you so much for all the support you have given us in our move to Auckland to work with the Maxim Institute. We have had the most amazing experience there and we feel incredibly blessed to be doing what we are doing.

We thought we would write a few words about what we have been a part of in Auckland so you can be a part of what we are doing and you will be able to keep us in your prayers

We have been doing a mixture of working and studying for the Maxim Institute, which is (in short), a public policy think tank with a compassionate conservatism approach. We have been studying; worldview, jurisprudence, tax and the role of government, history, and theology. We also do research and work for the Institute in areas such as education, events management and so forth.

We have been amazed with the speakers we have been privileged to hear, some of which include, Baroness Caroline Cox; a representative in the House of Lords in England who is the founder of HART – Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust. Hugh Evans; young Australian of the Year, who is working with governments around the world in an effort to end extreme poverty, Nick Aroney; Professor of Law at Queensland University and more who are coming later in the year, including Cardinal George Pell from Sydney.

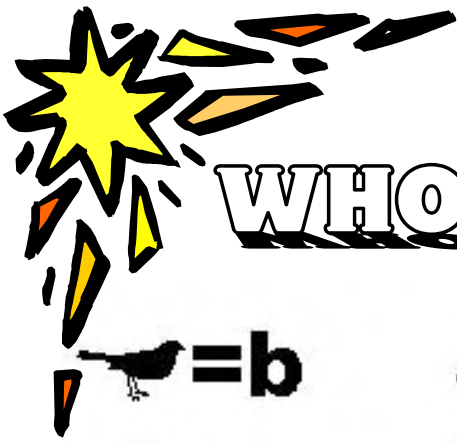
We are also living with the other interns in a house together, so there is a lot discussion and it is a great way of “living community together” - one of Maxims principles.

Our time so far with the Maxim Institute is helping us to understand and critique our worldview, giving us so many opportunities to work in community and to look at ways of helping and growing our society. Most importantly we are growing closer to God in the work we are doing.

Thank you again for all your support and we appreciate all the prayer and financial help that you have given us.

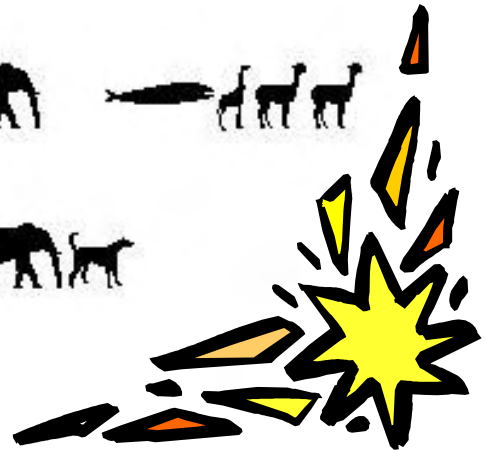
God Bless,
Katrina Todd and Rachel Schryvers





WHOEVER BELIEVES

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL Shop: 77 Vanguard St; Tue - Fri: 9:30am-3.30pm 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**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: 9:00am 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** - Acts 6:8-15 Psalm 118:23-24,26-27,29-30 John 6:22-29**Tue -12.05pm** - Acts 7:51-8:1 Psalm 30:3-4,6-8,17,21 John 6:30-35**Wed - 12.05pm - St. Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor (Memorial)**

Acts 8:1-8 Psalm 65:1-7 John 6:35-40

Thurs - 12.05pm - Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 65:8-9,16-17,20 John 6:44-51**Fri - 12.05pm - St Joseph the Worker (Memorial)**

Acts 9:1-20 Psalm 116 John 6:52-59

Sat - 10am - St Mark, Evangelist (Feast)

Acts 9:31-42 Psalm 115:12-17 John 6:60-69

Sat (Vigil) - 6:00pm Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14,36-41**Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am** - Psalm 22:1-6 Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10

| ROSTERS - | | | |
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| Counter | Pauline Robertson | Gifted last wk (excl APs) House \$530 Parish \$863 | |
| Vacuuming | 27 April - 2 May | Dorothy and Vic Hambly | |
| <u>2-3 May</u> | <u>6.00pm</u> | <u>8.30am</u> | <u>10.00am</u> |
| Greeters | Light of Christ Community | J Van der Laan L Del Favero | Tom McInerney Judy McInerney |
| Readers | Rosalie Barber Patrick Cronin | Katie Rose Karen Clark | Confirmation Programme |
| Ministers of the Eucharist | P Cronin H Newman T Romano L Wright P Wright | A Oertly (P McBride P Speers M Monti V de Courcy ALL C S) A Bakulich - HOSP | S Meria P v d Elzen N Affleck M Warner K Cleary |