



The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Nelson

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26 August 2007

ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW DOOR

Our Church gatherings bring comments like “We’re very Catholic. We take the back pews.” Or it’s amazing how the Church fills up just a couple of minutes before the start of the celebration. I wonder how it would be if entrance would also be through a narrow door as in the Gospel narrative that we have this weekend. There would be grand entries until the recessional!

Our faith tells us that salvation is open to everyone, but entry requires seriousness of purpose. The time will come when the door will be closed, and the guarantee of our entry is not by trying to argue ourselves through the narrow door nor by saying we have rubbed elbows with the Lord but by the fruitfulness of our lives.



Paul in his Letter to the Galatians enumerates good works – and our children, preparing themselves for confirmation sang it for us last Sunday, reminding us that these would lead us to everlasting life – *“The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control (5:22).* These are the concerns of our everyday living that get us through the narrow door.

May God’s love and grace empower us to walk hand in hand the path of everlasting life. God loves you all and Cheers!

- Fr Raymond

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Got yours from the foyer yet ?

Please remember in your prayers this week, those to receive

CONFIRMATION

at next Sunday's 10.00am Mass.

REGIONAL YOUTH MASS

TONIGHT Sunday 26 August, 7pm, St Francis of Assisi
Live Youth Band, Fantastic Food. Bring a friend, gold coin and
some fantastic food to share. See you there!

YOUTH AND FAMILIES MASS

All youth wishing to help in these Masses as greeters, collectors, readers, supper teams, plus dance and drama, skits, mimes etc please contact Kathryn after 4.00pm on 548 1751
N.B. No prev experience necessary as training will be given.

WANTED - WILLING GARDEN LOVER

to help parishioner care for medium sized garden incl small lawn. Terms, times etc negotiable. Phone Sandra 548 5644

NZ CATHOLIC ON SALE TODAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR

the sick

the recently deceased: Dorothy Maplesden

Michelle Gear and Shannon Nathan - marrying on Saturday

those whose anniversaries are near: Mons Tom Duffy,

Albert Adamson, Frank McBride, Frank Coman,

Frank McBride, Donald Eathorne, Lloyd Hunter,

Adrian Smith, Maureen Donnelly

deceased family members: Cataldo and Emma Romano,

Lauria and Adamson families





LETS BUNCH FOR LUNCH

On Sunday 9 September
from 11.30am - 1.00pm

come and lunch at the Presbytery.

Bring finger food to share and we'll put on tea and coffee.

A chance to socialise informally with
Fr Raymond and other parishioners.

We are hoping this will become
a regular - perhaps quarterly - event.



SVDP - SIT VAC

A paid part-time youth worker position is available working with the Vinnies groups operating in our local Catholic schools.

For information contact Michael Alder 544 7178

LAST CHANCE for Convent Past Pupils Assocn's

MYSTERY BUS TOUR ON SAT 1 SEPTEMBER

Cost: \$20 plus extra \$5-15 for lunch. Bring a Friend.

Phone Sandra 03 546 7888 to book by Tue 28 Aug Please.

PARISH/SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE.

On Thursday the joint building committee met with the Catholic Schools Board architect to view a preliminary plan which received positive comments from those present. The preliminary plan has been pinned to the display board at the back of the church. Please take a look at what is proposed and pass any questions/comments on to Gaike Knottenbelt or Graham Warner. The architect returns in two weeks to finalise the layout so he can proceed to the next step of detailed plans.

FAITH & LIGHT WARMLY INVITE YOU TODAY

to our fiesta starting at 12.30pm at St Francis', Stoke where we enjoy friendship fun prayer and a shared meal.

For more info phone Judith 5486368 Cecily 5475717

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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 - Monica - 1 Thes 1: 1-5. 8b-10; Mt 23: 13-22

Tue - 12.05pm - Augustine - 1 Thes 2: 1-8; Mt 23: 23-26

Wed - 12.05pm - Martyrdom of John the Baptist - 1 Thes 2: 9-13; Mk 6: 17-29

Thu - 12.05pm - Thes 3: 7-13; Mt 24: 42-51

Fri - 12.05pm - 1 Thes 4: 1-8; Mt 25: 1-13

Sat - 10.00am - 1 Thes 4: 9-11; Mt 25: 14-30

Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm

Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 3: 17-18. 20. 28-29; Heb 12: 18-19.22-24a; Lk 14:1. 7- 14

LITURGY ROSTERS

Counter	J Scott ?	Gifted last wk (incl APs): Hse \$1230 Parish \$2460	
Vacuumping	D and V Hambly		
1-2/09/07	Sat Mass - 6.00pm	Sun Mass - 8.30am	Sun Mass - 10.00am
Music	Organ	Organ	Dove
Greeters	Light of Christ Comm.	K Mardon, L Del Favero	Bateup family
Readers	R Schryvers, P Maplesden	A Oertly, G Knottenbelt	L Palmer, F Andrews
Ministers of the Eucharist	P van den Elzen, P Cronin, P Schipper, A Monti, L Wright	P Wright, Speers, D Fisk, V de Courcy, A Bentley - <i>All CS; G Wratt - Hosp</i>	M and A Achterberg, H Newman, P Speers, John Tohill
Library	M Sauer		