



# *The Parishioner*

St Mary's Parish, Nelson

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28 October 2007

Last Thursday I gave thanks, through the Eucharistic Celebration, to people who have brought me to what I am in life. Many of them have already passed away including my parents and a brother and also three of those who were ordained with me twenty-seven years ago.



Like the publican praying “Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner,” even immediately after ordination the question I asked myself was “Why me Lord?” Indeed, the Lord is good and He has, in spite of my unworthiness, called me and chosen me as His instrument through the priestly ministry.

Let me share it through the song sung by Kris Kristofferson...

## **Why me, Lord?**

What have I ever done to deserve even one  
Of the pleasures I've known  
Tell me Lord, what did I ever do to deserve loving You  
And the kindness You've shown  
Lord help me Jesus I've wasted it...  
So help me Jesus, You know what I am  
Now that I know that I've needed you...  
So help me Jesus my soul's in Your hands  
Try me Lord, if You think there's a way  
I can ever repay, all I've taken from You  
Maybe Lord, I can show someone else  
What I've been through myself  
On my way back to You

Please continue to pray “that this human heart may be Christ-like through the years! God bless you all.

- Fr Raymond

## PLEASE HELP

clean the inside of the Church in time for First Communion and Christmas. A working bee will be held on Sat 24 Nov. Come and have some fun with other parishioners while doing valuable work. Details next week. Mark your calendar NOW.

## MASS VENUE CHANGE

Starting TOMORROW Monday 8.00am Masses will now be held in the Church. Thank you to the Sisters for the hospitality of their chapel during the cold winter months.

## FAITH AND LIGHT

warmly welcome YOU to our shared meal, and time of friendship, music, prayer and fun starting at 12.30pm TODAY Sun 28 Oct at St Francis', Stoke. For more info ph Cecily 5475717, Judith 5486368, Judy 5486253.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR



**the sick**

**the young people preparing for Sacraments**

**newly baptised (this wkend) :**

Ella Elizabeth Wendy Russell Simonsen, Joshua Angelo, Leigh Junette Dougherty, Sarah Viola Victoria Kaiser

**those presently on the Men's Retreat**

**the recently deceased:** Adele Robson (mthr of Ruth), Sr Hyacinthia Warren RNDM (N-P), Faye Glausiuss Sr Gemma Cronin RNDM (Hmltn), Leslie McGirr

**those whose anniversaries are near:** James Crapper, Jacob van der Koelin, Bernie Morrison, Ernie Fitzgerald Peter Robinson, Francesco Esposito, Nora Guthrie, Carmela Dellabarca, James Dellabarca

**deceased family and friends:** Salve Esposito, Frank Pricolo, Rosa & Domenico Pricolo, John Gargiulo, Francesco & Benedetta Gargiulo, Michele & Rachelina Gaeta

## PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

All Saints Day (Nov 1) is no longer a Holy Day of Obligation, but November is a special time to pray for the dead. Here is how we will celebrate the Communion of Saints ...

### Book of Life

In the church porch and foyer today are pages for the book which will be present on the altar during November's Masses. The names of those buried in the parish during this year have been entered. Previous years' pages are still included so the only names which need to be entered TODAY are FAMILY AND FRIENDS BURIED OUTSIDE THE PARISH FROM LAST NOVEMBER UNTIL NOW.

THIS Wed 31 October -

**Vigil Mass** of All Saints - 6.00pm

**ALL SAINTS DAY** - Thursday 1 Nov.

**Mass** at 1.45pm (School will attend) and **Mass** at 6.00 pm.

**ALL SOULS DAY** - Friday 2 Nov.

**Mass** in St Mary's at 12.05 pm and

**Prayer Service** in Garin Memorial Chapel at 5pm followed by **Blessing of Graves** in Wakapuaka Cemetery .

### Blessing of Graves

In **Wakapuaka** Cemetery

Fri 2 Nov after 5 pm Prayer Service in Garin Chapel.

In **Marsden** Cemetery on Sun 4 Nov at 2 pm.

In **Ngawhatu** Cemetery on Sun 4 Nov at 3.30pm.

(Transport provided up the slope.)



After November the Book of Life will be present at Masses in a new format. A book with pages to be turned each day will allow reference to the names of those whose anniversaries occur on that date.

Some children at St Joseph's have come up with a great idea to have a fun day with activities such as a bouncy castle, sausage sizzle etc after Sunday Mass (Date to be confirmed). A

**CAR-WASH ON SUN 11 NOVEMBER**

will help us fund this event.

If you want your car washed while you are at Mass that day -

**PLEASE PARK YOUR CAR IN THE JUNIOR BLOCK PLAYGROUND**



**LAST REGIONAL YOUTH MASS OF THE YEAR**

TONIGHT Sun 28 Oct 7pm

St Francis' Stoke

Live Youth Band and Choir....these young adults are awesome!

Visitors from St Marys in Blenheim:

Fr Alan Roberts, Fr David Dowling, Youth group/WYD Pilgrims

Bring some food to share for supper afterwards

Invite a friend to this lively Mass, See you there.



**MARIAN MOTHERS**

Mums - come with your pre-schoolers from 10.00am - noon on Thursday 8 November for tea, tape and talking while the little ones play at Jackie Cleary's house  
83 Salisbury Rd, Richmond -  
Ph 544 1535. All Welcome.

**ATTENTION ALL PARISH GROUPS**

To prepare for our new building project, the store room in the Parish Centre is being cleared to accommodate the library. If a person or group owns anything stored in that room would you please remove it NOW - *Patrick Cronin* (for Parish Council)

# ST MARY'S YOUTH/FAMILIES MASS

Calling all young people who wish to help plan the next Mass. We are meeting at the Presbytery 7.00 - 8.00pm THIS Tue 30 Oct

Your input is very welcome.

Contact Katherine Older 548 3507.

## LAST YEAR'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS' PARENTS

We would appreciate your help with the practicalities of the "breakfast" for the First Communicants after 10am Mass on 18 Nov to leave this year's parents free to concentrate on their special young person.

We will ring soon but to volunteer please ph Fr Raymond 5468 442 or Debbie 548 9888



NEW TO THE PARISH ??? WELCOME

Please give your contact details and drop this in the plate at Mass or call in to the Parish Office.

## THANK YOU

for your generous donations for Mission Sunday last week. A total of \$730.50 was donated. Prayers help missionaries continue their work, far from home and family. Financial donations bring practical help to the poorest of the poor and build up the Faith in mission territories.

## PARISH / SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The revised plan is in the church porch as the architect begins drawing up detailed plans for the tender process.

Give feedback to or ask questions of  
Graham Warner 548 9422 or Gaike Knottenbelt 545 6949

## CWL FUNDRAISER

for the Vanuatu Mission station

Please BUY A TICKET TO THE FILM "Evening" (*below*)  
and/or MAKE A DONATION which could be left  
(in an envelope marked "Vanuatu Missions")  
at the Convent for Sr Catherine.

# "EVENING"

*a story of a mother, her daughters and memories of a lost love...*

☆ Vanessa Redgrave ☆ Claire Danes ☆ Glenn Close  
☆ Toni Collette ☆ Natasha Richardson ☆ Meryl Streep.

*"A languid, gorgeously-shot film... Clear-eyed without  
being cynical, reflective but never maudlin."*

6.00pm - Wed 7 November - State Cinema, Nelson

TICKETS (\$12 EACH) ARE AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES  
\*THIS WEEKEND OR PHONE PARISH OFFICE 546 8442

## TWO BOOKS WITH LOCAL CONNECTIONS ...



### **Behind the Visor**

Sr Sheila O'Toole (who has been in Nelson in recent months) has devoted her life to aiding and guiding people in need, particularly the indigenous people of South Vietnam. The tragedies and triumphs encountered along the way have inspired her to write this book. This fascinating journey of faith follows Sr Sheila through Vietnam during war-time and her return 17 years later.

\$29.90  
incl GST

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PARISH OFFICE  
OR THE CONVENT

**SPECIAL OFFER**  
Buy both  
books for just  
**\$40**

\$25  
incl GST

### ***EUPHRASIE***

In her re-telling of the story of Euphrasie Barbier (the founder of our RNDM sisters' order) Sr Mary Philippa Reed RNDM takes us back to the early 1800's when destitution was commonplace and survival had to be strived for on a daily basis. In these difficult times Euphrasie set out to become a missionary. Her journey brought many challenges and eventually led to the establishment of the Religieuses de Notre Dame des Missions



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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 the Mass of the Day)*

Mon - 8.00am (\*Church not Convent) - Rom 8: 12-17/ Ps 68: 2 and 4. 6-7,20-21/ Lk 13: 10-17

Tue - 12.05pm - Rom 8: 18-25/ Ps 126: 1b-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6/ Lk 13: 18-21

Wed - 12.05pm, (6.00pm - \*Vigil of All Saints) - Rom 8: 26-30/ Ps 13: 4-5. 6/ Lk 13: 22-30

Thu - 6.00pm - ALL SAINTS - Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/ Ps 24: 1-6/1 Jn 3: 1-3/ Mt 5:1-12

Fri - ALL SOULS - Readings from Common of Masses for the Dead

Sat - 10am - Martin de Porres - Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29/ Ps 94: 12-15. 17-18/ Lk 14:1,7-11

Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm

Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Wis 11: 22 - 12: 2/ Ps 145: 1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13. 14/ 2 Thes 1: 11 - 2: 2/ Lk 19:1- 10

**LITURGY ROSTERS**

<b>Counter</b>	Peter Ellis	<b>Gifted last wk (excl APs):</b> Hse - \$503 Parish -\$1007	
<b>Vacuumping</b>	E Adamson, G Wratt		
<b>3-4/11/07</b>	<b>Sat Mass - 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sun Mass - 8.30am</b>	<b>Sun Mass - 10.00am</b>
<b>Music</b>	Choir	Organ	Dove
<b>Greeters</b>	Light of Christ Com	T and J McInerney	M Cairns, R Brown
<b>Readers</b>	F Andrews, L Palmer	B Gibbs	Sac Prep
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	L Wright, P Wright, M Warner, N Affleck, A Monti	V de Courcy, P Speers, D Fisk, Sr Catherine, P van den Elzen - <i>All CS</i> ; S Ellis - <i>Hosp</i>	P Robertson, P Schipper, M Lagrutta, H Newman, M Rutter
<b>Library</b>	M Sauer		