



The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Nelson

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29 July 2007

YOUR WILL DONE

For a couple of weeks now, I have come upon a group of parishioners having a discussion on tragedies, personal or otherwise, and asking the question “why bad things happen to good people?” It’s almost a cop-out to say God sees the bigger picture.

I mentioned in one of my homilies the experience of the Associated Press Correspondent Terry Anderson spending seven years in windowless cells often in chains after being kidnapped by Muslim extremists. After his release, he said, “I think we come closest to God at our lowest moments. It’s easier to hear God when you are stripped of pride and arrogance; when you have nothing to rely on except God. It’s pretty painful to get to that point, but when you do, God is there.”

It really takes a leap of faith. It must have been very hard for Abraham to trust God - even to sacrificing his own son, or think of Job losing everything and yet trusting that God knows best. But it is their way of establishing that deep intimacy with God in haggling and even complaining to Him, that we see God really as Abba, Father, entrusting everything to His will.

At the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus also prayed, “Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me.” Still, Jesus surrendered to the will of His Father.

Have a time to be up close and personal with God too, and remember that Jesus himself gathers all these together as He teaches us His own prayer to Our Father.

- Fr Raymond

CONFIRMATION

The first weekly preparation **session** is
NEXT Sunday at 9am in the Parish Centre
after which the young people will attend 10.00am Mass.
Parents' meeting TOMORROW Mon 30/7 at 7.30pm in the
Presbytery. To give apologies or for more info please ph Deb-
bie 548 9888

The Jubilee Fellowship Prayer Group invites you to

MORNING TEA

after 10am Mass NEXT Sunday 5 August.
There will be an opportunity to make a **GOLD COIN
DONATION** toward travel to the **WORLD YOUTH DAY**

DOMINICANS

Anyone associated with the Dominican Family
is warmly invited to celebrate the Feast of St Dominic
2.00 - 4.00pm - NEXT Sunday August 5
at Stoke Catholic Presbytery, 196 Songer St.
RSVP by phoning 547 6623 before Fri 3 August.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

the sick

the recently deceased:

Sr M Liguori Murphy RNDM (Opunake - lived
her early life in Nn), Sr M Hassan RNDM (Hamilton),
Sr M Magdalen Ryan RNDM (Hamilton)

those whose anniversaries are near: Domenico
Lauria, Joseph Harris, Angelina Weaver, Johannes
Hendriks, Sheila Stephens, Jim Cairns, Cameron
Stewart-Nixey, Johannes Ikink, Josie Gegan,
Beryl Bunt, Marie Blackman, Pauline Rathbun

deceased family members:

Giuseppe and Teresa Albano, Tony Amitrano





EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - CHANGES

The pastoral visit by priests in the first week of the month to those confined to home is changing. Instead, Father Raymond will spread his visits over the entire month.

As a consequence, lay Ministers of the Eucharist will visit the housebound following 8.30am Mass every Sunday. Those taking Communion to the housebound should note that a new roster is currently being prepared

Eucharistic Ministers who are not rostered on next weekend are invited to attend 8.30am Mass NEXT Sunday 5 August for the commissioning of five new Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Victor Hambly, Paula Schipper, Sam Schryvers, Elizabeth Smith and Barbara Tohill.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

for next year for ALL CATEGORIES of giver - weekly, monthly, yearly and AP - are now available in the foyer.

PLEASE COLLECT YOURS TODAY

and save the Parish a big postage bill.

WANT TO EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY ?

Try one of these workshops ...

The Spirituality of 'Wakefulness' Thurs 16 Aug 1.30 - 3.pm
... invites us to discover the rich inner life that is hidden within us and in our world. 'Wakefulness' calls for a listening and open heart.

Facilitator: Lyndall Brown rsj Cost: \$5 Venue: St Francis' Stoke

The Art of Living the Gospel Thurs 16 Aug 7.30 - 9.00pm
Revisiting the stories of the Samaritan woman and the Samaritan man to discover what is at the heart of living the Gospel in our times.

Facilitator: Lyndall Brown rsj Cost: \$10 Venue: St Francis' Stoke

Depthing the Enneagram Fri 17 Aug 7.30 - 9.00pm
continues Sat 18 Aug 10am - 2.30pm

For those who have attended an introductory workshop on the Enneagram. We will depth our understanding of it by exploring the spirituality which underpins the Enneagram as reflected in our lives and in the Gospel.

Facilitator: Lyndall Brown rsj Cost: koha Venue: St Andrews Uniting Church, Motueka (next to the Police station) Ride may be available. - Bring own lunch. Tea and coffee provided

Day of Quiet ... Creating a Space in our Busy Lives

Mon 20 Aug 9.30 am - 2.30 pm

A quiet and relaxed day with a chance to be nourished by beauty, reflection and the companionship of women.

Facilitators: Karen Moynagh and Lyndall Brown rsj Cost: \$30 Venue: Karen's home; Clover Road, Hope

Enquiries and Registrations to
Karen Moynagh 5424090 or Frances O'Leary 547 6202

FAITH & LIGHT

welcome all to TODAY's Fiesta starting at 12.30 in St Francis'

REGIONAL YOUTH MASS

TONIGHT (Sun) - 7pm -St Francis', Stoke

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

meet THIS Tues - 2.00pm - Parish Centre

Are YOU or DO YOU KNOW of

•someone thinking about perhaps
joining the Catholic Church ?

or

•someone who is a baptised Catholic,
but has never received religious
education, or Confirmation, or First
Communion ?

There is to be an informal

ENQUIRY EVENING
in St Francis', Stoke at 7.30pm
on Tuesday 14 August
OR Thursday 16 August 2007



where we will answer all-you-ever-wanted- to-know-but-were-
afraid-to-ask questions, and explain the R.C.I.A. - a process of
initiation into the Catholic Church being used by Nelson, Rich-
mond and Stoke Parishes.

If you would like to DISCUSS it first - please contact
Fr Raymond 546 8442, or Helen 547 2043,
Fr David 544 8987 or Jean 544 7105, Fr John 547 6623

OTHERWISE - see you at St Francis'...

FINANCES

On the next page you will see the 31 March 2007 Financial Report for our Parish. Highlights for the year include:

- Re-roofing the church
- Keeping our operating deficit to only \$9000 despite a high level of capital expenditure on our properties. This was achieved by a very generous donation from a parishioner to contribute to the cost of the church roof
- Keeping parish costs under control and below the level of previous years
- Collections for the year were slightly ahead of last year when the above donation is excluded

Total collections were around \$185,000. One third of what we collect is passed onto the clergy's house account to cover the priests' living costs and contribute to the Clergy Trust Fund for retired Priests.

The Parish Renewal we participated in recently, resulted in an increase in the level of planned giving which will secure our financial future. Thank you everyone for your continued generosity, it is very much appreciated. Thank you also to my fellow finance committee members for your ongoing support and stewardship of the parish resources.

The next year will be an exciting one for us all with some significant projects planned i.e. new parish/school admin building and new presbytery.

If you have any questions regarding this report please contact me.

Graham Warner

Chairman, Parish Finance Committee

**St Mary's Parish
Financial Report to 31 March 2007**

	Last Year	Previous Years	
	12 Months to 31/3/2007	Year 2006	Year 2005
PARISH INCOME			
Collections & Donations	\$143,796	\$121,263	\$103,173
Rentals	\$18,039	\$17,680	\$15,261
Interest	\$15,835	\$15,376	\$16,337
Other Income	\$1,133	\$1,782	\$3,141
Total Parish Income	\$178,803	\$156,101	\$137,912
PARISH COSTS			
Office and Administration	\$64,651	\$78,842	\$71,673
Diocesan Levy	\$32,653	\$28,287	\$25,597
Church Supplies	\$7,984	\$8,473	\$7,939
Pastoral Groups	\$7,687	\$9,765	\$6,617
Property Costs	\$75,164	\$32,962	\$55,388
Total Parish Costs	\$188,138	\$158,329	\$167,214
Net Loss	(\$9,336)	(\$2,228)	(\$29,302)
Sale of Property & Other Funds Received			
Legacies, Bequest & Donations	\$29,714	\$2,730	\$5,939
Sale of Property	\$0	\$0	\$183,117
Bank Balances at Year end			
Bank Balance	\$36,780	\$20,687	\$14,101
Investments	\$609,388	\$637,595	\$645,515

Note: Administration Costs

Salaries	\$39,615	\$46,890	\$43,454
Postage/Telephone/Stationery	\$12,429	\$14,302	\$13,747
Vehicles & Travel	\$10,842	\$17,233	\$12,848
Archives	\$958	\$194	\$479
Planned Giving	\$807	\$223	\$1,145
Total as above	\$64,651	\$78,842	\$71,673

Note: Property Costs

Electricity	\$3,534	\$3,277	\$3,864
Insurance	\$12,515	\$6,695	\$7,279
Rates	\$1,091	\$965	\$897
Repairs & Maintenance	\$56,506	\$20,932	\$43,576
Water Charges	\$532	\$750	(\$501)
Gardening	\$986	\$343	\$272
Total as above	\$75,164	\$32,962	\$55,388
	Church Roof Cost		Carpet Cost
	\$43,917		\$21,421

PRIEST

Fr Raymond Soriano

PRESBYTERY

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(incl PARISH OFFICE)

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PARISH SECRETARY

Helen Coleman 9.00am - 3.00pm Mon/Tue, Thur/Fri

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 - Peter Chrysologus - Ex 32: 15-24. 30-34; Mt 13: 31-35
Tue - 12.05pm - Ignatius of Loyola - Ex 33: 7-11; 34: 5b-9.28; Mt 13: 36-43
Wed - 12.05pm - Alphonsus Liguori - Ex 34: 29-35; Mt 13: 44-46
Thu - 12.05pm - Eusebius of Vercelli, Peter Julian Eymard - Ex 40:16-21. 34-38; Mt 13: 47-53
Fri - 12.05pm - Lv 23: 1. 4-11. 15-16. 27. 34b-37; Mt 13: 54-58
Sat - 10.00am - John Mary Vianney - Lv 25: 1. 8-17; Mt 14: 1-12

Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm

Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am Aug 5 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Ecc 1: 2; 2: 21-23; Col 3: 1-5. 9-11; Lk 12: 13- 21

LITURGY ROSTERS

Counter	Gifted last wk (incl APs): Hse Parish		
Vacuuming	Fisk Family		
4-5/8/07	Sat Mass - 6.00pm	Sun Mass - 8.30am	Sun Mass - 10.00am
Music	Dove	Organ	Choir
Greeters	D Elener, E Adamson	T and J McInerney	R Coman, C Dunning
Readers	S Gunn, G Dunning	P Cronin, M Monti	Confirmation team
Ministers of the Eucharist	P Palmer, P Palmer, B Tohill, S Ellis, M Smith	J Greaney, V de Courcy, J McInerney, A Oertly; K Older - <i>Hospital</i>	D Fisk, S Schryvers, B van Deursen, P Schipper, Sr Catherine
Library	M Pike		