



The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Nelson
4th Sunday of the Year - 3 February 2008

This week on Wednesday, Ordinary Time is interrupted until after the Easter Season. Let me share these practical insights to help us settle from what is ordinary to another season of grace...



- Fr Raymond

Satan's Beatitudes

Blessed are those who are too tired, too busy, too distracted to spend an hour once a week with their fellow Christians in church -
they are my best workers.

Blessed are those who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked -
I can use them in my business.

Blessed are those who are touchy. Soon they will stop going to church -
verily, they shall be my missionaries.

Blessed are those who sow gossip and trouble -
they are my beloved children.

Blessed are those who have no time to pray -
for they are MY prey.

Blessed are those who gossip -
for they are my secret agents.

Blessed are you when you read this
and think it has everything to do with other people,
and nothing to do with you -

I've got room for YOU at my inn. *(Anthony Kadavil)*

Sow seed that will yield a joyful and an eternal harvest:

2 rows of pea seed: patience prayerfulness

2 rows of squash seed: squash criticism. squash gossip.

2 rows of lettuce seed: Let-us be forgiving Let-us be loving

2 rows of turnip seed: turn-up with a ready hand turn-up with a loving heart
(Mark Link)

TWILIGHT WINE AND FOOD FEST

TONIGHT Sun 3 Feb - 4.00 - 9.00pm, Garin College

*Live music, pig on a spit, gourmet seafood, international dishes,
Devonshire tea, local wine and beer.*

Proceeds to the Regional World Youth Day Group

NANNY REQUIRED

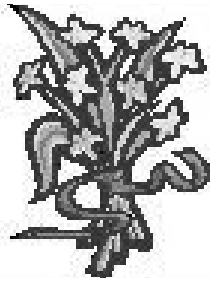
Warm, friendly carer for three lovely children, from 3-6pm.
Some cooking. Driver's licence essntl. Ph Alistair 021 245 4455

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

by a 25-yr old Catholic woman (trainee primary school teacher)
looking for a quiet place in Nelson for the next two years. Open
to flatting, boarding or perhaps sharing a house with older per-
son/couple. Refs available. Phone or text
Katherine Pawson 021 232 1140 (happy to call back)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- **the sick**
- **pupils and teachers returning to school**
- **the recently deceased:** Adam Palmer (grndsn of Mary Cairns), Muriel Delf (sr of Fr Edmund), Teresa Taunt (sr of Fr Lou), Robin Topp, Elsie Copp (mthr of Juliet Speers), Marc Ku, Sr Mary Joseph O'Connell RNDM, John Huddlestone
- **those whose anniversaries are near:** May Hill, Gordon Willis, Dorothy McNeilly, John Walsh, Ivan Bell, May Orchard, Arthur Wastney, Jean Sannazzaro, John Scott, Noeline Fitzgerald, Chris Lenting, Henry Persico
- **deceased parish family members:** Natale and Rosina DiLeva, Myrtle Thomas, Pasquale Vinaccia, Angela Buonocore, dec'd Ralfe fam members



Prayerful Congratulations and
Best Wishes to
DES AND CATHERINE O'REGAN
celebrating their 30th Wedding Anniversary
on Monday 4 February.



DOES ANYONE HAVE

a tallboy or lowboy in good condition that they would like
to donate to the Archives for storing old vestments ?
Please phone Diana Clark 548 9527

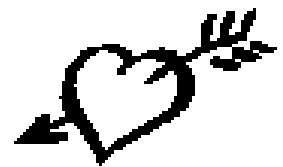
Celebrate Valentine's Day by celebrating Marriage.

All couples are invited to a

VALENTINE'S DAY MASS

Thursday 14 February - 7.00pm

Followed by a glass of bubbly.



Fun Night!

Come to our 1st Youth and Family Mass for 2008! -
NEXT Sat February 9th at 6pm.
then ...

Scavenger Hunt

**ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR
ALL!!!!**

Treasure! (*Of sorts*)

Fun! (*Lots of*)

Meet people! (*New Friends*)

Expand your horizons! (*Within Nelson*)

If all these appeal to your style of fun, young and old,
then come on down to the **Cathedral steps at 7.30pm**
NEXT weekend after the Youth and Family Mass.



WANTED

Good second-hand single or double beds.
Not wire-wove or bunk beds please.
Phone St Vincent de Paul Centre 548 3972.
Driver may be available to pick up.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF YR 4 AND ABOVE CHILDREN

who have not yet received one or more of the
sacraments of
Confirmation, Eucharist or Reconciliation.
This year's preparation programme starts with a
Parents meeting at 7.30pm
in the Presbytery
NEXT Mon 11 Feb
and then the **Children's session** at
9.00am in the Parish Centre
and 10.00am Mass
on SUNDAY 17 February.
Please ring Linda Bunt 548 3404 for more info
or to put an apology in for the Parents' meeting.

WANTED FOR SIX NEW BABIES

There are four women currently pregnant
and two who have just delivered among
the former refugees currently settling into Nelson.
Are you able to donate or loan car seats for
these precious new additions to our community ?
Barbara Whittaker (ph 548 4978) - the Refugee
Resettlement social worker -
would love to hear from you.

UNIQUE ROSARIES, GIFTS ETC FOR SALE

Ph Elizabeth 546 6469 or Stephanie 547 4544.
Proceeds to **WYD**

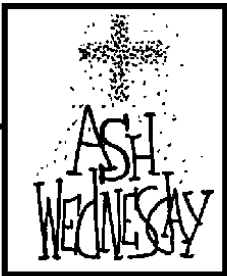
JOURNEYING TO EASTER

LENT

begins this week with Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

5 February - Shrove Tuesday

7.30pm Ecumenical Ashes Service - St Mary's



6 February - (Waitangi Day)

9.00am Mass with Ashes

7.00pm Mass with Ashes

8 February - First Friday of Lent

7.30pm Stations of the Cross in St Mary's

LENTEN FASTING

ASH WEDNESDAY and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those aged 18 - 60; the law of abstinence binds those aged 14 upwards.

LENTEN EATING !

Save yourself the time of preparing for tea on Lenten Friday nights. Starting on Friday 15 February, come and enjoy a fellowship meal in the hall at 6.00pm before the 7.30pm Stations of the Cross. It will cost you a little but the opportunity for community building and prayer is great. See you there.

ADDITION TO MASS TIMETABLE DURING LENT

7.00am Mass on Wednesdays (Full Lenten Timetable on last page)

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations in Lent (eg marriage) must take account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing, and floral decorations are very simple.

During the next few weeks the Church strips itself down to the bare essentials. The GLORIA disappears from the Mass and the word "ALLELUIA" will not be heard again until we use it to rejoice on Easter Saturday night.

Lent is a time of concentration on preparing ourselves as we approach the great Feast of Easter. Many of us will choose to give up something we enjoy and/or take on something extra to focus ourselves on our relationship with God. A simple additional spiritual exercise is using the...

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

of 6 min reflections for Lent

(as recommended by Fr Lou last week)

These are now available from the church porch. Donations into the "Tui Motu/NZ Catholic" slot would be appreciated. Please take only ONE PER FAMILY as there are no more available and we would like them spread throughout the Parish.

CARITAS LENT APPEAL

starts next week with the theme

"A touchstone of our faith ... commitment to others" NZ Catholic Bishops Conference.

In this newsletter is a family LENTEN ENVELOPE PACK highlighting five projects that your generous donations help support. Caritas transforms our love into real and active care and support for communities around the world affected by poverty.



St Mary's 2008 LENTEN TIMETABLE

Mondays	Mass	8.00 am
Tuesdays	Morning Prayer	9.00 am
	Mass	12.05 pm
Wednesdays	Mass	7.00 am
	Morning Prayer	9.00 am
	Mass	12.05 pm
Thursdays	Morning Prayer	9.00 am
	Mass	12.05 pm
Fridays	Morning Prayer	9.00 am
	Mass	12.05 pm
<i>(starts 15 Feb)</i>	Lenten Meal (Hall)	6.00 pm
	Stations of the Cross	7.30 pm
Saturdays	Mass	10.00 am
	Reconciliation follows	
Saturdays	Vigil Mass of Sunday	6.00 pm
SUNDAYS	Mass	8.30 am, 10.00 am

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548 9372

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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 (Anniv Day) - 9.00am - 2 Sm 15: 13-14. 30; 16: 5-13/ Ps 3: 2-7/ Mk 5: 1-20****Tue - 12.05pm - Agatha - 2 Sm 18: 9-10. 14b. 24-25a. 30 - 19: 3/ Ps 86: 1-66/ Mk 5: 21-43****ASH Wed - 9.00am, 7.00pm - Jl 2: 12-18/ Ps 51: 3-6, 12-14, 17/ 2 Cor 5: 20 - 6:2/ Mt 6: 1-6. 16-18****Thur - 12.05pm - Dt 30: 15-20/ Ps 1: 1-4 and 6/ Lk 9: 22-25****Fri - 12.05pm - Jerome Emiliani, Josephine Bakhita - Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6,18-19/ Mt9:14-15****Sat - 10.00am - Is 58: 9b-14/ Ps 86: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Lk 5: 27-32****Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm****Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am****FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT***Gn 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7/ Ps 51: 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 17/ Rom 5: 12-19 or 5: 12. 17-19/ Mt 4: 1-11*

ROSTERS			
Counter	THUR ** P Robertson	Gifted last wk (excl APs): Hse - \$ Parish - \$	
Vacuuming	4- 9 February	Fisk family	
9-10/2/08	Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm	8.30am	10.00
Music			
Greeters	C Rivers, S Affleck	K Mardon, L Del Favero	R Coman, C Dunning
Readers	G Dunning, Maplesden	A McAlpine, S Gunn	G Quin, R Barber
Ministers of the Eucharist	R Schryvers, K Older, S Schryvers, P Schipper,	P Preston, P/W Schryvers, S Hunt, P Wright, Dimas - <i>All CS</i> ; K Older - <i>Hosp</i>	J Greaney, V Hambly, H Robinson, N Affleck, J Blackwell