



The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Nelson
2nd Sunday of EASTER - 30 March 2008

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed"

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How hard is it sometimes to truly love Jesus or, to really know He is there. We are not able to see Him, to see the scars in his hands, or to put our hand where He was pierced. We are expected to just have faith.

Faith! That great word that covers everything. A word that holds so much hope, and yet so much mystery. It is through faith that we believe that Jesus died and rose again for us, through faith that we know Jesus, and through faith that we continue in our everyday lives as believers.

So what is the point of persevering with faith alone, when there is so much against it in today's world? It says in Peter that the goal of faith is the salvation of our soul. Without it, we are not able to have a relationship with Jesus, through which comes our salvation. Thomas had very little faith that Jesus had been raised from the dead, and needed a revelation to prove it to him. And we can be like that too - we need constant reassurance that our little faith isn't misguided. Thomas got to see Jesus in the flesh, and he believed, and we have been given the Holy Spirit, God's gift and revelation to us, so that we will be encouraged in our faith and therefore believe. The really encouraging thing is that even if we have the smallest amount of faith, God will use it to do great things.

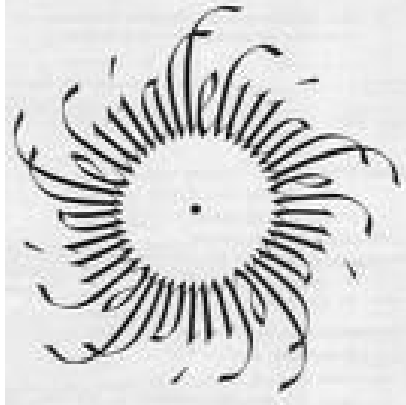


We have not seen, and yet we believe. That is faith. So, if such a small amount of faith can move mountains; then just think what we will be able to accomplish in the week to come.

- K. Todd

WANTED BY
ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Good 2nd-hand single or double beds. Not wire-wove or bunks please. Ph 548 3972. May be able to pick up.



LITTLE WHITE BOOKS

Yes - we have been desperately trying to track them down. Wellington advises that the order is still in transit to them from overseas. We will get them to you as soon as they arrive.

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

are in the process of being produced and will be made available as soon as possible. Please note that Caritas Lenten Appeal receipts come from Wellington. Annual givers - you must have your donation in to the Parish Office TOMORROW to generate a 2007 receipt.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- **the sick**
- **ourselves as Easter people**
- **new Catholics around the world** - esp Erin FitzSimmons (Stoke), Anna Loach and Michael Ducray (Richmond)
- **the recently deceased:** Rosa Persico, Joe Kelly
- **those whose anniversaries are near:** Margaret Mary O'Brien, Teresa Marie Coleman, Keith Wareing, Maria Denia, Rona Vinsen, Ted Palmer, Patrick Day, Ivor Ahern, Margaret James, Susan Davidson, Natale DiLeva
- **dec'd Parish family members:** Rosina DiLeva, Dominic Meo, Myrtle Thomas



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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: 4.00-5.00pm

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND READINGS

(except where a Requiem replaces the Mass of the Day)

Mon - 8.00am - ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD - Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10/ Ps 40: 7-11/ Heb 10: 4-10/ Lk 1: 26-38

Tue - 12.05pm - Acts 4: 32-37/ Ps 93: 1ab. 1cd-2. 5/ Jn 3: 7b-15

Wed - 12.05pm - Francis of Paola - Acts 5: 17-26/ Ps 34: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Jn 3: 16-21

Thur - 12.05pm - Acts 5: 27-33/ Ps 34: 2 and 9. 17-18. 19-20/ Jn 3: 31-36

Fri - 12.05pm - Isidore of Seville - Acts 5: 34-42/ Ps 27: 1. 4. 13-14/ Jn 6: 1-15

Sat -10.00am - Acts 6: 1-7/ Ps 33: 1-2. 4-5. 18-19/ Jn 6: 16-21

Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm

Sun -8.30am, 10.00am

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2: 14. 22-33/ Ps 16: 1-2. 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11 (11a)/ 1 Pt 1: 17-21/ Lk 24: 13-35



ROSTERS			
Counter	K Day	Gifted last wk (excl APs): Hse - \$2327 Parish - \$2500.	
Vacuuming	31/3 - 5/4/08	Fisk Family	
5-6/4/08	Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm	Sun - 8.30am	Sun - 10.00am
Music			
Greeters	E Adamson, B Small	L del Favero, J van der Laan	M Cairns, R Brown
Readers	T Coates, I Paterson	D O'Regan, K Todd	J Blackwell, S Schryvers
Ministers of the Eucharist	P Cronin, L & P Wright, P & P Palmer	A Oertly, M Pike, J Greaney, Sr Catherine, N Dimas; NO CS; K Older - <i>Hosp</i>	J McInerney, N Affleck, A & M Achterberg, P Preston