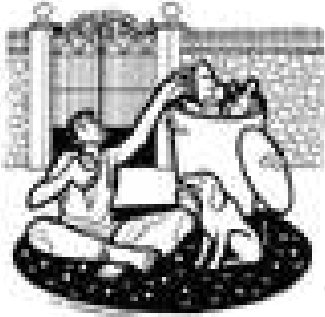




The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Nelson

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30 September 2007



With a small group gathering during Justice and Peace Week, it went away without a fuss. But our celebration this weekend brings back concerns challenging our faith into action, and I would like to share what two recent Popes have shared. Pope Paul VI *Populorum Progressio* (1967): "It is not simply a question of eliminating hunger and reducing poverty. It is not enough to combat destitution, urgent and necessary as this is.

The point at issue is the establishment of a human society in which everyone, regardless of race, religion, or nationality, can have a truly human life free from bondage imposed by men and the forces of nature not sufficiently mastered, a society in which freedom is not an empty word, and where Lazarus the poor man can sit at the same table as the rich man."

Here is the message given by Pope John Paul II during his first visit to the U.S on Oct 2 1979. "The parable of the rich man and Lazarus must always be present in our memory; it must form our conscience. Christ demands openness to our brothers and sisters in need – openness from the rich, the affluent, the economically advanced; openness to the poor, the underdeveloped and the disadvantaged. Christ demands an openness that is more than benign attention, more than token actions or half-hearted efforts that leave the poor as destitute as before or even more so. ... We cannot stand idly by, enjoying our own riches and freedom, if, in any place, the Lazarus of the 20th century stands at our doors."

Our choices here determine the kind of eternity we will have. It has been put this way: "Where we go hereafter depends on what we go after, here." Where we will arrive depends on what road we travel. We get what we choose, what we live for. We are shaping our moral character to fit one of two places.

God's love and grace strengthen you all!

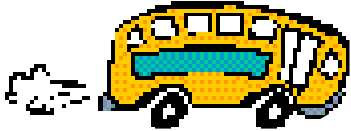
- Fr Raymond

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. I invite you all to recite the Rosary with fervour. By meditating on the mysteries of the most holy Rosary, we learn, by Mary's example, to become peaceful souls, through loving and unceasing association with Jesus and with the mysteries of His redemptive life.

You may also join other parishioners, Tuesdays to Fridays to pray a Rosary before mid-day Mass and on Saturdays right after the 10.00am Mass.



COME ON A BUS TRIP WITH FAITH AND LIGHT



NEXT Sat Oct 6. Leaves St Francis' Stoke at 9.45am - to the Shoreline restaurant at Kaiteri for lunch - drive around coastal and inland highways. Cost - \$20 incl lunch. To book ph Judy 5486253 or Cecily 5475717

CATHOLIC MEN'S RESIDENTIAL RETREAT

5.30pm Fri 26 - 3pm Sun 28 Oct - Teapot Valley Camp - led by Fr Phil King-Turner. Noticeboard has full details and reg forms

ARCHIVES

Over the past fifteen months all names from the parish Sacramental registers - i.e. Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and Burial - have been indexed on computer. To date approximately 23,543 names from 46 registers dating back to 1844 have been entered to help answer genealogy and archival queries.

JOHN MAIN MEDITATION

All welcome to join an ecumenical group which meets on Tuesdays 7-8pm in Nn Cathedral Chapel for this Christian meditation. Meet at Cathedral doors at 7.00pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR

the sick

the recently deceased: Eileen Greally (Wgtn - mthr of Fr John), Salve Dellabarca, Mary Matthews (UK), Rose Blackwell (mthr of Ron), Arthur Thomas (fr Elizabeth Elener), James Greaney (br of John)

those whose anniversaries are near: Phillip Shirley, Marie Wratt, Athol Smith, Angela Buonocore, Rosina DiLeva, Florence Morgan, Owen Burton, Sylvia Crapper, Dorothy Baxter, Carmela Dellabarca, Patricia Kennard, Daphne Westbury, Jeffrey Dixon, Norma Mangos, Nancy Forde

deceased family members: Natale DiLeva, Giuseppe and Teresa Albano, Tony Amitrano, Salve Esposito



READERS ROSTERS

are available for collection from the church porch.

JANUARY HOUSE SWAP

Anyone interested in swapping a 4-bdrm house in Nelson, Stoke or Richmond for a 3-bdrm + family rm house in Taupo for a week from 12 Jan 2008 please ph Peter McBride 548 8723 for details.



Vincent de Paul invites sick, elderly and others to a

HEALING MASS OF ANOINTING



1.30pm - THIS Tues 2 Oct in St Mary's Church - and afternoon tea in the Parish Centre. For transport ph 542 3591

PLEASE HELP...

Among six refugee families arriving to live in Nelson on Oct 12 is a Catholic family of 2 parents, 4 daughters and 2 sons from Myanmar who have asked to be linked with St Mary's parish as their faith is extremely important to them.

Can anyone help with household items for this family ? We have an empty house to fill and need furniture, whiteware, beds and bedding etc. Duvets greatly appreciated, also garden tools.

Please contact our office on 548 4978 and we can arrange collection. Thank you and God Bless. - *Denise Hutterd*

Coordinator, Refugee Resettlement, 50 Halifax Street, 5484978

ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL MOTUEKA 50th ANNIVERSARY

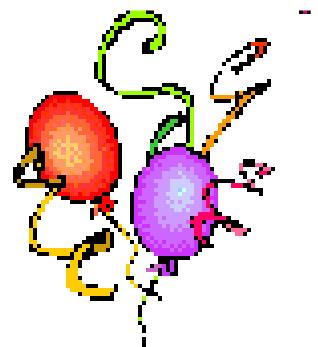
Register now for a Reunion at Labour Weekend 2007.

Contact Sarah: 5287915 / binnsie@xtra.co.nz

SCHOOL GALA

starts at 11.15am on SUNDAY 14 October

The school hall will open from 11am - 1.00pm Mon - Fri this week to allow delivery of white elephant, auction items, plants etc so now's the time to sort out the spare room and the shed !!



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Helen Coleman

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9.00am - 3.00pm

PARISH WEBSITE

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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 the Mass of the Day)*

Mon - 8.00am - Thérèse of Lisieux - Zec 8: 1-8; Lk 9: 46-50

Tue - 12.05pm - The Guardian Angels - Zec 8: 20-23; Mt 18: 1-5. 10

Wed - 12.05pm - Neh 2: 1-8; Lk 9: 57-62

Thu - 12.05pm - Francis of Assisi - Neh 8: 1-4a. 5-6. 7b-12; Lk 10: 1-12

Fri - 12.05pm - Bar 1: 15-22; Lk 10: 13-16

Sat - 10.00am - Bruno - Bar 4: 5-12. 27-29; Lk 10: 17-24

Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm

Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**Hb 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4; 2 Tm 1: 6-8. 13-14; Lk 17: 5-10****LITURGY ROSTERS**

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| Counter | D or B MacDonald | Gifted last wk (excl APs): Hse \$477Parish \$954 | |
| Vacuuming | D and J Auld | | |
| 29-30/09/07 | Sat Mass - 6.00pm | Sun Mass - 8.30am | Sun Mass - 10.00am |
| Music | Dove | Organ | Organ |
| Greeters | Light of Christ Comm | K Mardon, L del Favero | M Cairns, R Brown |
| Readers | S Gunn, P Cronin | J Blackwell, G Dunning | P Heaphy, E van den Elzen |
| Ministers of the Eucharist | B Tohill, A Monti, M Monti, P Palmer, P Palmer | D Fisk, A Bentley, J Tohill, P van den Elzen, Sr Catherine - <i>All CS</i> ; M Pike - <i>Hosp</i> | T Barkley, M Warner, P Robertson, G Wratt, P Speers |
| Library | J Ralfe | | |