



The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Nelson

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 November 2007

Many believe that they have to be perfect to be loved by God. We only have to take a glimpse at the people Jesus had chosen as his apostles to realise that it is not so. The reading from the Book of Wisdom says -

“For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, you would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you? But you spare all things, because they are yours, O Lord and lover of souls...”



Isn't it great to be loved by God as we are, warts and all? *Come as you are, that's how I love you* would be the line of his invitation. And there's more. He says, *“I must stay at your house today!”* He is pretty certain about all the things that are happening to each of us, and he wants to give the assurance that all is well in him.

The curiosity and persistence of Zaccheus have been rewarded with an experience of God's mercy and forgiveness. Likewise, it brought salvation and the chance of perfection, not only for him but for his entire household. Day after day, God offers these same gifts to us and it is in our

acceptance of these gifts that we find wholeness and meaning for our lives. Only in him can our souls find rest!

Are you ready and willing to let him in when you hear him say, *“I must stay at your house today?”* God bless you all.

- Fr Raymond

CWL FILM FUNDRAISER "EVENING"

THIS Wed 7 Nov - State Cinema - 6.10pm start. Make sure you bring your ticket. Thank you all for your support - members for selling, parishioners for buying, and for the generous donations. Tickets still available from Sr Catherine 548 8578



CHURCH PRE CHRISTMAS SPRING CLEAN

The inside of the Church is due for a major Parish Spring Clean in preparation for Christmas. The date set for this is **Saturday 24 Nov starting at 8.30am.**

We need many hands to make this a successful, enjoyable morning's work. Cleaning equipment provided but please bring spare equipment and ladders if you can. StVdP will serve **morning tea** and any volunteers for that please ph Audrey 5486541. If YOU can help with the working bee please email Gerry Quin at gquin@xtra.co.nz or phone 5466515.



POT LUCK TEA AND GAMES EVENING

THIS Saturday 10/11- 5.30-9.00pm - St Francis', Stoke
\$5 door entry. Housie - Great Prizes ! And a Raffle !

Bring ya \$\$\$ and we'll fleece ya! ...For a good cause (WYD)
Pot Luck tea from 5.30pm - Housie 6.30pm - Games 7.30pm
(Scattergories, 500, Buzz, Pictionary, UNO, etc.) Drinks,
Lollies, Chocolates \$2. Come along for some GOOD FUN.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

the sick

the young people preparing for Sacraments

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

those named in the Parish Book of Life

those whose anniversaries are near: Mornice Webley
Claude Burley, Salvatore Esposito, Pearl Schroder



*****NOTICES FOR PARISHIONER*****

to be in to Parish Office **BY LUNCHTIME TUESDAY**
please so Helen can go on leave on Wednesday.

CAR-WASH NEXT SUN 11 NOVEMBER

will help fund a FUN DAY with sausage sizzle, bouncy castle etc being planned by some St Joseph kids for the Parish. (Date to be advised). If you want your car washed NEXT SUNDAY while you are at Mass *PLEASE PARK IT IN THE JUNIOR BLOCK PLAYGROUND



SUPPORT WYD

Weather permitting, Stephanie Fisk and Elizabeth Perrone will sell quality ROSARIES and CARDS etc after Nov Sunday Masses

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meets Tues - 2.00pm - Parish Centre

MARIAN MOTHERS

10am-noon THIS Thurs 8/11. Tea, tape and talking while the littlies play at Jackie's house, 83 Salisbury Rd, Richmond - Ph 544 1535

NZ CATHOLIC ON SALE - today

WEL-COM - this week contains a tribute to Leslie McGirr

MY APOLOGIES

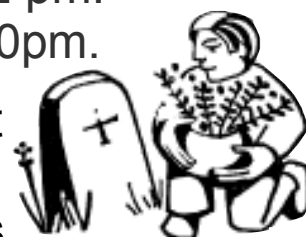
to those who came for Thursday mid-day Mass, for not making it clear there was not one. Sorry - *Helen Coleman*, PARISH SECRETARY

Blessing of Graves

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

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

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.



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548 9372 All hours

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Principal: Mike Burton

548 4050

GARIN COLLEGE

Principal: John Boyce

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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 - 5pm

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND READINGS*(except where a Requiem replaces the Mass of the Day)*

Mon - 8.00am - Rom 11: 29-36/ Ps 69: 30-31. 33-34. 36/ Lk 14: 12-14

Tue - 12.05pm - Rom 12: 5-16ab/ Ps 131: 1bcde. 2. 3/ Lk 14: 15-24

Wed - 12.05pm - Rom 13: 8-10/ Ps 112: 1b-2. 4-5. 9/ Lk 14: 25-33

Thur - 12.05pm - Rom 14: 7-12/ Ps 27: 1bcde. 4. 13-14/ Lk 15: 1-10

Fri - 12.05pm - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome - Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/ Ps 46:2-3,5-6, 8-9/ 1 Cor 3: 9c-11. 16-17/ Jn 2: 13-22

Sat - 10.00am - Leo the Great - Rom 16: 3-9. 16. 22-27/ Ps 145: 2-3. 4-5. 10-11/ Lk 16: 9-15

Sat (Vigil) - 10.00am**Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am****THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****2 Mc 7: 1-2. 9-14/ Ps 17: 1. 5-6. 8. 15 (15b)/ 2 Thes 2: 16 - 3: 5/ Lk 20: 27-38****LITURGY ROSTERS**

Counter	Nola Manson	Gifted last wk (excl APs): Hse - \$490 Parish - \$980	
Vacuuming	Fisk Family		
10-11/11/07	Sat Mass - 6.00pm	Sun Mass - 8.30am	Sun Mass - 10.00am
Music	Youth	Choir	Guitar
Greeters	C Rivers, S Affleck	K Mardon, L del Favero	R Coman, C Dunning
Readers	G Knottenbelt, M Sauer	A McDowall, F Andrews	Sacramental Preparation
Ministers of the Eucharist	M and A Achterberg, A Oertly, P van den Elzen, M Smith	A Bentley, P McBride, S Hunt, P Preston, B van Deursen - <i>All CS</i> ; A Bakulich - <i>Hosp</i>	K Curtis, M Warner, Sr Catherine, T Romano, A McAlpine
Library	M Ralfe		