



The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Nelson

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8 July 2007

KNOW GOD, KNOW PEACE; NO GOD, NO PEACE!

"Because peace, like the kingdom of God itself, is both a divine gift and a human work, the Church should continually pray for the gift and share in the work. We are called to be a Church at the service of peace, precisely because peace is one manifestation of God's word and work in our midst." {*U.S. Bishops, The Challenge of Peace (1983)*}

When I was stationed in Taita, every time I get into the presbytery chapel, I could not escape reading the words "No God, no peace; know God, know peace!" Perched on a wooden beam in the middle of the chapel, it reminded me always to be grateful for the privilege of being able to partake of this grace and also of my responsibility to share this great gift.

Having two weeks now being on my own, I am slowly adjusting to a "flexible" routine (whatever that means). I am also getting in touch with the different ministry groups, albeit slowly, but with the hope of putting everything within the context of the vision and mission of the parish guided by the mission statement of the parish and the recommendations of the Synod.

It seems like a big task. But really it should be a source of our joy because it is our way of participating in our Lord's call for labourers for the harvest. We share the message of love, justice, forgiveness, and peace. And as we work for the coming of the kingdom, as Isaiah assures his listeners, we live in the certainty of God's promises of love, protection, prosperity and salvation. Rejoice in the Lord always!

Keep smiling, God loves you!

- *Fr Raymond*

HOME NEEDED

Professional woman looking for home away from home. I am looking for a reasonable rent (saving to buy) and a space on my own – quiet and reliable. Do you need someone trustworthy to look after your home for a few months or are you looking for a good tenant longer-term who will treat your place as her own home – gardening a hobby ?

Contact Siobhan on 021 462363 or email splashanley@hotmail.com.
Excellent references available.

AN INVITATION

The Persico Passionist Family Group celebrate their 13th birthday on 10 July. To note the occasion they invite you to join them at 10am Mass
NEXT Sunday 15 July for morning tea
and a birthday cake after the Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR

the sick esp Francis Maloney
the recently deceased

Lucca Gibbons being baptised 15 July
those whose anniversaries are near:

Kevin O'Neill, Nick Rizos, Margaret McElligott,
Chris Fulton, Herbert Smith



LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

The Library and Archives are two areas of Parish life that always welcome help from parishioners.

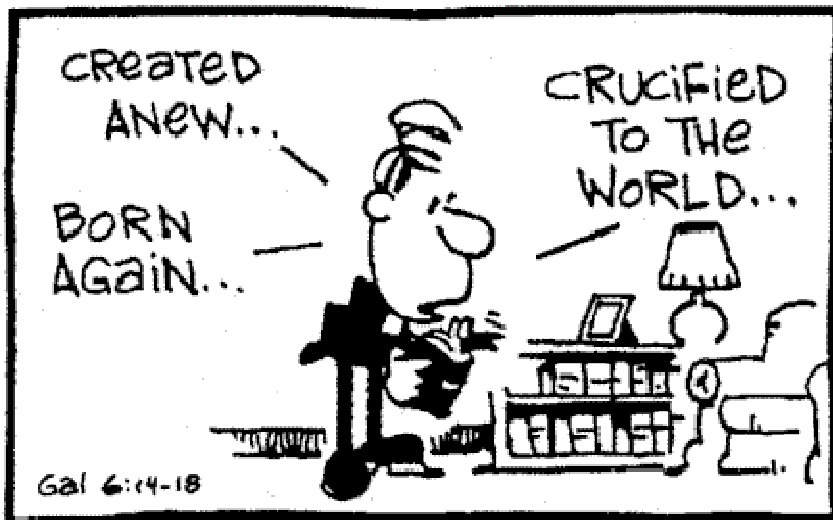
Both tasks are relatively low-key.

The **Library** opens between Sunday Masses from 9.30am to 10.00am.

Librarians oversee the issuing of books.

Archives at present largely involves transferring Baptism, Marriage and Burial registers on to computer so proof-reading skills and a spare couple of hours now and then would be useful.

If you are interested in either of these areas please contact Diana Clark 548 9527



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PARISH SECRETARY

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PARISH CONTACTS**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

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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 Mass of the Day)*

Mon - 8.00am - Augustine Zhao Rong and Co - Gn 28: 10-22a; Mt 9: 18-26

Tue - 12.05pm - Gn 32: 23-33; Mt 9: 32-38

Wed - 12.05pm - Benedict - Gn 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a. 17-24a; Mt 10: 1-7

Thur - 12.05pm - Gn 44: 18-21. 23b-29; 45: 1-5; Mt 10: 7-15

Fri - 12.05pm - Henry - Gn 46: 1-7. 28-30; Mt 10: 16-23

Sat - 10.00am - Gn 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26a; Mt 10: 24-33

Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm**Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am****FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****Dt 30: 10-14; Col 1: 15-20; Lk 10: 25-37****LITURGY ROSTERS**

Counter	L Palmer	Gifted last wk (incl APs): Hse \$ Parish \$	
Vacuuming	E Adamson, G Wratt		
14-15/7/07	Sat Mass - 6.00pm	Sun Mass - 8.30am	Sun Mass - 10.00am
Music	Guitar	Organ	Choir
Greeters	S Affleck, J van der Laan	K Mardon, L Del Favero	Persico P F Group
Readers	A McDowall, I Paterson	G Quin, R Barber	Persico P F Group
Ministers of the Eucharist	T Romano, K Cleary, P and P Palmer, M Smith	S Hunt, Sr Catherine, R Blackwell, P Wright, M Pike - <i>All CS</i> ; S Ellis- <i>Hosp</i>	Persico P F Group
Library	M Ralfe		