



# *The Parishioner*

St Mary's Parish, Nelson

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9 September 2007

## **Calling ...**

The Spirit must have worked full time over the weekend. Archbishop John was almost blown away at how wonderful the children were and how smoothly the celebration went. Thank you very much everyone.

Our children's Confirmation is again a reminder for all of us of our Lord's own call for disciples. He wasn't asking for an increase in members as such, but disciples - labourers for the vineyard. The bishop himself mentioned the scarcity of vocations



The challenge is daunting, but let us not undermine the power of prayer.

It is a question of priorities. God is more loveable than all creation. The family comes along if we let go and let God into our lives. It is not even a renunciation of possessions but loving God above all things and letting go of comforts and belongings that we might be tempted to love above all things.

During the last several years of his life, the famous French artist Auguste Renoir was virtually crippled by arthritis. But he continued to paint every day. His wife Alice had to insert the paintbrush between his fingers in order for him to continue his work. One day his close friend, the famous artist Henry Matisse, watching Auguste paint while he suffered excruciating pain at each colourful stroke, asked him, "Auguste, why do you continue to paint when you are in such agony?" Auguste Renoir's response was immediate, "The beauty remains; the pain passes."

*- Fr Raymond*

## LUNCH TODAY - ALL WELCOME

From 11.30am - 1.00pm at the Presbytery  
Bring some finger food to share.  
Tea and coffee available.

Come to socialise with other parishioners and  
enjoy Fr Raymond's early **BIRTHDAY CAKE**.  
*(The big day is actually this Thurs 13/9)*



We are hoping bunching for lunch will  
become a regular event. Do come.

**HOLY HOUR** before the Blessed Sacrament TODAY 4-5.00pm

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** meets 2pm - Tues - P Centre

## SOCIAL JUSTICE VIDEO

In connection with Social Justice Week 9 - 15 Sept the Social  
Justice group will show the video "An Inconvenient Truth" - the  
emergency of Global Warming and What We Can Do About It  
**AT THE PRESBYTERY AT 7.30PM THIS WED 12 SEPT.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**the sick**

**the recently deceased:** Salve Dellabarca, James  
Greaney (Hstngs - br of John), Benedetto Esposito (Wgtn),  
Maria Saveria Mollo (mthr of Raffaele), Dorothy Maplesden

**those whose anniversaries are near:** Joe Smith, Rose Kelly,  
Andrew Jones, Josephine Hawke, Don MacLean,  
Maree Curtis, Anthony Niven, William Carew, Renée Muldoon



## **EARLY DEADLINE FOR PARISHIONER NOTICES**

This week please have notices in BY TUESDAY LUNCHTIME as Helen is hoping to go on leave later in the week.

## **PLANNED GIVING**

By the end of the coming week the overhaul of the PG system should be complete with all uncollected envelopes delivered or posted and all automatic payment references checked. If you would like to join the system, or change how you presently donate to Parish finances please contact the Parish Office.

Faith and Light welcome you to join us for a

### **BUS TRIP**



on Sat Oct 6 departing St Francis' Stoke at 9 45am.

We are going to Kaiteriteri for lunch and having a drive around the coastal and inland highway. Cost - including lunch at the Shoreline is \$20. To book ph Judy 5486253 or Cecily 5475717

## **ST MARY'S YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS**

The first of these is NEXT Saturday 15 September at 6.00pm All Welcome. Bring a friend and a plate for supper afterwards.

## **ROSTER MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE**

that music, greeters, readers and Eucharistic ministries at the Youth and Family Masses will be carried out by youth, so you will not be needed for 6.00pm Mass on the 2nd Sat each month.

## **YOU ARE INVITED**

to 13 Richmond Ave, 7pm onwards, on Sunday 23 Sept for a very informal and relaxing evening to wish Fr Patrick Bridgman a Happy 40th Birthday for 26 Sept. Please bring a small plate to share for supper and BYO. Come and stay as little or as long as you like. Any queries please contact Gabrielle 5466515, or Debbie Lagrutta 5489888

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**PARISH SECRETARY**

Helen Coleman Mon/Tue, Thur/Fri 9.00am - 3.00pm

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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 Mass of the Day)*

Mon - 8.00am - Col 1: 24 - 2: 3; Lk 6: 6-11

Tue - 12.05pm - Col 2: 6-15; Lk 6: 12-19

Wed - 12.05pm - Holy Name of Mary - Col 3: 1-11; Lk 6: 20-26

Thur - 12.05pm - John Chrysostom - Col 3: 12-17; Lk 6: 27-38

Fri - 12.05pm - EXALTATION OF THE CROSS - Nm 21: 4b-9; Phil 2: 6-11; Jn 3: 13-17

Sat - 10.00am - Our Lady of Sorrows - 1 Tm 1: 15-17; Opt Seq: Stabat Mater; Jn 19: 25-27 or Lk 2: 33-35

**Sat (Vigil) - 6.00pm****Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****Ex 32: 7-11. 13-14; 1 Tm 1: 12-17/ Lk 15: 1-32****LITURGY ROSTERS**

<b>Counter</b>	J Morris	<b>Gifted last wk (excl APs): Hse \$764 Parish \$1528</b>	
<b>Vacuumping</b>	Catherine Murphy		
<b>15-16/09/07</b>	<b>Sat Mass - 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sun Mass - 8.30am</b>	<b>Sun Mass - 10.00am</b>
<b>Music</b>	Youth		
<b>Greeters</b>	Youth	V and K de Courcy	R Coman, C Dunning
<b>Readers</b>	Youth	V Redding, G Quin	R Schryvers, P Maplesden
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Youth	M Monti, Jim Tohill, S Hunt, van Deursen, Sr Catherine - <i>All CS; S Ellis - Hosp</i>	J Greaney, E Smith, H Robinson, K Cleary, J McInerney
<b>Library</b>	L Palmer		