



The Parishioner

St Mary's Parish, Manuka St. Nelson
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 25 July 2010

Why Pray?

I would like to share a reflection from “a scholar and mom behind Sunday sermons. She has been writing commentaries and homilies for *Celebration* magazine since 1979. Among her many books and publications is “*The Word We Celebrate: Commentary on the Sunday Lectionary, Years A, B, C*” (Sheed & Ward, 1989)

Jesus knew that his disciples needed to share in the relationship he had with God, so he taught them the prayer that we continue to pray. Simple, honest and profound, Jesus' prayer welcomes us in and establishes our reliance on God, our trust that God forgives, forgets and continues to love and care for us, in spite of ourselves.

We pray because the words we utter in God's presence are the breathing that sustains our lives. We pray because although God is ever present, we must make a conscious effort to centre our minds, our hearts and our energies on the nearness of the divine. God is nearer to each of us than our own heartbeat, more precious than our own breath. Why pray? Because the day that I cease to pray, I cease to live and to be who I am before God and others. (Patricia Datchuck Sánchez)

We often see and use prayer as a means to tell God all our heart's desires. As with Abraham's experience, prayer is also God's way of telling us who he is and how he relates with us - as a Father, acting towards us with compassion and care.

Never underestimate the power of prayer!

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me



Saints Corner

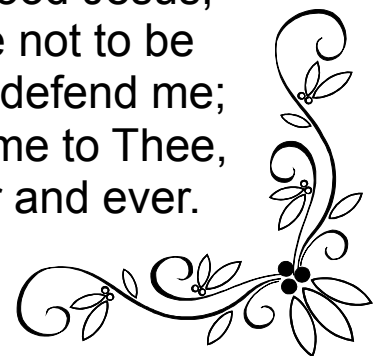
SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA Feast Day 31 July

Ignatius, born 1491, was a Spanish knight from a noble family, hermit, priest and theologian, who founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and who was its first Superior General.

After being wounded in the battle of Pamplona in 1521 he experienced a spiritual conversion while recovering, and was inspired to abandon the military and devote himself to working for God. He experienced a vision of the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus at the shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat in 1522. He then went to Manresa and prayed seven hours a day, often in a cave, and formulated the fundamentals of his famous Spiritual Exercises. Later, Ignatius also studied theology and Latin in Paris.

Later, he and a few followers took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and in 1540 the Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul 3rd. Ignatius died in 1556, and was declared patron of spiritual retreats in 1922.

“Soul of Christ, sanctify me, Body of Christ, save me, Blood of Christ, inebriate me, Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me; Within Thy wounds hide me, Suffer me not to be separated from thee; From the malignant enemy defend me; In the hour of my death call me; and bid me to come to Thee, That with Thy saints I may praise Thee For ever and ever. Amen”



WE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

Margaret Bartlett, Mary Grice, Noel Manhire, Freda Wulff, James Sharland, Domenico Lauria, Joseph Harris, Angelina Weaver

Recently Deceased - Mother of Delores Meria in the Philippines, Joyce Billingham

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace

*** Parish Forum * Parish Forum * Parish Forum ***

**Sunday 1 August after 10am Mass
in the church**

Come and have your say

Come and be informed

Come and be part of the life of the Parish

On a Lighter Note

A little girl ran to her Grandfather, jumped into his arms and gave him a big hug. Then she ran her fingers along his balding head and down the side of his wrinkled face.

“Did God make you Grandad?” she asked.

“Yes honey He made me.” She felt her own cheek and then asked

“Did God make me too?”

“Yes honey He made you too.”

“Well” she shrugged “Don’t you think He’s doing a better job now than he used to?”

You are asked to begin praying this perpetual novena every day

PRAYER NOVENA FOR NEW MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

*Heavenly Father, you established your Church to bring
all people to believe in you.*

*We pray that by your Holy Spirit you would draw
many people to seek to know you and to become members
of your family in St. Mary’s Parish.*

We ask this through your Son Jesus. Amen.

Masses for the repose of the souls of:

Jean Boddy, Bob Boddy, Dominic Lauria

This Week

An Invitation

The Light of Christ Community is promoting a regular prayer walk around the Nelson Public Hospital **every Monday**.

We invite you all to join us, as a positive action to effect a reduction in the number of abortions taking place in our city

If walking is not possible pray from a car parked in the vicinity or thirdly, make a commitment to pray at home every Monday.

Your prayers are powerful and together we can make a difference !

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Fortnightly meeting
Tuesday **27 July**
1:30pm in the
New Hall



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Marian Mothers

Thursday 29th July

10.00am and again at 7.30pm
in the Parish Meeting room.

All welcome.

Please bring a small morning
tea plate to share

Faith and Light

Our fiesta today July 25 will be at
Crossroads Restaurant,
Brightwater. You are very
welcome to join us. Lunch is \$10

Inquiries and Transport: Norah
547 3108; Cecily 547 5717

Come and Have Fun!

St Joseph's School

Digital Technology Presentation

Date: **27th of July 2010** 7-9.30 pm

Gold coin donation

St Joseph's School Hall

Bookings essential. Please call

Catrin Jacksties on 539 0919

or email catrin@xtra.co.nz

or ring the school 548 4050

St. Mary's Youth Group

Update on last meeting: Our
games evening and sing star went
really well. Our winner on the Wii
Sport was Dayman Beaumont –
fantastic effort!

Next gathering is a pot luck
dinner on Wednesday, **28th**

July, 6 – 7:30pm in the Parish
Centre. Any queries ring

Emani & Betty on 548 7312

This Week Cont'd

Mainly Music

This group for pre-schoolers will start on **Friday 30th July**. If you would have a couple of hours to spare for "hospitality" duties, do call in for this wonderful parish outreach. We would also welcome donations of toys. Thanks heaps! For more information please contact:
Alicia Reeve on 547 2811 or Fr Raymond on 539 1251

Garin College Women's 1st XI Football Team Tournament
Fundraiser Quiz Night • **Saturday 31st July** • 7:30pm
\$10.00 per person includes supper • Tables of 8
Ticket requests to Mary Sullivan 5472436 or 027 5472009 email:
merrin.sullivan@actrix.co.nz

Next Week

Book Launch

The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions are pleased to invite our valued friends and supporters to the launch of the book

"Call to Mission." the story of the Mission Sisters
of Aotearoa New Zealand and Samoa.

Venue: St. Mary's Parish Centre.

When: **Tuesday 3rd August** 2010.

Time: 3 - 30 p.m. to 5 - 00 p.m.

The archive and museum centre will also be open for visiting
R.S.V.P. to the Sisters, Nelson Convent by **27th July**, We look forward to seeing you there for conversation and light refreshments.

St Joseph School PTA invites you to a MID-WINTER DANCE

With: DJ • Cash Bar • 80's and House Music

Tickets: \$15 from school reception or \$18 on the night

Saturday 7 August 7:30pm
St Joseph School Hall

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN - NELSON

St Francis Church, Songer Street, Stoke

Saturday 7 August 2010, 2pm - 4pm

Guest Speaker: Dianne McDonnell
Waves of Glory International - Australia

Theme: "I Know Them" John 10 v 27

All women most welcome

Contact: Margaret 545 2554

www.dove.org.nz



GARIN COLLEGE INFORMATION EVENING

is on **Wednesday 28 July** from 7pm-8.30pm in the Garin library.

AN OPEN AFTERNOON

is also being held on **Wednesday 4 August** from noon (lunch provided) for students to see the school in action. All very welcome to come along.

Margaret Sauer has lost a pair of grey mohair gloves in the Church. Her phone number is 5487769.

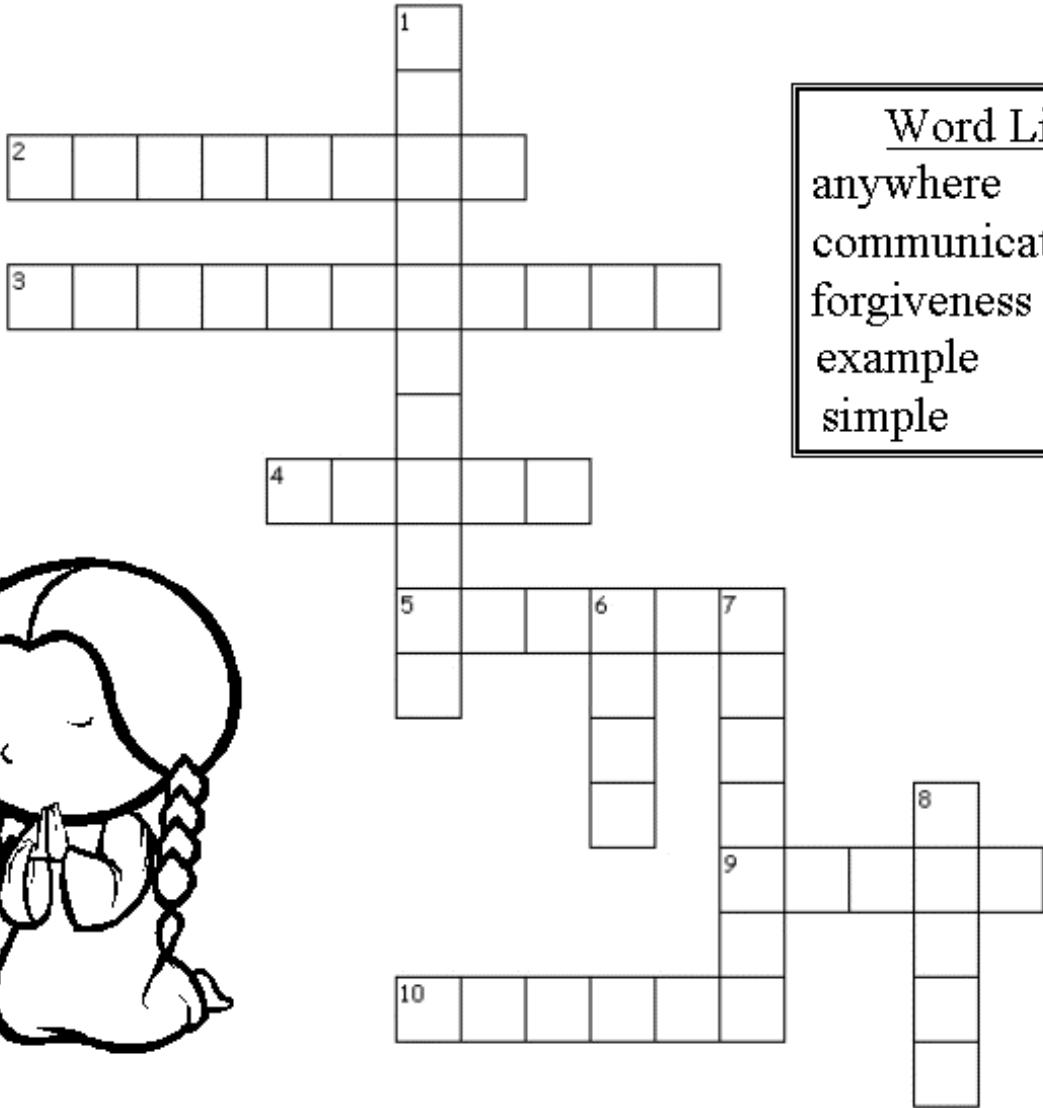
"PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH PORCH FROM THIS WEEKEND"

"A big thank you to all those who have contributed to the presbytery building fund so far. We have received \$8,650 towards the \$50,000 shortfall.

Please keep this worthwhile project in your thoughts. Those of you who have supplied your planned giving numbers will have your donations added to next years receipts. Thanks again"



Lord's Prayer Crossword



Word List:
 anywhere power
 communicate pray
 forgiveness hears
 example praise
 simple hands



Across

- 2. We can pray anytime and _____.
- 3. Prayer is the special way we _____ with God.
- 4. We fold these out of respect and to avoid distraction when we pray.
- 5. Instead of using fancy words when we pray it's best to keep it this.
- 9. Praying has a lot of this because God can do anything.
- 10. Include this in your prayer to God because he deserves to hear it.

Down

- 1. An important part of prayer is to ask for this.
- 6. God wants us to do this all the time. When things are good and bad.
- 7. The Lord's Prayer is an _____ so we can know how to pray.
- 8. God always _____ us when we pray.



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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 Sundays: 7-8pm (unless notified)
 WEEKEND MASSES Vigil: 6pm Sundays: 8:30am 10:00am
 Stoke Sundays: 9:00am 5pm
 Richmond Vigil: 6:30pm Sundays: 9:30am
 Wakefield Sundays: 8am

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

Mon - 8.00am - STS JOACHIM & ANN, Parents of Mary (Memorial)
 Ecclesiasticus 44:1,10-15 Psalm 132 Matthew 13:16-17
 Tue -12.05pm - Jeremiah 14:17-22 Psalm 79 Matthew 13:36-43
 Wed - 7am, 12.05pm - Jeremiah 15:10,16-21 Psalm 59 Matthew 13:44-46
 Thurs - 12.05pm - ST MARTHA (Memorial)
 1 John4:7-16 Psalm 34 Luke 10:38-42
 Fri - 12.05pm - Jeremiah 26:1-9 Psalm 69 Matthew 13:54-58
 Sat - 10am - Jeremiah 26:11-16,24 Psalm 69 Matthew 14:1-12
 Sat (Vigil) - 6:00pm Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time
 Sun - 8.30am, 10.00am - Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 Psalm 90 Colossians 3:1-5,9-11
 Luke 12:13-21

**ROSTERS**

Counter	Tom McInerney	Gifted last wk (excl APs) Hse \$341 Parish \$682	
Vacuumping	26-31 July	Luigina Del Favero and Rose Brown	
31 July -1 Aug	<u>Vigil</u>	<u>8.30am</u>	<u>10am</u>
Greeters	Light of Christ Community	McDonnell Family	Filipino Community
Music	Dove	Choir	Filipino
Readers	Lois Palmer David Carran	Elaine van den Elzen Amba Payne	Sacramental Programme
Ministers of the Eucharist	P Gillin A Monti A McBride P McBride P Speers	E/F Perrone (E/F Perrone R Lupse J Greaney P Preston ALL CS M Monti - <i>HOSP</i>)	S Meria D Proctor H Proctor R Blackwell H Newman