



St Benedict's Parish Newsletter



**Parish Priest
Church**

Father Tony Kearns
St Benedict's Church: cnr Izard Road and Everest Street, Khandallah (closed for refurbishment till approx Easter 2012)
St John's Church: 36 Ngatoto Street, Ngaio

**Sunday Liturgy
Weekday Liturgy**

6:00pm (Vigil) St John's
Monday 9:00am & 10:30 am St John's (until renovations at St Benedict's are completed)
Tuesday – Saturday 9:00 am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion (Day Chapel)
9:00 am Mass (Friday preceded by Exposition at 8:30 am) (Day Chapel)

**Reconciliation
Presbytery & Day Chapel**

By appointment
3 Everest Street Tel (04) 479 7777
Khandallah Fax (04) 479 7632
Email stbens@xtra.co.nz Webpage: www.stbenedicts.org.nz

**Parish Office
St Benedict's School**

Mon, Thu, Fri 9:30am – 3:30pm Tel (04) 479 7777
50 Nicholson Road Tel (04) 479 6878

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

29 JANUARY 2012

Readings for

29th Jan

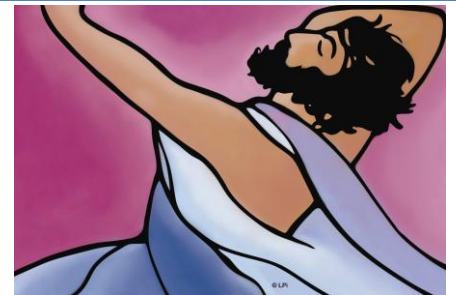
First Reading
Second Reading
Gospel

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

5th Feb

First Reading
Second Reading
Gospel

Job 7:1-4.6-7
Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23
Mark 1:29-39



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 3 February – First Friday Exposition (8.30am) & Mass (9am) – Day Chapel

Tuesday 7 February – Liturgy Committee Meeting – 7.30pm – Presbytery

Wednesday 15 February – St Vincent de Paul Committee Meeting – 7pm – St John's Hall

Sunday 19 February – Meeting for Parents of children on Sacramental Programme – 7.30pm – St John's Hall

Tuesday 21 February – Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm – Presbytery

'I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW' – Rev 21:5 BUILDING PROGRESS



Parishioners will have noticed that the scaffolding has been removed from the outside of the Church now that the new windows have been installed. Inside the

Church, some of the cedar cladding is back up on the walls; the electrician has been working on installing the cabling; and stairs are being constructed outside the back of the church to join the ramp to the back door.

The photographic record of the alterations is being updated when possible. Check out the front page of our website: www.stbenedicts.org.nz

PEWS FROM ST JOHN'S

Many thanks for the response to the offer of pews for sale from St John's – there are still some of the long pews available for sale.

During the next few months, it is possible that there may be other items from St John's available to the right home, e.g. the harmonium, some large wooden tables, and some of the chairs. If you are interested in any of these items, please ring the Parish Office on 479 7777 as soon as possible, otherwise they will be disposed of by other methods!



FIRST FRIDAY MORNING TEA

All parishioners are warmly invited to morning tea in the Presbytery on Friday 3 February, following Exposition at 8.30am and Mass at 9am.



Liturgy Committee Meeting

There is to be a meeting of the Liturgy Committee on Tuesday evening, 7th February, at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

This meeting is to plan for our Lent and Easter liturgies. We warmly welcome anyone who would like to join the Liturgy Committee or who could help in any way with the preparations for this important liturgical season. For more details please contact Father Tony 479 7777 or Margaret Dunne 478 6348.

Last Week's Collections

Clergy Support	449.55	Thank you
Parish Collection	1100.65	

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME ENROLMENTS FOR 2011

It is still possible for children to be enrolled in the 2012 Sacramental Programme. Parents who would like their child to be a part of this year's Sacramental Programme are asked to complete one of the enrolment forms which are in the foyer of the Church, and return it to the Parish Office. The programme is preparation for children who have been baptised into the Catholic faith and have reached **YEAR 4 or above** at school. We are presently working out the timetable for the programme.

The first meeting will be held on Sunday 19th February at 7.30pm in St John's Hall (compulsory attendance).





CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY BY CELEBRATING MARRIAGE!

Archbishop John invites you to join him to celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Hill Street, Wellington, on Tuesday 14 February at 7pm, followed by a glass of bubbly. Make up a group of friends and parishioners and go out for dinner afterwards! For further details contact Louise Kelleher, p 496 1796, email l.kelleher@wn.catholic.org.nz

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY'S STATUE

The annual pilgrimage to Our Lady's Statue at Paraparaumu will take place on Sunday 12 February at 2pm. This year's pilgrimage is led by Fr Brian O'Connell SM, editor of the Marist Messenger. The pilgrimage leaves from St Patrick's Church; those who are not capable of processing up the hill will be able to participate from the church via a 'live feed' from the statue.

VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN

Vigil for the Unborn to be held on Friday 17th February at St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. Starts with Mass at 7pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9pm; includes the option of going on a rosary procession during Exposition. Come and sacrifice for the unborn babies and their families.

Organised by Family Life International, ph. 237 8343. www.fli.org.nz

THE MOVE BACK TO ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

Just when we have got used to being at St John's Church, it's time to start thinking about the move back to St Benedict's Church and the changes that this will bring to the parish again!

As was previously announced last year, the Mass timetable will be altering, with the number of Sunday Masses reducing from three to two.



The Joy of Flowers

Especially when in honour of our God!

We all love flowers and some of us wonder just how florists arrange them with such flair, but nothing is hard when you know how! To this end, the parish is looking at arranging a series of flower workshops starting in early or mid March. The workshops will be guided by an experienced florist who also regularly adorns her own parish church.

It is hoped that by the end of the workshops you will have the confidence to arrange flowers with form and artistry, be it at home or for larger areas.

However please note: the workshop will not obligate you to do the church flowers.

If you would like to register an interest in taking part in some or all of our workshops, please contact Natalie Brockie 973 5553, or Margie Crook on 479 7777, so we can be in touch with you about dates and any materials that may be needed.

NZ CATHOLIC ON SALE THIS WEEKEND \$3 PER COPY

Some headlines from the new issue of NZ Catholic:

- Aussie rector to head NZ seminary
- Catholics challenged to confront the secular world
- NZ bishops meet the Holy Father — twice
- Palmerston North bishop celebrates 50th jubilee



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES STREET DAY APPEAL FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2011

Collectors are needed in Wellington and Lower Hutt. If you are able to give an hour of your time to help please phone Lesley or Vivien on 385 8642 or email: l.hooper@wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick, in hospital, or unwell, particularly Fr Geoff Broad, Fr Edmund Little, Angela Houston, Jean Page, Betty Prendergast, Phyllis Ponsford, Tom McGrail, Paul Delaney, Maurice O'Connor, Margaret Butterworth, Jim Webber, Therese Shields, David Shroff, Agnes Dummons, Margaret Maroney, and Christine Smith.

We ask you to pray also for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, especially George Barrett, Brian de Joux, Des Hurley, John Heikell (brother of Jackie Vaughan), and Bernadine (Bee) Tacon (sister and sister-in-law of Terry and Veronica Leamy), and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Margaret Washer.

The Parish Prayer Group is always available to pray for your special intentions. A list of contact phone numbers is on the notice boards in both churches.

'Open Arms' Remembrance Service Sunday 12 February 2012

Starts 3pm, Home of Compassion Chapel, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. All are very welcome - afternoon tea to follow. A time for prayer and reflection on the lives of children lost to abortion, miscarriage, stillbirth or other pregnancy losses.

Contact: Wendy Hill, email: info@greenstoneddoors.co.nz or Ph 027 254 9222

Joy Cowley launches her latest book

You are invited to attend the book launch of The Easter Story, written for young children by Joy Cowley and illustrated by Fr Don Morrison. It tells the whole story of Jesus beautifully and simply. Come and celebrate the gift of this book to the Church and to the world. Kiwi Hall, Bell St Featherston (next to Anzac Hall), Saturday 18th February, 2-4pm.

For more information please call Sue Devereux 04 496 1744 s.devereux@wn.catholic.org.nz

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women meet Saturday

18th February 1.30pm - 3.30pm in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace (off Hill St), Thorndon. Speaker: Jan Balcombe from Ruawai, Northland. Jan will share - Her walk on the wild side and God restoring her. Scripture for the year Isaiah 61:1- 4. All women welcome to join us for praise, worship, teaching and fellowship.

Enquiries: Sandra 475 5541 www.dove.org.nz



MISSION FAIR

The Annual Mission Fair of the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be held on Saturday 25 February 2012 from 10am to 1pm at St. Francis de Sales Church Hall and grounds, 173 Clyde Street, Island Bay. Goods for the Fair & donations would be greatly appreciated. Goods can be posted to Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver, 1 Mersey Street, P. O. Box 7312, Wellington South. We will be most grateful for your support to make the Mission Fair successful to help the missionaries and the people they serve.

ECO LITURGY at St Thomas More Church, 30 Worcester Street, Wilton, Wellington, on Sunday 12 February at 7.30pm . Theme: The marine environment of Aotearoa: Restoration and Conservation

In celebrating the Treaty of Waitangi 2012 we pause to become more aware of threats to our marine environment. The reflection in this liturgy will be led by Jeffrey Shima, who will share his expertise on this topic. Jeff is Associate Professor of Marine Ecology, School of Biological Sciences, Victoria University of Wellington, and Director of the Victoria University Coastal Ecology Lab. Please put the next 2012 Ecoliturgies in your diary for 2nd Sunday 9 June, 8 September and 10 November at 7.30pm.

Anyone interested in helping to prepare the liturgies and provide music, please contact Margaret Connor ph 473-5195 email m.p.connor@paradise.net.nz



**Wanted:
Items for an Art and Craft Fair**

10 March 2012 at
St Catherine's College



Do you have a spare piece of Art or Craft you might donate to us? The Lions Club of Wellington Host & the PTA of St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie, will be selling both new items & items in good condition which have already been owned. Ethnic items most welcome! In supporting this venture you are supporting the learning of our emerging adults. Phone 388-5887 for collection

ST MARY'S KAIKORAI, DUNEDIN

Centenary of Church and School - Labour Weekend, 19th - 21st October 2012.

Please register at St.MarysKaikorai@xtra.co.nz, Ph 03 487 7853, or write to The Secretary, St Mary's Reunion Committee, 36 Middleton Rd, Dunedin 9012

**Sacred Heart School Invercargill 50th Jubilee
2nd - 4th November 2012**

Come join us to celebrate 50 years of education at Sacred Heart School.

Saturday 2nd November - Meet and Greet for ex-pupils
Saturday afternoon Roll Call and Photos for Ex-pupils
Sunday Mass followed by Devonshire Tea School Fair
Please register your interest in attending by e-mailing jubilee@shsinv.school.nz Please pass this information on to other family members and ex-pupils/ staff that you know maybe interested in attending.

GALA : ST PATRICK'S DAY 2012

St Bernadette's Parish, Naenae are organising a Gala to be held on Saturday 17 March.

We urgently need help from other parishes! We are looking for any saleable items, we can collect from anywhere at any time.

Grocery items for rapid raffle appreciated also.

Please phone Monica on 567 8267 if you are able to help.

Holy Land pilgrimage

Enquiries are invited for a Holy Land pilgrimage in September 2012, led by Pat McCarthy, former editor of *NZ Catholic*, and with Bishop Colin Campbell of Dunedin as chaplain.

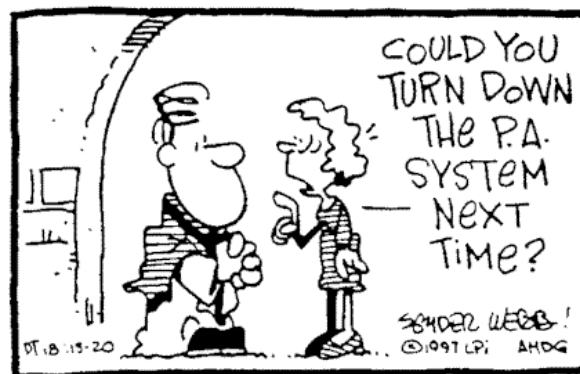
The 16-day pilgrimage will visit the holy places in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem and around the Sea of Galilee. For a free brochure, ring Pat on (09) 480-4463 or email him on contact@seetheholyland.net

You can also see the holy places on Pat's website, www.seetheholyland.net

Welcome to our Parish

You are important and the St Benedict's Parish would like to get to know you better. By registering, you establish a home in the parish for yourselves and your children to grow in grace, holiness and faith. Seasonal parishioners too are encouraged to register, even if you belong to another parish back home.

You can complete a registration form available at the back of the church; just place it in the collection basket once completed or drop it in to the Presbytery mailbox at 3 Everest Street, just along from St Benedict's church.



Important

If you have had a change of address, name or telephone number and have not notified the office previously, or if you plan on moving soon, please contact the parish office (details on the front of this newsletter) so that our records are kept accurate. Many thanks.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels

Mark 1:21-28

❖ In this first chapter Mark familiarises his readers with the type of things Jesus did to proclaim the kingdom, the reign of God. Our passage today touches on two of these, the first being that 'he taught as one having authority'. It makes a difference when you listen to someone who is clearly speaking from experience and personal knowledge. Remember people who impressed you in this way.

❖ Jesus combined teaching with healing, and he drove the evil spirit out of the man.

The power of God that worked this wonder through Jesus is also at work in and through us today. When have you been freed from some bad habit?

❖ The evil spirit convulsed the man before it left

him. The path to liberation can be a painful struggle. If you have found it so, who was the Jesus person that helped you through the struggle to freedom?

❖ It is not only individuals but groups that can be struggling with an evil spirit – jealousy, rivalry, malicious gossiping, abuse of power, etc. Sometimes a Jesus person comes into the group and drives out that evil spirit. Have you experienced this? Perhaps you yourself have been this person on some occasion?

John Byrne OSA

Questions people ask

Q. Do you believe in the devil or is it just a notion from the times before modern psychiatry and understanding of the psyche?

A. Don't underestimate the wisdom of olden times as shown in sophisticated mythology. I certainly do believe in the reality and power of evil spirits who would lead people astray into a quagmire of badness. The evidence of evil is all around us. Jesus said that the devil is a murderer from the beginning and the father of lies (John 8:44). Lies, especially when masquerading as half-truths, confuse the mind. He called the devil the prince of this world, but added that he was about to cast him out (John 12:31). The last petition of the Lord's Prayer is for deliverance from the evil one. If Jesus took the evil influence of the devil seriously, we should do likewise.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

The Deep End

Jesus the teacher

Have you ever had a teacher who had that something you just couldn't quite put your finger on - that air of authority that made you instantly respect them; that charisma and enthusiasm that inspired you to listen and to think? Maybe you were lucky enough to have a teacher who left a

lasting impression or even propelled you towards your chosen career or way of life? Remember how you felt in their presence?

What kind of teacher was Jesus? When Jesus taught for the first time in the synagogue, he took the people by surprise. They were 'astonished'. What stands out from the description, and what marks Jesus' teaching apart from everyone else, is that he taught with authority: 'Here is a teaching that is new and with authority behind it.'

His audience had surely been to the synagogue before. Travelling teachers would often preach in the synagogue. Yet, whatever the people were used to hearing, they had encountered no one like Jesus before. Mark points out that 'unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority'. He had something their regular teachers lacked. Those who hear him can see that this is something new and exciting. Even the unclean spirits recognise his authority.

We meet Jesus here at the beginning of his ministry; earlier in the Gospel of Mark he has been proclaiming the good news: 'The kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news'. Jesus is not simply teaching the Scriptures as the scribes did. He is proclaiming the coming of God's kingdom.

Triona Doherty

Peace

Peace is not the product of terror or fear.

Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.

Peace is not the silent revolt of violent repression.

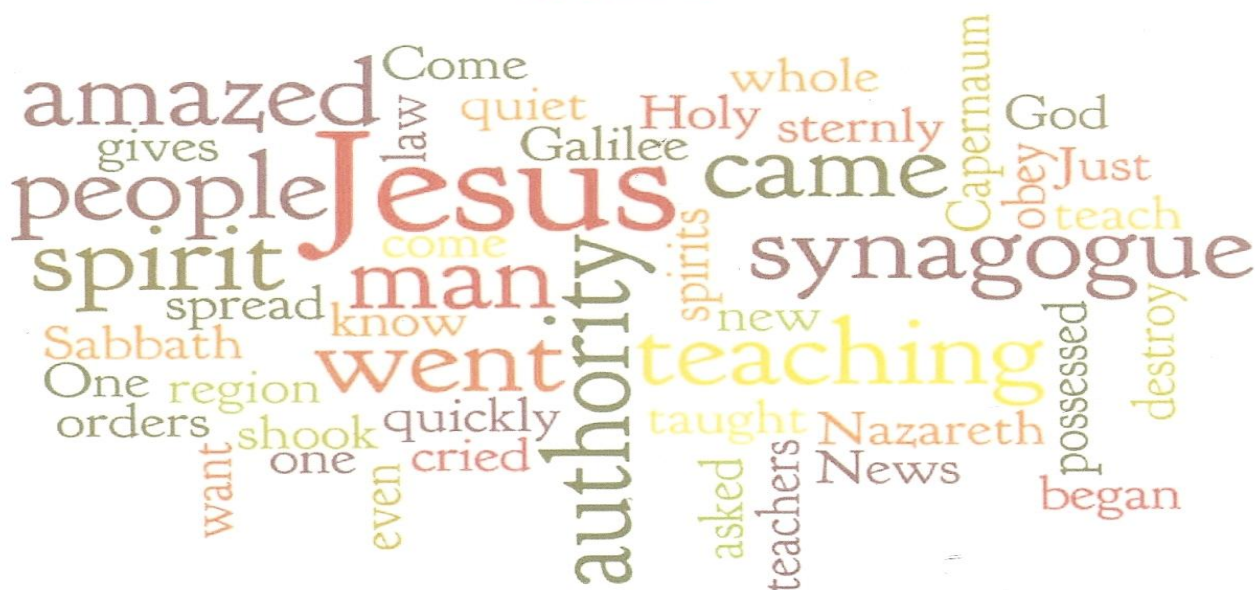
Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.

Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity.

It is right and it is duty.

Bishop Oscar Romero (1917-1980)

Mark 1:21-28



The image above is called a word cloud and is made using the 'Wordle' programme online. The words are from today's Gospel. Read the Gospel and write/discuss the answers to the following.

- 1 What strikes you about this word cloud?
- 2 Choose three words and explain how they relate to today's Gospel.
- 3 Try to make a sentence out of some of the words describing what today's Gospel is about. Share with your group and see who used the most words from the word cloud!