



# 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**

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**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**

**5 FEBRUARY 2012**

Readings for

5<sup>th</sup> Feb

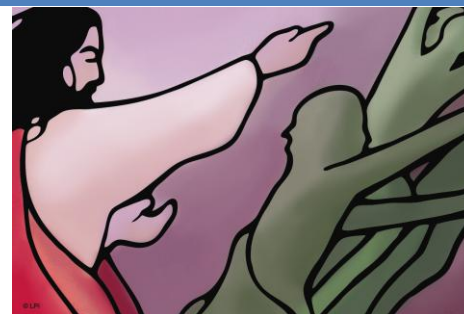
First Reading  
Second Reading  
Gospel

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

12<sup>th</sup> Feb

First Reading  
Second Reading  
Gospel

Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46  
Corinthians 10:31-11:1  
Mark 1:40-45



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Thursday 9 February – Young Parishioner Group – 10am – Khandallah Plunket Rooms

Sunday 12 February – Parish Picnic – 12noon – Khandallah Park

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

**Wednesday 22 February – Ash Wednesday**

(day of fasting and abstinence)

Thursday 23 February – Reflecting the Way – 7.30pm - Presbytery



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

Work continues inside and outside at St Benedict's Church. The entrance to the new rear lobby has been concreted and stairs put in from the ramp. The electricians are still working on the cabling (hundreds of metres of cable, of various colours, to cope with the lighting, heating, power points, sound system, microphones, data projector), and putting in the new meter box. The photographic record of the alterations is being updated when possible. Check out the front page of our website:

[www.stbenedicts.org.nz](http://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!



### Liturgy Committee Meeting

There is to be a meeting of the Liturgy Committee on Tuesday evening, 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### YOUNGEST PARISHIONER GROUP



The first meeting of 2012 for our youngest parishioners and their caregivers will be held on Thursday 9 February at 10am at the Khandallah Plunket Rooms (next to the Library). Any parishioners who have care of pre-school children would be very welcome to join the group. If you require more information, please contact Meredith on 478 9951 or Madeleine on 934 1614.

### Last Week's Collections

Clergy Support	609.81	Thank you
Parish Collection	1492.99	

## WAITANGI DAY MASS

The annual Waitangi Day Mass at St Mary of the Angels will take place at 9am. Mass and hymns will be in English, Maori and Latin. All welcome to this special time of prayer for Aotearoa New Zealand. Choirs from St Mary's of the Angels, Te Kainga and Te Ngakau Tapu will contribute to the beauty of this celebration.

*Monsignor Gerard Burns*



## 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 (for parents) of this year's programme will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in St John's Hall (compulsory attendance).



## PARISH PICNIC

All parishioners are invited to a Parish Picnic to be held on Sunday 12 February from 12 noon in Khandallah Park. Just pack yourself and your family up with a picnic

lunch and come and join other parishioners for an informal and relaxing Sunday lunch!

Plenty of space for the active young (and not so young) to work off some energy, and a chance for the not so active to catch up and chat with fellow parishioners. (Khandallah Arts Theatre will be presenting *Sleeping Beauty* in the park a bit later in the afternoon if you want to stay on for extra fun.)

(Wet weather plan – the picnic will be held in St John's Hall! Bring along your family's favourite board game!)



## 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](mailto:l.kelleher@wn.catholic.org.nz)

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will recommence next Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. A new roster will be emailed/posted out this week to all those involved in helping with the Liturgy. If you would to know more about the Children's Liturgy group or be a part of the team of helpers, please contact Mary Graham on 479 8582.

## VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN

Vigil for the Unborn to be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.fli.org.nz)



## PALMS FROM PALM SUNDAY 2011

Parishioners are invited to return their palms - given last Palm Sunday - to the basket in the foyer of the Church. These will then be burnt to provide ashes for the celebrations of Ash Wednesday on 9<sup>th</sup> March.

## LITTLE BLACK BOOKS FOR LENT

The Little Black Books for Lenten reflection and preparation are on sale from this weekend. Six minutes of reflection each day for the six weeks of Lent. Cost is \$6 per book.

There are limited numbers available, so get in early!



## REFLECTING THE WAY DISCUSSION GROUP

The first meeting in the new series of the Reflecting the Way Discussion Groups for 2012 will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, at 7.30pm in the Presbytery, and subsequently on the other Thursdays in Lent (1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March). The discussions will be based around the Caritas programme 'Called by Faith to Act with Generous Hearts'.

If you would be interested in attending the group, please contact Fr Tony on 479 7777 for the reading material.

## 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, there will be alterations to the Mass timetable, with the number of Sunday Masses reducing from three to two.

## GAIN – a communication skills workshop for parents and teenagers

This programme invites parents and teenagers (12 – 16 years) to build on their skills and techniques for good communication, self-esteem, and problem solving. It is a fun, interactive course. At least one parent-caregiver and teenager attend together over 5 Monday evenings beginning 5<sup>th</sup> March. Cost is \$75 a family. Venue: Bishop Viard College. For enrolments or information, contact Sue Devereux 04 496 1744 or [s.devereux@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:s.devereux@wn.catholic.org.nz)



## 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.



## CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES STREET DAY APPEAL FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2011

As announced in last week's Newsletter, collectors are needed for the Catholic Social Services Appeal in Wellington and Lower Hutt. In particular, our parish has a history of collecting for the Appeal outside Khandallah New World, between the hours of 10am and 6pm.

If you are able to help for one hour in Khandallah between these hours, please contact Ann Corcoran on 479 5419.

(If you would prefer to collect in Wellington city or Lower Hutt, please phone Lesley or Vivien on 385 8642 or email: [l.hooper@wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz](mailto:l.hooper@wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz))

## BUILDING PROGRAMME FUNDRAISER – DELICIOUS TREE RIPENED APRICOTS

Tree ripened boxes of Central Otago apricots will shortly be available for sale. They are being picked late next week and will be available for collection in the Parish next weekend (11/12 Feb). Get your friends together and buy a whole case for \$40. (Not splitting cases sorry)

Pre-order from Kate on 021 528358 or email [peterj@paradise.net.nz](mailto:peterj@paradise.net.nz)

Proceeds will go towards equipping the new kitchenette in St Benedict's, which will be used for parish functions.

## 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 Sylvia May Carlisle, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Margaret Prisk and John Bryce..

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.

**Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women** meets Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February from 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 are welcome to join us for praise, worship, teaching and fellowship.

Enquiries: Sandra 475 5541 [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz)

## '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@greenstonedoor.co.nz](mailto:info@greenstonedoor.co.nz) or ph 027 254 9222

## From the Archdiocesan Justice Peace and Development Commission:

Be sure to read the editorial on page four in this month's Wel-com. It talks about poverty and child abuse, the green paper, Catholic Social Teaching and the Child Poverty Action Group.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2 - 4pm.

For more information please call Sue Devereux 04 496 1744 [s.devereux@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:s.devereux@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.

## WEL-COM IS AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND - FREE

## "LAST DAYS"

Parishioners visiting Te Papa may be interested to see "Last Days" – a series of engravings depicting the last days of Christ's early life, from the Last Supper to the Burial – by Hendrik Goltzius (Dutch: 1558 – 1617). The engravings are on display in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Gallery.

## 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.

## 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.



## Gentle Exercise Class for Women 60+

Starting back Thursday 9 February at St Barnabas Parish Hall, 35 Box Hill, Khandallah. Thursday 9.30am during term time. No charge. An opportunity to discuss health issues, check blood pressure, and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee to finish. Contact Hilary Black, Onslow Anglicans Parish Nurse, 479 4142

## Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels

### Mark 1:29-39

This passage contains three stories, and there is food for thought in each of them.

❖ The first story (vs 29-31) is one of healing. You might reflect on times when you were sick in body, mind or spirit and someone was a 'Jesus person' to you, someone who 'took you by the hand and lifted you up'. Remember them with gratitude. Have there been times also when you did this for others?

❖ The second story (vs 32-34) adds another dimension. People are freed from demons. Have you had the experience of being freed from demons that imprisoned you: fear, anxiety, guilt, low self-esteem, addictions, bitterness, etc? What was it like for you to get that freedom? Who were the 'Jesus people' who helped to free you?

❖ The third story (vs 35-39) has a number of different elements we can consider: a) Jesus goes off to a desert place to pray. After a hectic day he felt the need for quiet to ground himself once more. In the busyness of life how do you keep in touch with what is going on inside yourself? How do you keep in touch with God? Where do you find your 'deserted place'? What difference does it make for you when you do succeed in taking time out? b) Jesus shows himself as a person seeking to break new ground. The disciples want him to continue ministry where he is. He wants to move on. What has been your experience of breaking new ground, moving beyond your comfort zone, or trying something you had not tried before? When has this had a life-giving effect for you?  
*John Byrne OSA*

### Questions people ask

**Q.** The new translation of the Apostles' Creed says that Christ descended into hell. What does that mean?

**A.** This is not hell as the place of eternal damnation, but hell as the abode of those who had died but were awaiting the glorious vision of God to be won by Jesus the Saviour. 'Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned nor destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him' (Catechism, 633). Two important beliefs are being stated: that Jesus really died; and that he opened heaven's gates for all who were awaiting redemption. The old translation, 'he descended to the dead' was less confusing.

*Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap*

### The Deep End It was still dark, deserted and prayerful

The Gospel today is a busy one. Jesus goes from teaching in the synagogue, to healing Peter's mother-in-law, to curing everyone in the city who was sick or possessed. But there is one line in the midst of this text which stands out: 'In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.'

We don't have to think too hard about the busyness of our own lives to realise the importance of stopping at some point in the middle of the mayhem to breathe, to give some space, prayer, reflection, whatever we can to focus our minds on the purpose of all the madness...

God's Kingdom. *Jane Mellett*

## Children's Corner

### Mark 1:29-39 • Jesus Prayed

Read today's Gospel.

Jesus was very busy during his ministry here on earth. He worked hard every day to share the good news and to show all of us that he would heal the sick and spend time with the outcasts in our society. During his travels he would always find time in a quiet place to pray. In order to develop our relationship with Jesus we need to find some quiet time in our day or week to pray. Praying is all about talking to God, sharing our day, our worries and our happy times.

1. Think of a quiet place that you could spend a little time talking to God, name that place.

2. What would you say to God about today or about this week?

3. Write a short prayer of thanks to God for always being there to listen to us when we share our day.

## PARISH ACCOUNTS

Below are the quarterly financial results for the Parish from 1 October to 31 December 2011. These figures include expenditure on the current building programme:

	Oct – Dec 2011	Cumulative to date
Total Income	546,295	632,329
Less expenditure		
Pastoral	4,532	11,954
Property	156,992	201,591
Administration	13,298	42,496
Total operation expenditure	174,822	256,041
Net operating excess (deficit)	371,473	376,288
Miscellaneous		655
Excess(Deficit) for quarter	371,473	375,633

To provide some meaningful comparisons, the effect of the building programme has been removed and amended financial accounts are given below:

	Oct – Dec 2011	Cumulative to date
Total Income	25,163	71,897
Less expenditure		
Pastoral	4,532	11,954
Property	7,053	27,417
Administration	13,298	42,496
Total operation expenditure	24,883	81,867
Net operating excess (deficit)	280	(9,971)
Miscellaneous		655
Excess (Deficit) for quarter	280	(10,626)

