

On Reflection

The Gospel parable is about a man entrusting his servants with his property, and the point it makes concerns the need for fidelity in caring for what we have been given. God has left us with the earth, not to do with it what we want but to care for it even as we live off its abundant riches. He created the land, waters and air to support all living things. If He returned today what do you think he would feel when he sees so much land, strip-mined, cleared, eroded and burdened with toxic waste. When he sees the oceans and rivers polluted with our garbage and chemical by-products and see the smog and the holes in the ozone layer. God created plants and animals to live on this wonderful earth and revel in its beauty so how have we managed to drive so many to extinction by our destructive practices? May we learn to care better for the goods that have been entrusted to us so that when He returns, we will hear those blessed words: *“Well done! Come and share your master’s joy!”*



“Men and women bear a unique responsibility under God to safeguard the created world and by their creative labour even to enhance it. Safeguarding creation requires us to live responsibly within it, rather than manage creation as we are outside it. We are charged with preserving the beauty, diversity and integrity of nature as well as fostering its productivity.”

U.S. Bishops, Renewing the Earth (1991) II,A



*God Bless,
Mary-Anne*

From Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response (USCCB)

Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost to themselves.

Beginning in conversion, change of mind and heart, this commitment is expressed not in a single action, nor even in a number of actions over a period of time, but in an entire way of life. It means committing one’s very self to the lord.

Stewardship is an expression of discipleship, with the power to change how we understand and live out

our lives. Disciples who practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are and will be. They are deeply aware of the truth

“The Lord’s are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it”

(Ps 24:1). They know themselves to be recipients and caretakers of God’s many gifts. They are grateful for what they have received and eager to cultivate their gifts out of love for God and one another.



Sign of the Cross in Maori: ‘Ki te ingoa o te Matua, o te Tamaiti, o te Wairua Tapu. Amine.’

Psalm Response: ‘Happy are those who fear the Lord.’

Sung response to the prayers of the faithful: ‘E te Ariki whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.’

Pastoral Area - News and Notices

Pastoral Area Notices



New Words. Deeper Meaning. Same Mass.

It is just two weeks now, until we begin praying and singing the full texts of the 3rd edition of the *Roman Missal*. The translation process that

provided these new words was intent upon three significant results: more theological precision in vocabulary and syntax; more scriptural allusions and more consistency across all language groups.

Their purpose is to enable us to enter more deeply into the sacred mystery we celebrate at Mass. We give thanks for all those who have contributed to this process of translation so we might appreciate the deeper meaning of the Eucharist we celebrate, in both English and Māori.

It will not be easy to let go of the familiar and comfortable words that we have prayed and sung at Mass and the gift they have been to us all these years.

There is no doubt that these new texts will require our full concentration as we learn to use new words 'to praise, bless and thank God, and to ask for God's help in our need'. As we bring our attention to both the demands and the delights that these new texts will make upon us, in English and in Māori, let us be aware of their potential to draw us into the deeper meaning and beauty of the Mass.

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Mass: Time and Place

Our Pastoral Area has a temporary change in Mass time and venue over the next four months. Please note the following:

Saturday, 26 November
Saturday, 31 December (New Year's Eve)

Saturday, 28 January 2012
Saturday, 25 February

On each of these dates a 5.30pm Vigil Mass will be at St Thomas More Church, Wilton. This Mass will **replace both** the Cathedral Vigil Mass and the Wilton 9.30am Sunday Mass.

St Thomas More Parish

Something in the water?

Congratulations to **Emma Mayo** who will be head girl of St Mary's College for 2012 and to **Anna Bergin**, who is the deputy head girl. **Francis Henrys** is dux of St Pat's for 2011. These three student are past pupils of Cardinal McKeefry school and also parishioners of St Thomas More.



Car Boot Sale – Saturday 19 November

9.30am -12pm Cardinal McKeefry School
New and used treasures, clothing, preserves, hot and cold foods, bouncy castle, games. Car Boot Sites \$20 ph: 475 9588.

Bark Fundraiser

50 litre bags. \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Available from Cardinal McKeefry School or ph: 475 9588.

St Teresa Parish

CWL members are advised that our next social meeting will be now held on Wednesday 7th December in the church foyer at 7.30pm. This cancels our usual November meeting

Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars

CWL will be selling Christmas cards and Columban calendars at Masses during November. St Vincent de Paul cards are good value priced at \$2.50 for a packet of 5 and calendars are \$8. Our Christmas raffle tickets will also be on sale.

Sacred Heart Parish

Little Blue Books

for Advent and Christmas on sale in Cathedral foyer - \$6 each.

Wider Catholic Community Notices

New Zealand Post's Christmas 2011 stamps, which were released on 2 November, feature an iconic cast from the Nativity. The stamps, which come in five denominations, feature the baby Jesus in his manger (60c), an angel appearing to shepherds (\$1.20), Mary and Joseph with their infant son (\$1.90), shepherds cradling the baby Jesus (\$2.40)

and the Three Wise Men holding the infant (\$2.90). There are also two First Day Covers which feature the stamps on specially printed envelopes with colourful stained-glass designs.



One-Liners

Prayer: God answers knee-mail. **Nutrition:** The best vitamin for a Christian is B1. **Tithing:** Give God what's right - not what's left. **Flying:** If God is your co-pilot - you're in the wrong seat!

BE BRILLIANT

Do more than exist - Live
Do more than touch - Feel
Do more than look - Observe
Do more than read - Absorb
Do more than hear - Listen
Do more than listen - Understand
Do more than think - Ponder
Do more than talk - Say something.
John H. Rhodes

Vigil for the Unborn

Friday, 2 December
2011. St. Anne's
Catholic Church,
Emmett St, Newtown

Starts with Mass at 7pm. Includes Adoration and Rosary Procession. Ends with Benediction at 9pm. This ADVENT as we prepare for the coming of our Lord let us remember those tiny KIWI's whose ADVENT is threatened.

Shared supper afterwards.
www.fli.org.nz ph. 237 8343



The Lazarus Experience

A healing weekend for separated and divorced Catholics.
When: Friday 25 November to Sunday 27 November
Where: 7 Trevethick Gr, Lower Hutt
Contacts: Don ph: 587 0527 or 021 459 859 lazarusexp@xtra.co.nz

An Invitation to 'Carols in Parliament'

A Christmas Service in association with the Council of Wellington Churches
Sunday 4 December at 7pm in the Grand Hall of Parliament (please be seated at 6.50pm)
Music by the Wellington South Salvation Army Band and Tinakori Handbell Choir
RSVP by 30 November (essential) bolitho@xtra.co.nz

Made in Petone

Sacred Heart School Petone Parish Hall - 33 Britannia St
Saturday 19 Nov: 9.30am - 1.30pm
Get in early and buy unique hand-made art and craft for Christmas presents from 23 stall-holders. Food, drinks, Christmas raffle, carol singers, free car and pram parking, activities for kids (including a merry-go-round!) makes this an event not to be missed. Eftpos (cash out) available. Proceeds of market will go towards upgrading school computers. Special thanks to Fine Signs, Apex Print, Eftpos NZ and Maribel Aburto for their support.



Joshua Catholic Men's

Fellowship Meeting (Wgtn Branch)

This is an invitation to all men to come and join us at our "Praise and Worship" meeting on Thursday 17 November, 7.30pm at Connolly Hall, Thorndon. Theme: "Be Blessed" Want to know more? Contact David ph: 387 9714.

Pro-Life Facts

C-FAM was established in 1997. It is dedicated to establishing a proper understanding of international law, protecting national sovereignty and upholding the dignity of the human person. It publishes the **Friday Fax** weekly, an originally researched and reported news article prepared by C-FAM staff members, who cover the United Nations like journalists. www.c-fam.org/fridayfax/subscribe

Bishops' Statement on Euthanasia

Often we only hear one side of the debate around euthanasia, which omits or downplays the risks it presents to society. Our bishops have released a statement titled "The Dangers of Euthanasia", which outlines many of these risks. It is available online at www.catholic.org.nz under 'Bishops' statements'.

Journeys of St Paul Pilgrimage

May 2012. Holy Land, Turkey, Greece and Italy. Escorted by Fr Chris Friel (ph: 03 686 2013) from Timaru. Full details from Pilgrimage tours - ph: 0800 356 728

Columban Calendar 2012

The Columban Calendar has been a feature in Catholic homes and classrooms for decades. The traditional religious art, along with basic liturgical information, has met a need in the New Zealand church community for ninety years. Calendar sales are primarily a major fundraiser for mission projects across the world. Each calendar not only makes a simple Christmas gift to family and friends, but also helps make a difference. For the 2012 edition, a well-known art historian, Claire Renkin, has prepared an explanation of each work. The Art Guide can be easily downloaded from the Columban Mission Website.

... from the Archdiocesan Justice Peace and Development Commission desk ...

The leaders of the Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian and Salvation Army Churches have issued a call to all political parties to acknowledge their shared responsibility to provide a just share of society's wealth and resources for all its citizens - especially the most vulnerable. Included in this provision are adequate income for everyone, fair taxation policies and access to good health care, affordable housing, and the ability to live sustainably.



Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

meet Saturday 19 November 1.30pm - 3.30pm Connolly Hall, Thorndon. To conclude our year there will be a

Thanksgiving Mass followed by a festive afternoon tea. All women welcome to join us for praise, worship, teaching and fellowship. Enquiries: Sandra ph: 475 5541 www.dove.org.nz

Readings for the Week



Monday 14th November: 1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday 15th: 2 Macc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday 16th: 2 Macc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday 17th: St Elizabeth of Hungary 1Macc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

Friday 18th: 1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday 19th: 1 Macc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday 20th: Christ the King Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Recent Death

Joan Bernadette Smith

Anniversaries

Tony Muirson

Baptisms

Francesco Ruocco
Ryder Quillan-Adams



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DRS: Mary Ryan

Mass Times:
Sunday 9.30am

Reconciliation and Baptism:
by appointment

Pastoral Area Website :
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St Teresa Parish

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St Teresa's School
299 Karori Rd, Karori
Acting Principal: Jillian Carberry
Ph: 939 1725
DRS: Ingrid Jacobs

Mass Times:
Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm
Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.30am
Thursday: Exposition and rosary 9-9.30am
Saturday: Mass 9am

Reconciliation: Saturdays after 9am Mass
Baptism: by appointment

Sacred Heart Parish

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Sacred Heart Cathedral School
Guildford Tce, Thorndon
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Ph: 472 4047
DRS: Jane Regan

Mass Times:
Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 10am, 7pm
Monday to Friday: 8am, 12.10pm
Saturday 8.30am in Cathedral Chapel

Reconciliation and Baptism:
by appointment

Westlink: Enquiries - Catherine Vernon ph: 476 6131 teresas.parish@xtra.co.nz
Rita Phelon ph: 496 1700 r.phelon@wn.catholic.org.nz
Deadline for material is Wednesday midday.

PASTORAL AREA ACTIVITIES

St Thomas More Parish

Christian Life Community (CLC)
Ignation Prayer Group meets
every two weeks. Contact
Tricia Kane for details
ph: 475 8837

CCD classes meets every two
weeks at St Thomas More on
Tuesdays 6.30 - 7.30pm. For
details contact St Thomas
More Church or Patricia
Bennett ph: 473 5110

Tai Chi Every Tuesday
morning with Marie
Turner, a Thomas
More Parishioner.
Contact her for details
ph: 472 1918

Pilates Mondays (except
school holidays). 9.30
-10.30am Beginner
class; 10.30 -11.30am
Introductory Class.
Enrolments essential.
Sue Ruffell
ph: 027 712 8434

St Teresa Parish

First Friday of the month
Priest visits house
bound parishioners
and brings communion

Exposition and Rosary
Thursdays at 9am

**Communion to Sick and elderly
in Karori rest homes** Thursdays

Choir Practice
Tuesdays at 7.30pm

Divine Mercy Adoration
Every Saturday 3pm -
3.20pm there will be Divine
Mercy Adoration in the
Chapel. All are welcome.

*The Parable
of the
Talents*
*'A "talent" in the old
days meant a
measure of weight.
It was the heaviest
weight in the
measuring system.*

It was used in measurements of gold, silver, iron, and bronze. Later on, it meant a measure of money. One talent, for Jews, was equivalent to 3,000 shekels, or 'as much as a man could carry'. In later times of Jewish history, and in the time of Jesus and Matthew, one talent was equivalent to 6,000 denarii (Roman coins). 6,000 denarii would be about the earnings of an ordinary worker for fifteen to twenty years. It was in ordinary parlance "a ton of money".'

Sacred Heart Parish

**17 November Joshua Fellowship
for Men** Connolly Hall

17 November Parish Council
Viard lounge 7.30pm

**19 Nov Dove Fellowship for
Women** Connolly Hall

RCIA Sessions every 2nd Tuesday
7.30 - 9pm, Viard Lounge

Rosary Mondays 11.30am in
Cathedral Chapel

Bible Study Group Wednesdays,
7pm Kohanga Chaplaincy,
4 Kelburn Pde. Contact Elisapeci
Waqanivalu ph: 022 672 4894

Divine Mercy Devotions
every Sunday at 6.30pm

Prayer Group Meeting 1st, 3rd and
5th Mondays, Connolly Hall 7.30pm

Holy Hour 4th Thursday of every
month at 7.30pm

Today's Gospel: Matthew 25:14 - 30

From the Redemptorists of Australia and New Zealand