



St Thomas More Catholic Church

Newsletter

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11/12 FEBRUARY 2012 - 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MISSION : To call all people to holiness in Jesus through His one, holy, catholic and apostolic church

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE:

We present to the parish at this morning's Mass through the Rite of Acceptance the following people:

Phil Appelman, Taryn Clarke, Glenn Dawson, Carolyn Fowler, Marina Pasichnik, Joel Sheely, Joyce Regan, John & Michelle McClunie (Confirmation only), Mark Trebilco.

At Te Puke: Julz Beaufill, Leon Beaufill, Jolene Beaufill, Maru Maassen, Shar Singleton, Talhia Singleton.

They are journeying towards becoming Catholic. Together as a community please keep these people in your prayers.

REJECTION:

Leprosy is a terrible disease, though it is almost unknown in the western world. But, we have no lepers among us, so you might ask: What is the relevance of all this for us? The relevance is in the people we reject, whom we treat like 'lepers'.

We see them all around us in society. Old people abandoned by everybody, young people from broken homes, unloved & unwanted. Handicapped people who are locked out of life's banquet, the down & outs, the unemployed and redundant who are thrown on life's scrap heap.

Nearer to home, the 'leper' is anyone I exclude or cut off, anyone I look down on or despise. That person may well be living under the same roof as me. I can reject in small but subtle ways—the tone of my voice or even by a look I can convey to another person that I do not like him. But perhaps the worst form of rejection is indifference. Many people have so little self-awareness that they are not conscious of the ways in which they are rejecting others.

Rejection hurts beyond any other state or emotion. It leaves a wound that lasts. Rejection makes people feel worthless and makes them want to rebel.

Acceptance is the opposite to rejection. It makes the other realize that he is loved. Acceptance demands a deep, loving involvement with the other. If we want to be Christ like we must open ourselves to the people we are rejecting. Then we can become people who are able to bring peace and healing, rather than conflict and hurt.

What does it take to cure a person of feelings of rejection? A little dose of the oldest drug of all—love. Everybody has a great capacity for love.

(Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies—McCarthy)

WELCOME ONE AND ALL

St Thomas More School is celebrating Term 1 School Mass today, **Sunday, 12 Feb** at 9am. Directly after Mass the PTFA are shouting everyone to a Devonshire tea which includes tea/coffee with a scone or muffin, cream & jam. It's a great way to meet new families & the staff of the school. Please come along.

DIOCESAN TEACHERS MASS

On Tues, 21 Feb St Thomas More is hosting the annual Diocesan Teachers' Mass at 5.30pm. This is a very special occasion for all teachers. If you would like to come along in support of all teachers you would be very welcome. If you do come, please bring a plate of goodies to share after Mass—many teachers are coming from Whakatane, Rotorua, Opotiki, Waihi. Thank you in advance.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

is a relationship of trust, growth and accountability undertaken with the purpose of maturing in my relationship with God. I'm embarking on my first year of training as a spiritual director & I need to have one or two people willing to share their spiritual lives with me. If you would be interested in the experiment, please get in touch with me. Dawn de Witt 544-5476 or 021 02128255d.dewitt@xtra.co.nz

**NZ CATHOLIC on bench in foyer.
COLUMBAN CALENDARS @ parish
office \$8.00, be quick... limited no's.**

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Tahu Junior Youth Group (years 7 to 9) meet on Fridays from 7-8:30 and
Lighthouse Senior Youth Group (years 10 to 13) meet on Sundays from 6:30-8pm. Feel free to call or text us if you have any questions: 021 334 780, Rich and Kelly.

ALPHA COURSE

Starts here at St Thomas More Parish **THIS Tuesday, 14 February** at 6pm (finishes 24 April).

Sessions begin with a meal followed by a talk (dvd) and small group discussion where there is the opportunity to ask questions and explore the topics.

What is the point of life?

- **What happens when we die?**
- **What relevance does Jesus have in our lives in 2012?**

To register complete the slip in the brochure on the bench in foyer or post to St Thomas more Parish 'Alpha', 17 Gloucester Rd, Mt Maunganui 3116. There is no charge for Alpha, however, we do invite a donation towards the meals and guest manuals.

SUNDAY COLLECTION COUNTERS

There will be a brief meeting today, SUNDAY, for all counters, after 9am Mass. This will take about 15 minutes.

Any parishioners with experience of handling cash and who would like to help with counting on the Sunday collections come along to the meeting. Joining the roster would mean a counting duty about once every 2 months.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP

Committee meeting Wed, 15 February at 2pm in the parish lounge.

PARISH STAFF:

The staff will be absent from the parish on Thursday, 16 February as we will be on retreat.

FIRE EVACUATION:

1. **BE AWARE OF YOUR NEAREST EXIT**
2. **ALARM SOUNDS, MOVE SMARTLY TO YOUR NEAREST EXIT—DO NOT RUN**
3. **ASSEMBLE IN THE CAR PARKING AREA**
4. **DO NOT RE-ENTER THE BUILDING UNTIL CLEARANCE IS GIVEN**

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church**

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Are you able to help in the practicalities of our Alpha evenings? We need helpers to assist in the kitchen serving our guests and clearing away every Tuesday evening for 10 weeks. With the help of many we will be able to do this on a roster basis. Please see Heidi after Mass or ph 575 4807 ext 3 (leave a message) or text 027 471 9642. Thank you.

ROSARY FOR UNBORN:

Rosary is said every Saturday for the unborn (inside Church) & on the 1st Saturday of each month on the roadside.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP NEWS:

Martin Family Group:

Wednesday 22 February

10am Morning tea A small plate please.

To be decided after the 8 February meeting but could be a chance to catch up with old friends. Any questions please ring Stan or Gaylene 544 7955.

Family on the Edge:

will be celebrating St. Patricks Day on **Friday 17 February**, please note we are a month early. WHY?? Well St Patricks Day arrives during lent and as it is not a recognized "Holy Day" in New Zealand we wanted to really celebrate soo!!!: we are having a movie night at "The Kontze's" 21 Snowden Street, Ohauti, 5441415. Ice-cream and popcorn is the order of the night, **6.30pm for a 7pm** start and the movie, a real classic, "**THE QUIET MAN**" starring none other than a young John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Come and join the fun. This is an invitation to other family groups and the community of St Thomas More. Gold coin donation towards the ice-cream and popcorn and of course compulsory "WEARING OF THE GREEN" . Want to know more ring Dolores 5753686.

St Patrick's Family Group:

Meeting Sunday 19 February 12 noon at Omokoroa Beach Reserve for picnic lunch. BYO food, drinks, chairs etc. Any queries ph Merrilyn 575 4148.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

First meeting for the year will be held on Thursday, 16 February after Liturgy at 9.40am. Subscriptions for the year are due: \$18. An informal get together after the formal meeting, over a cup of morning tea/coffee. New members welcome—please come.

DOVE:

Tauranga: Meeting Saturday, 25 February at Aquinas College Chapel. 1 o'clock start til 3.30pm. Theme : The Word enthroned in Jesus. Speakers the team : A new beginning. Preparation time. Come and experience the Lords greatness.

The Lord asks that you COME WITH AN OPEN HEART & MIND to receive all that he has for you ! Anything different.

Ladies this is very exciting, you don't want to miss out, you will want to hear the Lords plans for 2012. Come bring a friend. All ladies welcome. All meetings will be the 4th Saturday of the month at Aquinas college chapel.

UPDATE ON NEW MISSALS

Message from Bishop Denis Browne:

The new Missals are expected to be delivered to each Diocese in the third or fourth week of February. The Bishops hope to decide in the immediate future on the date on which the new Missal will become effective. We will let you know of the date as soon as the decision is made.

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 4877853, or write to The Secretary, St Mary's Reunion Committee, 36 Middleton Rd., Dunedin 9012

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 8.30am till 10am

ST THOMAS MORE MASS TIMES:

Mon & Thurs 9am Liturgy with Holy Communion
Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 9am Mass
Benediction Wed 9.30am
Sat Vigil 7pm
Sun 9am
TE PUKE: Mon & Thurs 9am
Saturday Vigil 5pm



CD's available in the foyer. \$5.00 each.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER: Please note the week starting Mon 13 Feb to Sat, 18 Feb is **WEEK TWO. **NEW ROSTER ON TABLE.**

READINGS FOR 18/19 February, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B.

1. Isaiah 43:18-19,21-22,24-25 2. 2 Corinthians 1:18-22 **Gospel: Mark 2:1-12**

ROSTERS FOR SATURDAY VIGIL 18 February 2012 7pm

Co-ordinator: Merrilyn Barran
Greeters: T & M Authier
Readers: J Uden, L Shepherd
Gifts: R & R Crow
EMC's: B McColl, K Callard, T McGreevy

Power Point: J Alker
Altar Assistants: T Dawson & G Trembath

ROSTERS FOR SUNDAY, 19 February 2012 9am:

Co-ordinator: P Mourits
Greeters: D Arthur, S Frankland
Readers: H & P Arthur
Gifts: Nield
EMC's: K Brennan, K Wood, P Lloyd, B Nair

Power Point: L Barker
Altar Assistants: C & S Tamblin

CHILDREN'S LITURGY for 19 February:

Jackie Lee, Primela d'Mello

DIVINE MERCY is held in the Church every Tuesday, 2.45 to 3.30pm. All welcome.

HOLY ROSARY is held in our Church every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday after Mass. Every Sat Rosary said for Unborn.

PRAYER CHAIN If you have any requests for prayer please phone Merrilyn Barran on 575 4148 and Pat Cleaver on 575 3215.

PRAISE/WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP:

Held in parish every Monday evening @ 7.30pm. Starts at 7pm with a cuppa. All welcome. *Deacon Henk*

MAORI MASS: Held on first Sunday of month at 10.30am. Everyone most welcome.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

Every Wednesday after Benediction. Newcomers welcome. Inquiries Joy 575 2889.

DONATIONS TO PARISH

Please deposit to RC Bishop of Hamilton Parish A/c Mt Maunganui A/c no. 020342 0050016 001. Please put your name in the reference so a tax receipt can be issued.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome! Please complete a New Parishioner form in the Church foyer. Thank you.

Collection for 4/5 February 2012

1st: 596.75 2nd: 1847.05

CHURCH CLEANING starting week from Monday, 13 February 2012:

Moira Wise, Helena Howard, Lyn Skidmore

COUNTERS FOR 19 February 2012:

Nair, Kontze, Perkins