

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A) – 25th September, 2011

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28;

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 24)

R/ Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11;

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32.

2nd October, 2011

27 th Sunday in O. T.	9.00am	7.00pm
ALTAR SERVERS	Ben Stockman, Christian McCoy, Matthew Pemberton	Lydia O'Callaghan, Emily Grose, Ben Lima
PROJECTIONISTS	Jade Lima	Jessie Pullar
PRES. OF THE GIFTS	C.W.L.	<i>Help needed please</i>
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	J Morrison, B Morrison, A Searle	K Black, V Cross, L Young
READERS	D George, K Whitburn	Cook family
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Chris Pemberton	
GREET & COLLECT	C.W.L.	L Young
ENVELOPE COUNTERS	Counter: Anne Siave	Banker: Peter Consedine
SUNDAY MORNING TEA	Marian Mothers	
CHILDRENS LITURGY	Chris Pemberton	

ROSTERS

Please collect **Greeters & Collectors and Prayers of the Faithful rosters** from the table at the back of the hall. Thank you.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL COLLEGE REUNION AND A BIG WELCOME TO EX-XAVIER AND SACRED HEART COLLEGE STUDENTS **EASTER WEEKEND, 2012.** Contact Justin Fields ph 9821690 jf@cathcollege.school.nz OR check out the Official CCC reunion Facebook page.

Competition Results

Thank you to all who entered the 2011 Knights of the Southern Cross religious writing competition on the topic of Social Justice. A competition report detailing the winners and comments can be viewed on <http://tawacatholic.org.nz/knights>.

The weekly newsletter is available for viewing on the school website: www.ola.school.nz

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NEW PARISHIONERS We welcome you to our Parish!

Please make yourself known to us by completing the form below and leaving it in the collection basket. May you find friendship, warmth and Catholic fulfillment in our community.

Name:

Phone No: **Email:**

Address:

MASS TIMES
Sunday observance
 (in the parish hall)
 Sunday 9.00am & 7.00pm



RECONCILIATION
 Anytime by appointment
 (No usual Saturday
 Reconciliation while
 Church is unavailable)

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

170 Hoon Hay Road., Christchurch

Parish Priest, **Father Kevin Wei**, Phone 338 8624 Email: kevinmartinwei@hotmail.com
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26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 25TH September, 2011

A Reflection from last Sunday's Gospel Reading – Matthew 20:1-16

Christ's teachings are all about God's justice not human's. We think we have the answers to the problems of this world but in fact we are rather helpless without God's help. Many of us think that the more we work the more we should be paid. How many think they should be paid more than they are now? It is the same with grace and favours of God. The more we pray and the harder we strive towards holiness the more we expect. That is not altogether wrong but we feel slighted when God is kinder to a neighbour who is not as pious and we get jealous or envious too.

God promises to help all who appeal to Him whether we are rich, poor, pious or great sinners. The Pharisees and the leaders of the Jewish society often felt that Jesus should not associate with those they considered sinners. So they thought Jesus should not cure the dregs of their society. But Jesus also contradicted them by doing exactly what they thought He should not. God is just like the landowner in last Sunday's Gospel reading. He has every right to help whomever He likes. I used to think that those who in their lives stay faithful to Jesus deserve a heavenly place but not those who lead sinful lives, having the greatest time ever and then just before they die they repent and they go to heaven as well. I really felt that wasn't fair. That is strictly human thinking and not one a Christian should have.

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Heaven, graces and favours belong to God. So it is entirely up to Him to decide who gets what and who deserves a place in His Kingdom. We should worry about ourselves getting a place with Him and not be jealous or envious about others. As the saying goes, 'all's fair in love and war'! The Christian way is to rejoice over the generosity of God to our neighbour. It is not about who should get what rewards and punishment. We often talk about equality and justice. The morale of last Sunday's reading is that God has no favourites. Everyone who works for Him gets paid. How much He pays each one is entirely up to Him. Our duty is to stay faithful and keep working towards that heavenly place.

Greed and jealousy have no place in a Christian's heart. If we start comparing with others we will always lose. There are always many who are richer than us, cleverer than us and getting more out of life than us. God is always kind and merciful and He gives his faithful followers what they need and He never tests us beyond our endurance. Be content and thankful for His love, generosity and blessings!

Fr Kevin

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS YEAR A

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2nd October, 2011

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7; **Second Reading:** Phil 4:6-9; **Gospel:** Mt 21:33-43.

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Monday 26th September: *Ss Cosmas & Damian;*

Tuesday 27th September: *St Vincent de Paul;*

Wednesday 28th September: *St Wenceslaus, St Laurence Ruiz & Companions;*

Thursday 29th September: *Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels;*

Friday 30th September: *St Jerome;*

Saturday 1st October: *St Therese of the Child Jesus.*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE RECENTLY BAPTISED

Please keep the ten young children who were recently Baptised at Sacred Heart Addington in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Bishop Barry Jones, Father Bernie Goulding, Mons Gerry O'Connor, Father John Fitzmaurice, Debbie Bennett, Emmet Conaglen, David Rose, and those who are sick in our Parish community. If you have family or friends you would particularly like mentioned in the Bulletin, please let us know at the Parish Office. Ph: 338 8624.

*In your great love please pray for
Stephen O'Connor (Rec Dec)(Brother of Fr Jack); Leidy Veltman (Rec Dec);
Christina Ann Rose (Anniv.); Joy Searle (Anniv.);
Edith Blue and Archie Blue (Anniv.);
R.I.P.*

PARISH GIVING:

18/09/2011 Clergy Trust Fund: \$320.00

Parish: \$633.80

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the 16 people who helped with the massive cleaning bee at the hall last Saturday. We are very grateful for your time and efforts.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Hoon Hay Catholic Women's League **monster garage sale** will be held in the parish hall on **Saturday 1st October between 8.00am & 12.00pm**. Please contact Anne Siave Ph: 942-8980 or Denise George Ph:335-0776 for any goods to be collected. Only good quality items will be accepted.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY ANNUAL COLLECTION

Next Sunday 2nd October, St Vincent de Paul will be having their annual collection at both Masses. This collection is a retiring collection which in past years has been very helpful in boosting our funds to help the needy of our area. We appreciate that the last 12 months have been difficult for everyone, however for those with limited resources it has been even more difficult - in the last month alone we have issued 19 food vouchers and 29 food parcels (which are made up from the food collected in the SVP Box at both Sunday Masses), these have helped 33 adults and 46 children. We appreciate any support you are able to offer towards our collection next Sunday. Those contributing to this retiring collection who require a receipt, could you please put your donation in an envelope and include your name and address so a receipt can be forwarded. Thank you for your generosity.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CLOTHING BIN

You will no doubt be aware that the SVP Clothing Bin has been removed from outside the Church, the reason being that at the moment SVP is unable to accept clothing and bedding donations, as they have nowhere to store them, due to earthquake damage at the Central Shop. We ask that if anyone has anything to donate could they please hold on to them until we have somewhere to store them. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

ROSARY HOUSE PROGRAMMES

Spirituality Today Clare Pierson rsm Saturday 1 Oct 10am - 3pm

An invitation to explore what spirituality means for each of us in our daily lives in relationship with God, Earth, other people and ourselves. Cost \$40

Guided/Directed Six-Day Retreat Fr Roderick Milne sm 10 - 15 Oct 10am - 4pm

'Whoever we are, from wherever we come, whatever our story, love has a transforming power' according to Jean Vanier. In this Retreat we "Journey into Love" as John Vanier, the founder of L'Arche and co-founder of Faith & Light, brings together his prayer, experience, study and reflection in a series of thirty minute talks based on John's Gospel. The Venue for this Retreat is Villa Maria College, Peer Street, Upper Riccarton. Cost \$300 For bookings ring 379 1298 or email roho@xtra.co.nz

Diocesan Notices . . .

STUDY OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR - Do you wish to learn more about the Church's Liturgical Year? Would you enjoy studying the liturgical seasons, the saints and feast days? 10, 11, 12 October. To register contact Charles Shaw, phone 353 0751 or email: cshaw@chch.catholic.org

JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE - We urgently require the following baby items in good clean condition: high chairs, baby baths, bassinets and prams. If you are able to help with any of these items please ring Carmel Malone at the Centre on 351 3227 or drop off to 88 Idris Rd from 9.30am - 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. Your support for our work is very much appreciated.