

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A) – 6th November, 2011

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16;

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 62)

R/ My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Thessalonians 4:13-18;

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13.

13th November, 2011

33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	7.00pm
ALTAR SERVERS	Will Andrews, Christian McCoy, Louis Andrews	Josh Kelly, Lydia O'Callaghan, Tim Maguire
PROJECTIONISTS	Jade Lima	Jessie Pullar
PRES. OF THE GIFTS	P.F.G.	Cook family
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	K Whitburn, K Ell, T Conner	D Pawson, J Ibell, S Clemens
READERS	E Puentener, M Smith	H Siave, A O'Callaghan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Kevin Searle	
GREET & COLLECT	P.F.G.	E & W Puentener
ENVELOPE COUNTERS	Counter: Anne Siave	Banker: Peter Consedine
SUNDAY MORNING TEA	Joan Morrison	
CHILDRENS LITURGY	Jeannette Kwant	

PROJECTIONISTS NEEDED

Parishioners are encouraged to lend a hand in the role of projectionist as we desperately need more volunteers to assist at both the Sunday Masses. Full training will be given. If you can help please call Joan on Ph: 338-8004.

Notices for parish newsletter

A gentle reminder to parishioners that parish related notices for the parish newsletter are required in writing, preferably, as an attachment in Microsoft Word 97 to email: olaparish@xtra.co.nz. If you do not have access to a computer, please write the notice out clearly.

Notices must be received in the parish office by 9.30am Thursday for inclusion in the coming Sunday newsletter.

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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:

Our Parish is part of the **Christchurch South Pastoral Area** comprising the parishes of Addington, Akaroa, Beckenham, Halswell & Hoon Hay.



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
 Parish Secretary - **Kristine Drury** (Office hours: 9.00am – 3.30pm Mon., Wed., & Thurs.)
 Phone: 338 8624 Fax: 338 8628 Email address: olaparish@xtra.co.nz
 Principal **Our Lady of the Assumption School - Jo Earl** - Ph: 338 9503
 School website: www.ola.school.nz Diocesan website: www.chch.catholic.org.nz

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ready, and willing for God

When the roll is called at a meeting, the usual response is to call “present”. When a person we respect enters a room we stand to greet them. The movement of standing is a gesture of respect and welcome.

There is a moment in the Ordination Rite for both priest and deacon, when the bishop announces ‘let the one who is to be ordained come forward’. The candidate stands and clearly responds: **“Present”**.

This is a significant moment. For the one to be ordained, this movement to stand (while all others remained seated), proclaims his willingness to step forward in service of God. This moment expresses his desire to follow wherever God leads.

When we move to stand in the Mass, we are physically announcing anew our desire to open to God and to walk with God. In the context of the liturgy, this simple and everyday gesture proclaims our commitment to God within this Catholic community of faith.

There are several moments when we move to our feet during the Mass. As the entrance procession begins, we rise. As the Alleluia verse heralds the proclamation of the Gospel we once again stand. We stand whenever we pray to God together.

We are familiar with the Prayer over the Offerings. Until now we stood when we had finished responding to the invitation of the priest. In the Revised Order of the Mass we will now stand **before** we begin to respond to the invitation of the priest.

Initially this change may be a little awkward for us. But our deepened awareness of this opportunity to bodily express our desire for God will help us to embrace this change in posture.

Fr John O'Connor

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS YEAR A

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th November, 2011

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; **Second Reading:** 1 Thess 5:1-6;

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30.

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday 9th November: *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica;*

Thursday 10th November: *St Leo the Great;*

Friday 11th November: *St Martin of Tours;*

Saturday 12th November: *St Josaphat;*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Father Bernie Goulding, Emmet Conaglen, John & David Rose, Trish Parrott, 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
Lauren Tranter (Anniv.);*

*Deceased Brothers, Relatives, Benefactors, Auxiliary members, Co-Workers
and all those who have died in the care of St John of God Brothers.
R.I.P.*

PARISH GIVING:

30/10/2011 Clergy Trust Fund: \$330.00

Parish: \$650.60

HOLY SOULS

During November, a box will be placed at the foot of the altar, in which people may leave the NAMES of deceased family members.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards will be available for sale after both Masses from now on, until stocks sold out. There are five cards to a pack, at a cost of \$2.50 per pack.

2012 COLUMBAN CALENDARS will also be on sale. \$8.00 each.

Church Set Up Team

As you all must be aware – it is going to be a long haul re waiting for our Church to be up and running again.

Volunteers are required for approx. ½ hour to set up the hall for Mass on Saturday afternoon – (putting out chairs and creating the right layout for Mass to be celebrated).

If we get about 25 people, this would result in a commitment once every 5-6 weeks.

Please consider giving your time to this really important function in our Parish – **we need your help!**

Next Sunday we will have someone standing at the back of church with a clipboard to take your names and a roster will be drawn up. If you require any further information or you are not going to be at Mass next Sunday then please call Irene Maguire on 3386140 to volunteer.

URGENT PLEA FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

It has come to our attention that St Vincent de Paul are in urgent need of groceries, particularly at this time of the year. From now until Christmas we will be collecting non-perishable items e.g. tinned food, breakfast cereal, washing powder, toothpaste, toilet paper etc. If you are able to help, a box will be available in the hall at Mass for your contribution.

PARISH OFFICE CHANGE

As from the week beginning 14th November, 2011 the Parish Office will no longer be open on Mondays. From this date the office will be open Tuesday to Thursday 9.00am – 4.00pm.

MERTON BOOK LAUNCH

New Zealand writer, Ken Bragan, will introduce his latest book on Thomas Merton, 'The Making of a Saint' at Te Rangimarie Centre, 360 Gloucester Street at 6pm on Tuesday, 15th November. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is warmly invited.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL COLLEGE REUNION and a big welcome to Ex-Xavier and Sacred Heart College students March 23-25, 2012. Contact Justin Fields Ph: 982-1690

Email: jf@cathcollege.school.nz.

Journeys of St Paul Pilgrimage. May 2012. Holy Land, Turkey, Greece and Italy. Escorted by Fr Chris Friel (03 6862013) from Timaru.

Full details from Pilgrimage tours. Ph 0800 356 728.

Do You Need Healing and Refreshment?

Come away for a Day of Refreshment; allow yourself to rest and be loved and have your peace restored. Theme "Come to the Father's Heart"; hosted by Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women National Team; Saturday 12 November 9.30am-8pm St Christopher's Anglican Church 244 Avonhead Rd Christchurch. Women of all ages welcome. For more info or to register go to www.dove.org.nz or phone Janet 03 359 4305.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING WITH FR JOHN REA

Thursday 24 November at 7.30pm and Sunday 27th November at 3.30pm.

Lamb of God Centre, Thames Street, St Albans.

Diocesan Notices . . .

PARISH VACANCY - Parish Secretary wanted - Sumner/Lyttelton Parishes. Based in Sumner, approximately 17 - 20 hours per week. Applications close 17 November. Please email: ourladystarofthesea@snap.net.nz for a job description.

International Speaker, Fr Robert Barron speaks about The 'New

Evangelisation' Would you like to know more about the 'new evangelisation' ?

Come to hear Father Robert Barron, teacher from Mundelein Seminary, Chicago and a U.S. TV personality. His down-to-earth approach means he presents the Catholic faith reliably in the clear terms needed for effective evangelisation. Fr Robert will be leading the retreat for our Diocesan clergy and while here has offered this session – it will be worth being there!

Wednesday 30th November, 7.30pm at Christ the King Parish Centre

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