

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A) – 13th November, 2011

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31;

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 127)

R/ Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: Thessalonians 5:1-6;

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30.

20th November, 2011

<i>Feast of Christ the King</i>	9.00am	7.00pm
ALTAR SERVERS	Jed Buchanan, E.J Stockman, Matthew Pemberton	Madison Kelly, Megan Meltzer, Sophie Hooker
PROJECTIONISTS	Ryan Jordan	James Maguire
PRES. OF THE GIFTS	Siave Family	<i>Help needed please</i>
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	K Ell, T Conner, V Brownlee	J Ibell, S Clemens, A Woolstencroft
READERS	D Faid, R Sinclair	Cook family
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Jeannette Kwant	
GREET & COLLECT	Silva family	Jessie Pullar & family
ENVELOPE COUNTERS	Counter: Mel Lange	Banker: Phillipa Shaw
SUNDAY MORNING TEA	Henry Siave	
CHILDRENS LITURGY	Chris Pemberton	

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.

Church Set Up Team - we need your help!

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. This Sunday we will have someone standing at the back of church to take your names and a roster will be drawn up. For further information or to volunteer please call Irene Maguire on 3386140.

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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

No weekday Mass
 at Rose Street until
 further notice.



RECONCILIATION
 (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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SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus was angry at the way the Jewish leaders treated God's gift of revelation to his people. They had buried it when it was intended to grow and be life-giving to all. The resources of this earth are God's gift to us. Perhaps, like Jesus, you have a passion to see a fairer distribution of the goods of this world.

One of the ways the leaders had buried God's gift was by putting strict observance of a multiplicity of rules at the centre of religious practice rather than a deep faith and trust in the forgiving love of God. What part have rules played for you in you life? Have they been life-giving?

Sometimes we can get a lesson on what is truly important in life from the example of people who are living in circumstances that on the surface are unorthodox, unconventional and sometimes irregular. What lessons have you learned from such witness?

On the level of our own personal life, faith is not given to us to be locked away, but to be 'traded' with. We trade with it when we believe in its value, trust it and use it, bringing it into the experiences we have in daily life. Can you recall times when relying on your faith has brought you rewards?

Likewise with our own personal gifts and talents. We can fall into the trap of seeing these as our personal possession so that we can do with them as we like, rather than share them as gifts so that they can be multiplied. What is your experience of hoarding or sharing your own gifts? When did you feel most alive?

The master in the story is also someone we can celebrate. He is the kind of person who does not cling to power. He entrusts his property (his cause) to others. Perhaps you have known leaders who have done this? Have you done it yourself? As parents have you entrusted the lives of your children to them so that they can find life to the full by taking responsibility for their own lives?

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap - Intercom

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS YEAR A

Feast of Christ the King – 20th November, 2011

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17; **Second Reading:** 1 Cor 15:20-26. 28;

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46.

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday 15th November: *St Albert the Great;*

Wednesday 16th November: *St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude;*

Thursday 17th November: *St Elizabeth of Hungary;*

Friday 18th November: *The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul;*

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.

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.

May all who sleep in Christ, find in His presence light, happiness & peace.

PARISH GIVING:

06/11/2011 Clergy Trust Fund: \$283.00

Parish: \$565.40

WELCOME AND A BIG THANK YOU to Fr Kevin Clark, Monsignor Bill Middleton, Fr Pat Crawford and Fr Kevin Burns for celebrating Sunday Mass in the Parish while Fr Kevin is away.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2012 – HOON HAY PARISH

A meeting for parents/caregivers (children do not need to attend) of children wishing to make their First Holy Communion will be held in Room 7 at OLA school on Tuesday 29th November at 7pm. Children should be Yr 3 in 2011 or older. The meeting will outline the programme and give you a timeline of events leading up to First Holy Communion day. If anyone would like to be part of the First Holy Communion organising team or for any queries please phone Annie Bathurst 338 5523 or email bathurstfamily@xtra.co.nz

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.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

The CWL monthly meeting will be held this Wednesday 16th November, in the school staff room. This meeting will include a short remembrance service for deceased members and parishioners in place of our annual Mass for the Deceased which we usually attend in November.

Message received this week from Fr Peter Ewart SM

To the Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption, Hoon Hay

Greetings to you all,

On Saturday 29th October I visited in Jerusalem the Birthplace of Mary, the traditional place of her “falling asleep” (Dormitio) on Mt Zion and then the place of her tomb in the Kidron Valley - quite close to Gethsemane.

I specially prayed and lit candles for the intentions and needs of the people of Hoon Hay Parish. Our Blessed Lady was assumed into Heaven from this earthly tomb. May she intercede for the spiritual and temporal needs all associated with Our Lady of the Assumption.

With ever blessing and kind regard, Peter Ewart SM.

Advance notice . . .

RECONCILIATION in preparation for Christmas will be celebrated with Addington Parish on **TUESDAY 20th DECEMBER at 7.00pm** at Sacred Heart Church, 70 Spencer Street, Addington.

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.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING WITH FR JOHN REA - Thurs. 24 Nov. at 7.30pm & Sun. 27th Nov. at 3.30pm. Lamb of God Centre, Thames Street, St Albans.

ROSARY HOUSE PROGRAMME: Waiting For The Birth Of A New Creation - Three Meditations for Advent and Christmas. Joy Ryan-Bloore Fridays 25 Nov and 2nd & 9th December 6.45 - 9pm. Venue Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham St Nth, Cost \$25 per evening including booklet. For bookings ph: 379 1298 or email roho@xtra.co.nz

In brief . . .

- Sounds Catholic Sundays 12.00pm & 10.00pm on Plains 96.9;
- Bishop’s Catechesis & Diocesan Youth & Young Adults Mass Sunday 4th Dec.
- Sacred Music Workshop Saturday 19th November;
- Hazaribag Day Cake Stall 20th November, 11.30, St Matthews, Bryndwr;
- Joshua Men’s Fellowship One Day Conference Sat 19th Nov. St Gregory’s;

for further details and other notices please see the notice board

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

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