

Fr Richard Leonard's Visit

Fr Richard Leonard SJ said Mass for Parishioners of St Michael's on Saturday, 15th and Sunday, 16th of February. He drew us with his humour, wisdom and insights to join his talks on Sunday on the topics 'Where The Hell Is God?' and 'Why Bother Praying'.

About 200 people attended the presentations. People were visitors to the parish, members of other Catholic and Christian Churches and of course parishioners of St Michael's Nelson Bay.

Fr Leonard has a deep understanding of ordinary people, the people we meet on the streets and of the difficulties which they face in their day to day life. He can see past the differences which might separate us from one another. He encouraged us to look deep into "the other" to see God working in them and our lives.

His presentations were down to earth, concrete and linked with situations with which most of us are familiar. While entertaining and humorous his tales opened up to the listener the timelessness of God's interaction with each of us and that very humour helped to hold onto the message they conveyed.

Thank you to Fr Kevin for inviting Fr Richard to speak with us.

Sr Cath Norman