

Christmas Newsletter 2020

**Haere mai e te whanau, Tena koutou katoa, a kia noho te Ariki ki a koutou.
Welcome, family, greetings to you all. May the Lord be with you.**

Dear Parishioners

Our first Christmas in our new Church has been made even more memorable by the Cribs on Kāpiti. What a beautiful way to welcome the spirit of Christmas into our Parish and into our hearts.

So many visitors have reminded us of the point and purpose of the Body of Christ, namely, to satisfy the joys and hopes of all — and not only their joys and hopes, but also their longing for the old, old story of God dwelling in our midst.

As one of the parish welcomers said, “many arrived looking, ‘Why am I here?’ and left with child delight on their faces” That “child delight” that she speaks of is what the ‘longing for the old, old story’ looks like!

A blessed Christmas to you all and sincere thanks for all that we have achieved together in Christ this year.

Michael McCabe
Parish Priest



THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER — CHRISTMAS EVE

Mass 5pm Carols, 5.30pm Family Mass

Mass 8pm Carols, 8.30pm Mass

FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER—CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass 9am Carols, 9.30am Mass

SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER

Mass 5pm Our Lady of Kāpiti Church

SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER

Mass 9.30am Our Lady of Kāpiti Church

FRIDAY 1 JANUARY—NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mass 9.30am Our Lady of Kāpiti Church

**Please note weekday Masses at Our Lady
of Kāpiti Church will recommence on
Friday, 8 January 2021.**

**The Parish Office will be closed from
25 December 2020 until 18 January 2021.**

**Newsletters will recommence on
24 January 2021.**

Cribs on Kāpiti—Thank you

*Thank you to all those who gave up their time
and talents to help us bring the real meaning
of Christmas to so many.*

*Over \$1,000 was raised for Our Lady of Kāpiti
Events which goes towards helping those in
our own local Community this Christmas.*

*We also contributed many boxes of food to
St Vincent de Paul foodbank who were also
helping families in need.*

*All this could not be possible without the
tireless work of Carole & John Hutchings and
their band of helpers.*

*You can now put your feet up and enjoy your
much deserved break.*

*You are truly amazing and we look forward
to next year!*

Our Lady of Kāpiti Planned Giving Account : 02-0536-0170550-00

Our Lady of Kāpiti Building Giving Account : 02-0536-0170550-20

To Our Wonderful Parish Family

Our love and heartfelt thanks to all who have assisted and supported us as we farewelled our dear Paul. While spending two final days with him at Wellington hospital, it was comforting to know that our amazing Parish safety net would catch and safeguard us when we returned home. We have been overwhelmed and comforted by the loving prayers, messages, flowers, food, and accommodation. Paul would have been delighted that so many of his beloved Parish Family joined us for his Requiem Mass, and the preceding Prayers and Tributes evening.

As we grappled with the reality of Paul's sudden death it became clear that it was no coincidence that his last conscious day coincided with the beautiful celebration of our new church. Having joined St Patrick's Parish in 1976, he particularly enjoyed catching up with many long-time friends, reminiscing about parish life and the challenging, yet rewarding journey to Our Lady of Kapiti Parish and Church. Late that morning while sitting in Our Lady of Fatima Chapel, gazing towards the Statue, he said, "This is a beautiful place!"

Special thanks to Fr Pat Bridgman, regarded as a Reiher family member since his teens, who joined us at A&E and helped us along the way; to Fr Michael for his loving, on-going support in the midst of a tumultuous two weeks, and to Cardinal John for doing Paul the honour of concelebrating his Requiem Mass and offering the Prayers of Commendation. Paul loved you all, and valued your friendship enormously, as we all do. We are particularly grateful to those who provided administrative and technical support, the Music Group and Kitchen Team. We leant heavily on you all and you lightened our load considerably.

It is with immense gratitude that the Reiher, Garden & Lynn families extend our thanks to Our Lady of Kapiti Parish Community. Together you gave us the strength to farewell Paul with mana and aroha. Our love and blessings to all.

(The livestream of Paul's Requiem Mass, and the preceding Prayers and Tributes evening remains accessible via Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish website.)

Office Dropbox The Office now has a "Dropbox" for mail, envelopes etc. It is situated near the Office Window underneath the Office hours.



Valentine's Day Concert - If you are stuck for a Christmas present this may be your answer ... after popular demand Kemp English and Yuka Eguchi are returning to provide an afternoon of romantic classical music from 2.00-4.00pm on Sunday, 14 February. They will be accompanied by guest artists Rachel Vernon (clarinet) and Bruce Roberts (trumpet). Tickets \$25 including booking fee from Eventfinda or Coastlands Mall.

REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS — MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Kim Turner, Michael Kerse, Connie Madden, Julie Mathie, Paul Reiher, Eileen Reeve, Tuki Takiwa, Fr Jim Kershaw, Lorraine Duffy, Richard Mason, John Zandvliet, Brian Lambert, Andrew Bell, Shirley Bell, James Biggans, Joan Thomas, David Beckett, Jim Power, Doug Thurston, Maurice O'Connor, Bryan Braczek, Deceased Members of the Scanlan, Cody, Williams and O'Brien families; and for all those we hold dear to us and miss at this time of the year.

The Legend of the Candy Cane

Look at a candy cane and what do you see?



Stripes that are red like the blood shed for me. White for my Saviour, who is sinless and pure. "J" is for Jesus, my Lord, that's for sure! Turn it around and a staff you will see — Jesus, my Shepherd is coming for me!

Thank you

Pauline Takiwa and whanau wish to thank you all for your aroha and hospitality during the recent death and funeral of her beloved Tuki.

The whanau wanted to express their gratitude for your kindness.

God Bless Pauline

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