

Pastoral Pages

Parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti

Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti

Winter 2014



Pentecost

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Editorial

Welcome to the winter edition of Pastoral Pages. In this issue we reflect on poverty – local, national and international.

In March, Archbishop John invited us all to a picnic in Parliament grounds to highlight poverty. A number of the articles have been inspired by that event.

We quote from a letter to the NZ Catholic extolling the virtues of our parish but Peter Ness and Fr Jim remind us not to be complacent. There is more to our mission than great Sunday liturgies and parish events.

I often hear parishioners complaining that there is no teaching happening in our parish. “So many of us have had no faith education since we were at school. My faith is still at the level it was when I was 17 years old.” Now is the time to change all that. The faith formation group is holding a series of evenings on what it means to be church and how we can be church together. See the advert on page 28.

Anna, Glen, Bill, Margaret & Ishbel

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Reflections

Pope Francis on Poverty – Selected Quotes

It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about. (19/3/13)

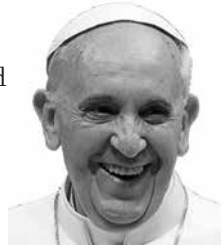
Theoretical poverty is of no use to us. Poverty is learned by touching the flesh of the poor Christ, in the humble, the poor, the sick, in children - poverty that is learned with the humble, the poor, the sick and all those who are on the existential peripheries of life. (8/5/13)

...we must also acknowledge that the majority of the men and women of our time continue to live daily in situations of insecurity, with dire consequences. Certain pathologies are increasing, with their psychological consequences; fear and desperation grip the hearts of many people, even in the so-called rich countries; the joy of life is diminishing; indecency and violence are on the rise; poverty is becoming more and more evident. People have to struggle to live and, frequently, to live in an undignified way. (16/5/13)

Man is not in charge today, money is in charge, money rules. God our Father did not give the task of caring for the earth to money, but to us, to men and women: we have this task! Instead, men and women are sacrificed to the idols of profit and consumption:

it is the “culture of waste.” (5/6/13)

Poverty in the world is a scandal. In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children, that there are so many children without an education, so many poor persons. Poverty today is a cry. We all have to think if we can



**Saint John Chrysostom:
“Not to share one’s goods
with the poor is to rob
them and to deprive
them of life. It is not our
goods that we possess, but
theirs.” (16/5/13) ‘**

become a little poorer; all of us have to do this. How can I become a little poorer in order to be more like Jesus, who was the poor Teacher? (7/6/13)

Among our tasks as witnesses to the love of Christ is that of giving a voice to the cry of the poor, so that they are not abandoned to the laws of an economy that seems at times to treat people as mere consumers. (6/14/13)

The proclamation of the Gospel is destined primarily to the poor, to those who often lack the essentials for a decent life. The good news is first announced to them, that God loves them before all others and comes to visit them through the acts of charity that the disciples of Christ carry out in his name. (6/18/13)

Source: www.globalfellows.crs.org

Archbishop John's Poverty Picnic at Parliament



On 19 March 2014 at 5:30 p.m., around 300 people from the Greater Wellington Region, including a contingent from our Lady of Kapiti Parish, braved the cold and drizzly weather to listen and enjoy a picnic in Parliament grounds.

The occasion was a response to the call made by Pope Francis on December 2013 during a day of prayer to end world hunger. The Pope has reminded everyone of what the Lord said in Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you fed me..." and the miracle of Jesus in feeding 5,000, the only miracle in all four gospels (Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:35-44, Luke 9:12-17 and John 6:1-13). In his message, Pope Francis invited the world "...to give a voice to all of those who suffer silently from hunger..."

And what a voice the Wellingtonians made that night! The picnic was opened up with a short drama and a song performed by the Samoan chaplaincy youth ministry followed by key speakers. Led by Archbishop John Dew, the speakers presented a careful examination of the growing inequality and poverty in Aotearoa New Zealand. As Archbishop John Dew highlighted, this is the face of Aotearoa that

remains hidden from tourists. In his message the Archbishop asked, "What would those tourists say and think if they visited some suburbs and saw street after street of poor, substandard, cold, damp, dangerous housing? Would they say 'New Zealand is such a beautiful place' if they knew that about 600,000 people live in poverty, and that about 200,000 of them are children?"

The message was supported by personal accounts and grassroots level examples offered by the other speakers -- Teresa Homan, Trevor McGlinchey and Monsignor Gerry Burns.

On that night the Archbishop John reminded the people gathered around Parliament that "...inequality lies at the heart of many of our social ills and that we are all responsible for people who are in need."

Divinagracia Sto. Domingo-Balauag



Our Lady of Kapiti was well represented: Adam ?, Divine Sto Domingo-Balauag, Mary Velasco and Mayie Pagalilauan, 'M' from Thailand, Peter and Anna Ryan, Tony Bevin, Gwyn Skinner, Katie Ryan.

Excerpts from Archbishop John's address

Thank you everyone for responding to the invitation to come to this picnic in order to highlight the plight of many New Zealanders. Thank you for coming in such great numbers. Thank you to those Members of Parliament who have responded to my invitation to come to this picnic.

All of us gather as people who are concerned about our neighbours, maybe about our families; certainly people we know in our country who struggle to make ends meet, who struggle to put food on their table, to educate their children, and to overcome health difficulties because of a lack of resources.

We hear from all sections of society about the need to reduce the road toll. There's broad public consensus that more money needs to be spent on promoting safe driving, on interventions by police, on road improvements, our own responsibility when we share the roads with other motorists; that all of us can improve road safety together and bring the road toll down.

But it's not the same for those who live in poverty, those who can't manage to make ends meet; the children

who don't have the same opportunities that many of us might have...

We don't have a reliable, consistent, clear and a-political measure. There isn't broad consensus of our responsibility for the people we share the country with.

Just a year ago, on the night of his election, Pope Francis said: "Now let's start working together, walking together." In saying this he instantly included each and every one of us in his plan for the future.

Our plan for the future should be a New Zealand where people live in equality; where people truly have the same opportunities; where no one is burdened or held back because of the compounding hardships that come from a lack of resources, especially resources to good wholesome food, to education and to healthcare.

The world knows that poverty is a key priority for Pope Francis and that he has a particular concern about the hardships that are experienced by the most vulnerable members of society.



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So tonight we are reminded that inequality lies at the heart of many of our social ills and that one and all of us is responsible for people who are in need.

As we share food and look after each other, we remember that the Gospel story of the feeding of the 5000 starts when the disciples notice that the people are hungry and ask Christ what they are to do about it. His

response is to tell them to share what they already have. This is a lesson for each of us personally and also for us as a community. When we look at the New Zealand that we live in, we can say 'there is enough for everyone' or 'there should be enough for everyone.'

As we all hear this message, let us think about what we can do to ensure that there is enough for everyone.

Giving a hand

You know, in my life, I have never been poor, but, at the same time I have never been what you would call wealthy, and I suppose that probably covers most of us.

Our family has always had the where-with-all for the next meal to be put on the table, so really we have never known true want. Is that a luxury that we all enjoy?

Well, it might not be down to the next meal for most in need, but there are some people with real want and real need – yes, even here in Kapiti.

And there are people in this situation who are working really hard to help themselves. There are stories out there that will quickly bring a tear to your eye, and remember, these are people who are trying to help themselves; they are not simply passengers on the welfare train.

Let me add, there are people who are in this situation through no fault of their own. Just throw a permanently sick or disabled child into the mix and see what effect that can have on a family.

At Our Lady of Kapiti Events, we are trying to help some of these people.

We all grew up with the three virtues faith, hope and charity.

One person that we helped said, 'Oh my God, I'd nearly given up all hope!' and we, that is you, through your support of our fundraising endeavours, have been able to support her with your charity.

See, faith + charity = hope.

If our activities at Our Lady of Kapiti Events allow us to instil a bit of hope for those in need, it's got to be worthwhile.

Bob Houston

[Ed: Keep an eye out for details of OLOK Events fundraising ventures in Sunday newsletters.]

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What Trickle Down Effect?

Background setting: Dinner time. Mum trying to feed crying baby while other children are playing and doing normal stuff.

BUBBA: Crying....

MUM: C'mon bubba, stop crying. Have some more milk (Baby cries again). I know it's a bit watery but I have to stretch it 'til Daddy's next pay day.

SARAH: Mumma, why don't you give Bubba some rice milk.

MUM: I saw those in the supermarket. They are more expensive than real milk.

SARAH: Isn't it just the stuff that's left over after you boil rice?

MUM: No darling, that's what Mums do in poor countries.

SARAH: Yeah, but we hardly got any money!

MUM: Quiet Sarah, just do your homework.

SARAH: I can't do my homework. I haven't got my workbook. We haven't paid my school fees.

MUM: Oh yeah..... I got the reminder in the mail. I'll have to negotiate with the school to get a payment plan.

Oh no.... if I do that, I'll have to take a couple of hours off work. Then I'll get less pay that week. (Big sigh) It's all too hard! How can we survive on \$500 a week? We can hardly pay power, rent and fuel. And then, how are we supposed to buy food, never mind school fees and other extras? The government promised to put more in our pockets when they won the election. It's nearly time for another election and we are still broke.

*In my father's house there are many mansions... (Jesus said)
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There in Times of Need

SMALL BILL: Mum can I have a drink of milk? I'm starving. I didn't have much for lunch at school. Pleeease.....

MUM: Sorry sweetie, no milk. It's just too expensive. Try water, it's good for your digestive system.

SARAH: Mum, how can it be sooo expensive when we got heaps of milk in NZ? It should almost be free! Don't we export, like skwillions of litres of it or something?

MUM: Sarah...don't you get it? You do need a workbook. When we export milk to places like China, they pay six times as much as we do for it. That means heaps of profits for the big companies and like the government says, we're all going to be better off when big companies make big profits.

BUSINESSMAN: Yes....MORE money for me. And if I make MORE money everyone's better off.



MUM: See Sarah, we'll all be better off! Haven't you been listening to the news?

SARAH: Oh yeaahh...WHEN will we be better off?

MUM: Sarah....You'll see, we'll have to trust the government and businesses. Now, get your brother. We

gonna have dinner. I have just veggies from our garden and left-over bits of chicken. Come on.....

DAD: (Rushing from work, excited). Honey....I'm home!! Have you heard the good news? We got a 50 cents an hour pay rise. Great ayee?

POLITICIAN: Yes!.... I am proud to announce that after a long discussion and due consideration, we have finally agreed to increase the minimum wage rate from \$13.75 an hour to \$14.25 an hour effective the 1st of April.

DAD: See honey?
How much Mr. Politician?

POLITICIAN: Well....It's going up to \$114 a day that means \$570 a week!! But of course that's before tax and we need more taxes from YOU workers so we can help the big businesses make more profits....and that's good for everyone!

MUM: What??? That's not good news! I worked it out. A family needs at least \$600 a week just to survive! What we need is a living wage, a just wage. What we get now is not enough. Compared to the cabinet ministers' last pay rise, this 50 cents an hour more is a joke! But, it's just not funny.

DAD: Well, it's better than nothing, don't be upset darling. We just work harder, it will all come good.... Now, what's for dinner?

News voice over: And now the national news. Households will be socked with power bill increases of as much as 24% next month. In many cases, daily fixed charges are rising by more than 80%

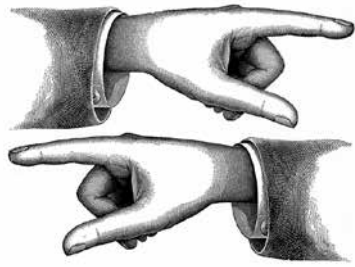
FAMILY: WHAAAATTTT????!!!!

MUM: What? Power bills already eat up a third of our budget. This is crap! A 50 cents wage rise will not even cover that. If this is a rock star economy, then I must be Beyonce.

DAD: What? Another increase in our bills?

BUSINESSMAN: Well, we need to recover the capital investments in the national grid.....

POLITICIAN: We in government believe that the rising electricity and fuel prices are the true reflections of the current economic realities, with significant increase in investments in infrastructure improvements and



upgrades as well as CEO's remuneration packages. But everyone will benefit in the long run through the trickle-down effect!

MUM: The trickle-down effect? The only thing that's trickling down is the increase in rent, power, fuel and food. There's no trickle down, there's only bills going up!

Bouquet

It is only through the eyes of others that we realise how fortunate we are in Our Lady of Kapiti parish. In a letter to the New Zealand Catholic, an Aucklanders describes coming to mass in Kapiti:

What an inspiration! Away from home and seeking Sunday Eucharist, I came to a church alive with laity participation and a sense of joy. Graciously welcomed, I found a place in the 99%-filled church. The parishioner on my right was connecting with a newcomer to the parish. Energised by the vibrant atmosphere, I spoke to the stranger on my left. Before Mass, lay people welcomed the new priest and commented briefly on the Scriptures. The excellent music ministry team was playing up front.

The relatively modern and appropriate songs had obviously been carefully chosen, blending well with the Scripture themes.

The priest was from the Philippines, and I thought that if all parishes encouraged and included 'full and active participation of the laity' (Vatican 11) and the laity responded - as in this parish - surely vocations would flourish...

The parishioners didn't rush home after Mass. They obviously enjoyed being together.

'Auckland Observer', Remuera



Complacency & Transparency

Recently I attended a Mass at our local church at which the double doors at the northern end were opened. Usually these doors are kept securely closed for safety reasons, although this practice is overridden when a large crowd or high temperatures are expected.

On this occasion, I was seated in my usual sector, which is directly opposite this doorway, and it afforded a small vista to the exterior, comprising a patch of blue sky above greenery. This caught my eye and I think, for the first time I was really struck by the contrast with the dull interior and the fact that the elevated and opaque windows provide a view of uniform greyness, seemingly regardless of the weather conditions. I found myself in a “blind church”, where those inside could not see out, and furthermore, those outside could not see in.

This may have remained just another aberrant thought in a rather crowded and sometimes confused mind, but for my attendance a few days later at a funeral mass at another parish some 100 km. distant. Here was a new church, a transparent church, with large windows at eye level and the Stations of the Cross placed around the outside. It reminded me of my earlier experience and the contrast was palpable.

Back to reality. I have just recalled two experiences in separate church buildings. We are all well aware of architectural and structural

shortcomings in the present building, but my concern is for the Church as an institution – the bride of Christ – which has become blinkered and more focused on self-maintenance than mission.

I confess that I see myself as part of the problem. There is a level of comfort within this blind church. Regular Mass attendance is a pleasure. Involvement in ministry is encouraged but voluntary. Relationships range from polite casual to friendship. Demographically it resembles a senior citizens’ social club. There is a well-established seasonal routine with low risk and few surprises. To quote St. Peter, Where else would I go?

However, I also have a need for mental stimulus and social interaction. I belong to two groups of Catholics, many of whom are working for organisations and social agencies not formally connected with the Church. Prayer is an integral part of gatherings but additionally there are lively discussions around the what, why and how of the Church and its engagement with the whole enchilada of 21st century life. These people are not revolutionary fanatics. They are thinkers, doers and faithful adherents of the body of Christ. They have a heart for the whole of humanity.

I am well aware as I write, that similar sentiments have been expressed by many. I am also aware that metaphorical church windows and doors have been opening increasingly

through the overtures of clergy and lay people, missionary orders and related charities. More significantly, Pope Francis' leadership, words and actions have caught the attention of a wide swathe of the secular world. Green shoots indeed.

I guess my conclusion is twofold: that little details like building design can be unconscious signals of human attitude, and that God speaks to the most ordinary of us through unusual channels.

Peter Ness

Fr Jim's Been Thinking

Being Catholic



A recent letter to NZ Catholic described the very happy experience of an Auckland visitor attending Mass in our parish. It is very tempting to read or hear praise being lavished on us and then sit back on our laurels and think that we have got our act together. At times like these we can easily come to believe that we do not need to try any harder when in fact we need to realise that we have done little or nothing more than that which God has asked us to do.

Of course our liturgies should always be joyous celebrations, especially the Sunday Eucharist. The Eucharist is the principal sacramental celebration of the Church, established by Jesus at the Last Supper; it is how the mystery of our salvation is remembered, renewed and effected. Communion allows us to a share of the Eucharistic meal and provides us with the food for our journey over the coming week. Mass is so named from the Latin phrase *Ite, Missa est* which is the sending out, or missioning which concludes the celebration and sends us out into society to spread the Word.

The implication therefore is that being Catholic is far more than just celebrating together on a Sunday and Holy Days: we are called to mission others not of the faith, by demonstrating a love for them which expresses the love God has for us. Hence being a Catholic involves every hour of the week; not just a couple of hours on Sunday.

The responsibility for missioning is given to ALL Catholics not just those who accept the role of full-time ministry through holy orders or the religious life: but part of the role of parish clergy in particular, is to help those we call the laity by offering them assistance in preparing for their Lay Mission. A mission that, by and large, will be worked out in a secular environment.

The mission may involve nothing more than a smiling face and listening ear. If you are always ready to respond to others in the way you would like someone to respond to you then your mission must bear fruit. Undertaken with the love of God, such a mission will have a powerful effect, producing great results.

Updates from Parish Groups

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The PPC is making solid progress towards developing a Pastoral Plan. We are very conscious of the fact that this plan must:

- reflect the contributions of parishioners and groups,
- be aspirational; embody a comprehensive vision of our parish as it will be when it is a truly exemplary witness to our faith in this place,
- ensure we take with us on the journey, those good things that this community has built up over the years which will strengthen the vision, and
- point towards the practical steps we need to take to ensure that we have all the facilities and resources we need to implement the plan.

We have now had three meetings focusing on the Pastoral Plan and aim to have a draft for wider consideration before long. While it is important that we press on with this, it is vital that our plans are soundly based, so we 'make haste slowly'.

A Development Group will be formed shortly, whose task it will be to make recommendations about the buildings and other facilities that will be necessary to support the long term requirements of the Pastoral Plan.

Archbishop John recently gave an address to our pastoral area on the subject of 'Understanding Church'; in this he drew on several Vatican

II documents to help us grasp the fullness of what it means to be the local face of the people of God. He also referred to the latest document from Pope Francis – *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). Here is one extract that can speak to our situation:

I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation (#27).

Blessings on you all.

John Butterfield, Chair,
Parish Pastoral Council



The year is racing by. At the beginning of April our youth took part in the inaugural Caritas 24 Hour Lenten Challenge where they got to *Move It, Live It, Sweat It and Stop It*. The aim was to experience in a small way, some of the challenges faced by those

living in poverty on a daily basis. The 24 Hours started with helping up at the statue in preparation for Good Friday, making cards and crosses for parish community groups, knitting peggy squares and a carwash to raise funds for the Solomon Islands. The youth missed out on the creature comforts of home, sleeping in cardboard and newspaper.





It was a fantastic experience, rounded off with Mass at St Patrick's where Father Michael gathered the youth and their cardboard for an interactive homily.



A big thank you to our young people, the leaders who supported them and the community that helped us raise over \$1200.

The youth and children of Our Lady of Kapiti Parish were also privileged to host youth from across the Archdiocese for the Archbishop's monthly Youth Mass on Sunday 4 May. It was a pleasure to see so many young faces taking roles in the service, from readers and altar servers to music and hospitality. We are blessed to be a

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community with young people who are willing to step up, participate and serve in the Eucharist.

In mid-May we ran a *Who Moved the Goalpost* weekend where young men of college age from across our pastoral area, gathered in Otaki to talk about things that relate to young men, such as their bodies, relationships and being a Catholic. We are hoping to run a similar Girls' Camp later in the year.

Thank you to all those who support Youth Ministry as we endeavour to support our young people on their spiritual journey.

Fun Time Music and Café Catch Up -

Fun Time Music is for pre-schoolers and their parents/caregivers to gather and socialise. The babies and children get to sing, dance, move, make music and listen to stories. After all the excitement of the music, the children



Isabel leads the Fun Time team with help from Eileen, Mary Ann and older children.

and their parents/caregivers come together for morning tea. Parents and caregivers have the chance to socialise and relax over a cup of coffee while their children play and enjoy each other's company.

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We look forward to meeting you at one or both of these groups.

Jacqui McLaughlin

Justice & Peace Group

Open Up A Horizon Of Hope was the title given to the 2014 Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand Lenten programme. In Our Lady of Kapiti Parish 70 parishioners participated in 9 small groups. We were called to pray with the Lenten Gospels and share our understanding and faith.

The 'lectio divina' (reading with God) style of reflection was used. This method invited us to listen, reflect and pray on words and phrases from the Gospel passage. It helped us to focus on the message and encouraged us as people of faith to live the Gospel.

Each chapter of the six-week programme began with a quote from the 2013 inaugural homily of Pope Francis. The work of Caritas and the practical experience of Caritas workers was also highlighted. This brought into focus the social teaching of the Church and asked us to reflect on how we could be God's authentic voice in our world. At the conclusion

of each session we were given ideas for personal or group action and encouraged to choose an action which would make a difference in our family or wider community.

Pope Francis has asked us to go beyond the borders of the Church, to go out to the margins, to bring good news to others and be a beacon of hope.

The question asked of all of us is: "What can we do to continue to open up a horizon of hope?"

Kay Blackburn

[As a parish we are indebted to Kay for organizing this very successful programme.]

Faith Formation

Of bricks and mortar.

Are you one of our parish's living stones? Are you firmly embedded in the wall or are you becoming dislodged? Everyone of us is important in helping to build the 'walls' of our parish. Just as a church building needs stones in the walls, so does the living part of the church need living stones to help build that church.

Jesus forms the cornerstone: "Come to the Lord, to that living stone, ... chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be



a holy priesthood ...”(1 Peter 2: 4-9 – second reading for 5th Sunday of Easter); we are the rest of the ‘walls’ of our ‘church’.

Join the parish in a series of evenings discovering what it means to be church. This series forms part of Debbie Matheson’s formation as a lay pastoral leader. With the support of Fr Michael and Cardinal Tom, she is leading the faith formation team in making these evenings happen. In her words: “At a time when so many interesting things are happening in the Catholic church, we are fortunate to be offered an opportunity to gather as a Pastoral Area community to hear two people well versed in Pope Francis’ teaching and thinking, lead us in an exploration of the who, what, when, where, why and how of being ‘church’. Come and join us for informative and interactive evenings exploring the character, nature and function of church, enhanced by the opportunity to engage in small house group discussions.”

Anna Ryan

Our Parish School

‘Achieving excellence through embracing the gospel values.’

God’s living world - This term our science investigations and inquiries will focused on NZ flora and fauna...

We will inquire into, observe, marvel at and look for God in the beauty of creation.

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Some of the new entrants sharing at assembly



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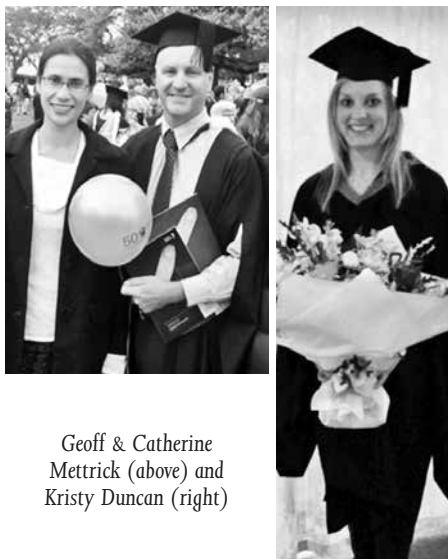


Two items made by students as part of their technology programme.

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Recently I had the privilege of attending Kristy Duncan's and Geoff Mettrick's graduation/award ceremonies.



Geoff & Catherine Mettrick (above) and Kristy Duncan (right)

Both Kristy and Geoff were amongst the highest achieving graduands in their respective graduate programmes.

Geoff (a Massey scholar) and Kristy in the top 20 students in the Victoria University graduate teacher programme. Kristy's Excellence certificate was awarded by the Minister of Education.

THANK YOU for your ongoing prayers and support.

Something that may interest you further:

Catholic Education Of School-Age Children

The New Zealand Bishop's Conference has published this very important document. It can be found at

www.catholic.org.nz/

"As a faith community we all have keen interest in the young people who enter and eventually leave our schools. ... We are profoundly grateful



Bequests

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for the work that all staff do for Catholic education and as Bishops we prayerfully support the ongoing endeavours to provide an education experience which provides the formation they need to flourish as they go out into the world as young adults.

Every member of our parish and school faith communities has the wondrous task of bringing Christ's good news to those whom we are privileged to serve.

All the more joyful is this duty when it is our young people with whom we share the love of Jesus and the mission of his Church. Pope Francis has been calling us to imagine with freshness who we are as God's people. Indeed, every generation of Christians seeks understanding and clarity about

our nature and purpose as disciples of Jesus. As adults this is especially important if we are to contribute effectively to passing on our faith to the next generation." Archbishop John, President of NZCBC.

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Grief Support - Journey Alone No Longer

Widowed, Separated & Divorced, Grief Support Group Kapiti Inc. is a Support Group which runs 10 week courses twice a year, to help those who have lost a partner, whether through the break-up of a relationship, death, or where a spouse has gone into care.

Coping with the grief process and working through it isn't easy. It is a time in everybody's life when we need support, understanding, encouragement and practical help. Our approach is gentle, supportive and empowering.

The objectives of W.S.D Kapiti are to promote self-healing and growth by providing emotional, intellectual, spiritual and educational support and social reintegration for people in Kapiti who have lost a partner.

This Group has been operating on the Kapiti Coast for the last 10 years.



The programme was originally written and released in Canada by the Catholic Church and was introduced into NZ over 20 years ago. It has been modified slightly since then.

If you are interested in joining our next course on 2nd September 2014, please contact co-ordinators Annette on 2988596 or Liz on 9041573 or visit www.wsdkapiti.org.nz. Pamphlets are available at the back of the church.

Annette Corban

We Just Wanna Have Fun! Live! Laugh And Catch A Bargain! Aka Waikanae Catholic Women's Guild

Every now and again we think of reinventing our group and coming up with an exciting new name and logo! A couple of suggestions I liked are the title to this little update of our wonderful group which gathers every second Monday of the month at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

I have been the President for 6 years and have thoroughly enjoyed my role. We are such a vibrant group and play a vital role in the ministry of

welcoming, hospitality, charity, care of the community, etc...

Indeed we do have fun, lots of laughs and the sales table is a source of surprises and specials.

Last year we donated over \$2,500.00 to various local, national and overseas Missions to help those whose need is much greater than our own.

Our new 2014 committee is Sharyn Pearce and Marlene Smith (Joint



Susan Smith rndm addresses the March meeting



Myra Plowman, Val Eaton and Josie McHugh
at last year's mid-winter dinner

Presidents), Pat Gruschow (Treasurer), Jan Jacques, Cynthia Sinclair, Mary Wratt, Margaret Kerridge, Anna Upton and myself, Barbara Henley.

Both Sharyn and Marlene have recently settled in Waikanae and know the feeling of being new to a parish and community. They bring fresh new insights and many gifts and skills. We gathered recently to make delightful Mother's Day gift cards over a lively dinner and supper.

The Guild provides an opportunity for women of the parish to gather

together socially and to have some entertainment or enlightenment! Earlier this Year the 8 Missions Sisters came and shared their interest in the environment and Creation Spirituality before their Eco Walk in our district. In June we have our Mid-winter dinner which is good value.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Barbara Henley

Contacts: Sharyn 902 2571
or Marlene 293 3041

CWL (Catholic Women's League) Snippets

The 2014 World Day of Prayer

This was held in the Baptist Community Church, with the convening church being the Catholic Church - the service having been prepared by the women of Egypt. Participating churches within Paraparaumu community included: Anglican, Catholic, Baptist, Uniting, Coast Community and Salvation Army. The theme for the year was "Streams in the Desert" and the women taking part in the presentation dressed appropriately for the occasion. The

Baptist Church provided beautiful music, a thoughtful homily and delicious afternoon tea.

Our thanks to the women of St Patrick's who took part in the presentation. A similar service was held in Waikanae with participation from the ladies from Our Lady of Fatima Church. A great exercise in ecumenism.

Pastoral Day of Reflection

The Day of Reflection organised by the CWL and open to all women of

the pastoral area, was held at Anam Cara in Otaki on Tuesday 1st April. Thirty-seven women attended and the day was led by Fr Gerard Whiteford sm. The theme was "The Cloud of Unknowing" and was an exercise in developing our personal relationship with God through prayer. Everyone present enjoyed the day with several requests made to hold further days in the future.

Wellington Archdiocesan Conference

The League's annual event was held at St Patrick's College in Silverstream on Saturday 26th and attended by all Branch representatives within the diocese. Being "Vital... Visible... Vibrant" is the theme for the next two years - a challenge to our creativity and ingenuity in being proactive within our community. We were welcomed by the Mayor of Upper Hutt, listened attentively



to our keynote speaker, Dr Sinead Donnelly, Palliative care consultant, were entertained by Fr Chris Skinner, and, on completing our Agenda for the day, attended Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Dew in the lovely Chapel at the College and enjoyed the fellowship of other League members during the "Cocktail Hour".

Social Meeting

Our Guest Speaker at our Social meeting held on Tuesday 29th was Alison Vautier, from the Cameo Drop In Centre, Waikanae which celebrates 20 years community service in

October. CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) is open 5 days a week, offering fellowship and a place to drop in for a chat and a cuppa for anyone. A remarkable example of reaching out to the lonely, disadvantaged and needy members of our community.

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Recent Events

A Journey Remembered... The Easter Triduum

When the choir burst into the Exsultet on Holy Sat night I fully realised just what Lent had been for me... a desert time.....no glorious Glorias, no animated Alleluias...For six weeks the 'church' was in solemn and sombre mode, unadorned by creative flower arrangements and dressed in penitential purple. Once again I was struck by the contrast.

That is exactly what the church rubrics intended and I believe our Parish lived Lent fully.

On Palm Sunday we listened again to the story of Jesus' dramatic entrance into Jerusalem and in each church we proudly carried our palms, entering into the drama of Holy Week.

How beautifully we recalled the humble act of service of Jesus washing his friends' feet on Holy Thursday. Accompanied by the beautiful visual song *Basin and Towel* we washed Frs Michael and Dennis' feet then they, in turn, washed the feet of young and old

as we all admired the humble action of washing and being washed.

Leaving the church in quiet and darkness we gathered the next day to journey up the steep hill of Calvary joined by our Anglican brothers and sisters. I was so proud of the way our youth led us in prayer and song on the Way of the Cross.



Many firm friends were made that day and a special bond was renewed between the two communities which was cemented with Father Tim Mapplebeck's reading of the final prayer.

I could not believe that so great a number of people could gather so comfortably on the mountain top for such a delicious morning tea of hot cross buns and coffee at the Garton Café.

Death is always serious and at the Good Friday afternoon liturgy we were confronted again with the pain and suffering of Jesus and the totality of sacrifice. It was very moving and rich in symbolism.

I love Holy Saturday, watching the fire leap into life, setting sparks dancing dangerously into the night sky... blessing the beautiful new Paschal

candle and wondering who will be welcomed or farewelled from the parish family with its light this year. The procession may have been untidy but the gradual lighting up of the church on Holy Saturday was beautiful.

The drama of our Salvation story unfolded in word and song, including the welcoming and Confirming of the catechumens....the waiting was over for them and for us...Alleluia!

The extraordinarily beautiful supper was such a generous and welcoming gesture as our community shared in all its love and joy.

There was a real sense of community and family, of belonging and togetherness, of gift and talent. Once again I felt renewed, blessed and fully alive in the joy of being part of a vibrant, Easter people!

Barbara Henley rndm

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Barangay Santa Maria Assumpta Celebrates Its Second Year with *Misang Filipino* (Filipino Mass)



The evening mass on the first Saturday of May witnessed another milestone in the integration of the Filipino faith community, Barangay Santa Maria Assumpta, into the Parish of Our Lady of Kapiti. The group led the Vigil Mass and the Filipino language, most popularly known as Tagalog, was used in some parts of the mass. Himig Assumpta, the group's choir, also led the singing, which delighted the parishioners.

Based on the positive feedback from the parishioners, it is heartwarming to know that the Filipino community can inspire and motivate not only our compatriots but the whole diverse group in our parish. The enthusiastic response of the parishioners is encouraging, especially given that

one of the group's aims is to fully participate and contribute in the parish and the wider community.

Father Dennis Nacorda, who is a Filipino, celebrated this memorable and eventful mass. He reiterated that the presence of Filipinos in this parish is inevitable and he encouraged us to play a major role and contribute more in whatever capacity we can towards the parish.

What a great way to culminate our second year indeed! As we journey to a new year the responsorial psalm for the day, *Lord, you will show us the path of life*, is very apt to guide us as a community.

Nida Mistal Leckie, *Misang Filipino*

L'Arche Jubilee 15 February 2014

Here in Kapiti we gathered recently to celebrate 50 years of L'Arche in the world, 21 years of L'Arche in Aotearoa New Zealand and 16 years of the first community in New Zealand. Many of you will know the story of L'Arche beginning when Jean Vanier, a lay Dominican, at the prompting of his friend, Pere Thomas, a Dominican priest, invited Philippe and Raphael to live with him when their institution closed. Eventually L'Arche arrived on the Kapiti Coast and our community began to welcome adults with intellectual disabilities to 15 Redwood Close (1998) and 21 Riwai Street (1999).

Many parishioners of local churches, families, friends and well-wishers joined us on our day of celebration – it was estimated 170 spent part of the day with us. We shared stories and reminisced. We danced, sang, ate two wonderfully prepared and



presented meals, washed feet, prayed, looked at photos, watched a power point presentation, admired art work, exchanged gifts with other international faith communities – L'Arche Hobart (Beni Abbes),



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Marralameda in Christchurch and Mt Tabor in Auckland - and thanked many people and communities who brought us into being.

We are so grateful to parishioners of Our Lady of Kapiti who support us spiritually and financially and a very big thank you to those among you who serve with unconditional love on our Board, our Community Council, and our pastoral team. Bless you too those who have been

assistants, drivers, volunteers, cooking, maintenance and housekeeping supporters and friends who spend time with us. Many times our friends have been answers to our prayers. We offer all of you our hospitality and our friendship. God bless you.

Michele Ness

Shortly after Michele wrote this article, news was received that L'Arche Al-Safina co-founder, Frans van der Lugt, was killed in Syria. RIP

Valentine's Day Mass

If you missed the St. Valentine's Mass which was held in the Our Fatima Church in Waikanae on February 14th, you missed an occasion that was nothing short of very, very special.

Within Our Lady of Kapiti Parish we all know that Fr. Michael McCabe is a great preacher, and at the St. Valentine's Day mass Fr. Michael was inspiring, as in his everyday casual manner he journeyed through some touching personal history, taking us on a journey of old friends and their marriage encounters, from within and without. It was stunning.

Wes Brown on organ, with John Lamond on cornet, began the mass with the Trumpet Voluntary and from there the magic of the evening took over. Those blessings continued until the whole congregation recessed in couples to Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

The procession ended in the Church foyer where everybody was content to socialize for an extended period, soaking in the aura of an event that they knew had been so special.

Thank you and congratulations to all concerned!

Bob Houston

Upcoming Events

E-Conference

E-conference - **Gospel of Joy** 11th June 12pm to 4pm.

This can be accessed through personal computers
www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/adult-faith/fx-landing.cfm?loadref=16

or parishioners can attend together in foyer of

Our Lady of Fatima church – bring your lunch!

Further info from Wullie Grant 2938702

Faith Formation

**Exploring the who, what, when,
where, why and how of being 'church'**

15th July **communio** – our Christian relationships – with God,
individuals, parish, church, other Christians

Speaker: Emeritus Bishop Peter Cullinane

29th July **unity** – being one

Speaker: Emeritus Bishop Peter Cullinane

12th August **mission**

Speaker: Sr Catherine Hannan DOLC

All at 7.30 Our Lady of Fatima foyer

22nd July, 5th & 19th August –
small group follow up sessions in homes.

Registrations: Clare Borst 9055295; Wullie Grant 2938702;
Michele Ness 2987378; Anna Ryan 9026330
or parish office 9025815.

Transport and babysitters can be arranged.
Small group hosts and leaders needed.

More details closer to the time

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Saint

St Anthony of Padua

St. Anthony was born in Lisbon, Portugal in 1195. He is one of the most loved and respected saints in the Catholic Church.

He first joined the Augustinian Order but left to join the Franciscans when he was 22 years old. He was motivated to make this change when five Franciscans were martyred in Morocco. He hoped to become a missionary to Africa but this path was cut short when he became seriously ill there. He returned to Italy where he became an outstanding preacher.

He spent much of his time in prayer and legend has it that on one occasion, while deep in prayer, he was seen by his fellow Franciscans in a deep trance, holding the Christ Child in his arms. To this day, he is often pictured in this way.

He is well known today as the Saint we ask for help in recovering lost objects.



Sadly, he lived only 10 years after joining the Franciscans. He died in 1231 aged 36. The great St. Francis held him in high regard.

Brain Stuff

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Only smart people can read this.

I don't believe that I could accurately understand what I was reading. The phenomenon of the human mind. According to research at Cambridge University, it doesn't

matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole. Amazing huh? Yeah and I always thought spelling was important!

If you can read this pass it on!!

God of the Universe, in you we live,
move and have our being.
We come from many lands. We speak different languages.
We follow different ways. We call You by different names.
But You are above all names,
beyond anything that we can understand,
Yet You dwell in our innermost, most intimate depths,
And You call all of us to build peace
and harmony among us,
In our communities, between our communities,
and in our world.
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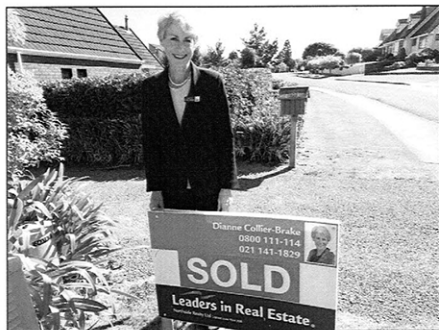
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