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Catholic Parishes of Kapiti

St Patrick's, Paraparaumu

Our Lady of Fatima, Waikanae

Autumn 2013



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Editorial

It seems strange to be writing this autumn issue of Pastoral Pages as I look out the window to a hot sunny summer's day. Long may that sunniness continue! It is also the start of Lent as I write this. A time for reflection and introspection. We hope some of our reflections provide food for thought for you.

We highlight vocations in this issue, as we celebrate Doug Shepherd's ordination to the diaconate. Thank you

for allowing us to feature you, Doug. The concept of 'One Parish, Two Mass Centres' takes a further step shortly with the meetings this week across the two parishes. John Butterfield reminds us of 'where we are at' in this process. We hope you find something of interest within these pages, even if it's only the jokes!

In this Year of Faith, may you and your families be abundantly blessed as, together, we continue our individual and our community's journeys of faith.

- Anna and the Editorial Team

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Reflections on Vocations

“God is very patient.” So says newly ordained deacon Douglas Shepherd about his path to the priesthood.

It began when Doug took on a teaching position at St Anthony’s Catholic School in Seatoun early this century.

At the time he was Anglican and was on the vestry and a lay reader at St George Anglican church in Seatoun. He was grateful to his mother, an Anglican and his Presbyterian father for his grounding in faith but inspired by encountering a “wonderful parish priest”, Father John Carde, and his experiences in the Catholic life of the school, he converted to Catholicism. “John loved God, loved his Faith and loved the people and that was my inspiration.”

As a teacher of Year Four pupils he worked through the sacramental programme with the children, helping to prepare them for their first Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation and the presence of the faith became more real to him.

Doug said he could still hear the ringing voices of the young people in the confirmation programme as they declared to Bishop John Dew “I wish to be confirmed” - never mind that their voices were ringing because Fr Carde had told them the bishop was deaf in one ear and they would have to speak up clearly to be heard.



Doug and Archbishop John prior to the ordination

The sacramentality of the Church as it was carried out in the school, the wonderful Masses, and the people – the teachers, children and parents - inspired his conversion and ignited a flame of vocation, he said.

“I would have been happy continuing teaching but Fr John asked, ‘Would you ever consider becoming a priest?’ So Doug considered and heeded a patient God.

In 2007 he asked Fr John what he should do to begin the process of studying for the priesthood and was told to write to the bishop. This he did and he was sent for a selection interview with Fr Alan Roberts, then parish priest in Blenheim and now the spiritual director of Holy Cross seminary in Auckland.

Doug was accepted and told he was to go to the seminary. At first he hesitated, but was told again to go and in 2008 he left a 35 year teaching career to becoming a “more mature student”.

“I had anxieties but that was the most wonderful year.”

Crowning his seminary years was World Youth Day in Sydney. “We spent nine days enjoying the wonderful welcoming spirit of the people of Sydney.” He cherished the images of young people everywhere, celebrating what it was to be Catholic, the sessions with the New Zealand bishops, and the highlight, standing on the steps of St Mary’s Cathedral with other seminarians, to see Pope Benedict XVI. “How affirming was that? To see the successor to St Peter.”

On the completion of his formal studies, Doug was to be appointed to a pastoral placement. He asked to come to Kapiti. When the family first came to New Zealand they lived in Paekakariki and he had taught at Raumati Beach School and he said he was inspired by the priests here.

He had no great hope his request would be granted but is very pleased to be here.

“I knew of the challenges and changes and wanted to be part of it and learn

from it, to grow in faith and to have such a good mentor as Fr Michael.

“Parshioners have opened their doors and opened their hearts. I am very blessed to be put here with the support and generosity of the priests and people in welcoming and supporting me to shape me into becoming the priest I hope to be.

Doug said in the journey to priesthood, it is not just faith that gets developed, it’s humanity as well.

There will be changes and challenges ahead but he believes young men and women will continue to answer the call of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



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My On-Going Vocation

Once upon a time I dreamed of becoming a missionary and travelling to daring and dangerous places, and teaching people in foreign lands. Fortunately my teachers, parents and rather special family pointed me in the direction of becoming a Sister. Well it was in my genes... Two Aunts were Religious Sisters, two uncles priests and another a Marist Brother! My parents were excellent role models for a commitment in that direction. So with their blessing I chose not to live my life as a single person, nor to be committed in marriage to one person but to become a Sister of Our Lady of the Missions (RNDM).

That choice meant taking vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, living a community lifestyle and engaging in the charism of the congregation.

The bonus was gaining almost one thousand Sisters, having direct connections to twenty five countries around the world and eventually fulfilling my dream!

After my formation I spent 20 years teaching here in New Zealand, six years on international mission in India and Samoa, back to NZ for five years as Prison Chaplain, a short term in Sydney and eventually back to NZ and the Kapiti Coast.

I have wonderful memories and mementos of the many students I taught, teachers I worked with, countries I visited, cultures I experienced, communities where I belonged, places I visited and yes, dangers I encountered!

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at present. They all began because of a need. Mary McKillop, gathered a group around her to offer a Catholic education to the children in the remote parts of Australia. Marcellin Champagnat saw the need for education for poor country boys. Suzanne Aubert welcomed orphans

and the sick and needy. Catherine McAuley reached out to poor, destitute families on the streets of Dublin. Francoise Perroton recognised the need for Christian Education in the Pacific. Euphrasie Barbier our Foundress, saw the need for education. These inspirational men and women

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Euphrasie Barbier

have left behind schools, hospitals, ministries, projects and partnerships which are continued today by Religious Priests, Brothers and Sisters. The life of Jesus and his mission of liberation and transformation was the inspiration of Euphrasie Barbier, our foundress, and indeed my own. Jesus was concerned for the poor and marginalised to bring them to wholeness. In the respect and honour we show others we too share that same spirit of love.



Postulants in Vietnam

We, the Mission Sisters, are an International organisation and have 184 young women in formation. They come from Vietnam, Myanmar, India, Bangladesh, Peru, Senegal, Kenya and the Philippines. In these once-called Mission countries, young people are now responding generously to the call to Religious Life.

I believe Religious Life is still a way of speaking and witnessing to a changed and changing world. For me, my faith and trust in God's energy, power and love will always be my strength and support.

Barbara Henley rndm
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The Marriage Vocation

About 1955 Frank Sinatra won praise from the Catholic bishops of USA for his song 'Love and Marriage'. Nowadays his song sounds almost quaint as society struggles to cope with competing definitions.

Jan and I were married in 1966 at St Joseph's Morrinsville, my parish church.

As Jan was a member of St Matthew's Church, her choir processed along Thames Street to St Joseph's and sang during the service. Her priest was the toast master at the reception, unable in those days to take part in the service.

Our marriage was referred to by the Catholic Church as a *mixed marriage*. Fortunately this term came to be replaced by the terms *interfaith marriage* and finally *Christian marriage* - which we knew all along.

We have four children and ten grandchildren. The four children were all baptised in the Catholic Church and went to Catholic schools. At one time they had me as their school principal.

We have always gone to each other's church. Indeed, the children were quite used to being an Anglican one Sunday and Catholic the next - very ecumenical! One Sunday our oldest son said he preferred coming with me than going with his mother - I always went into the dairy to buy a Sports Paper and some treats. Clearly his motives were not religious!

We have never tried to convert each other. We are both relaxed in our own faith but see ourselves as having

a special responsibility to support the other. I belong to men's groups, Catholic and Anglican and part of a House Group run by Jan's church. Jan accompanied all the children through their First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. We helped with PTA's, fairs, work days, etc. Our names are recorded in Raffle Book Heaven! I served on two Boards of Trustees, chairing one of them.

We always say grace at meals, we do a Bible Study together at night and say prayers for our family members and people in special need. We tithe independently but support each other's fairs and special days. We go together to the World Day of Prayer and any other ecumenical functions we can manage.

Our religious beliefs and our expression of these are more than just a Sunday commitment. Our creeds, the basic beliefs of our churches, are the same so we find it quite easy to live as Christians together but of different denominations. A stay at Taise in 2000 was a high point for us as we were able to take communion together for the first time.

Roll on church unity!

Les (& Jan) Macaskill



Fr Jim's Been Thinking

Abdication



I felt a deep shock at Pope Benedict's announcement that his failing health means he is no longer able to carry out his duties at the level demanded by his understanding of the call. I can only endorse the decision he has made. The task which has been his for the last eight years would have greatly taxed a much younger man and we should thank him most sincerely for the way in which he followed the calling of the Spirit.

I needed to articulate my own feelings about and for Pope Benedict and must confess that while I had disagreed with some of his pronouncements, I need to recognise that I may have been the one who was wrong. Perhaps some of these decisions were made by curial officials and that my beef should have been with them.

The Dominion Post editorial (13/2/13) makes some very good points as it outlines some of the Church's problems and mistakes but it then suggests that the Church needs to make "a clean break with its chequered past and to appoint a younger more energetic leader." It also suggests it must connect with young educated people "who put reason ahead of superstition and who are in no mind to accept moral instruction from an institution that refuses to face up to its own wrongdoing." The editorialist has completely ignored the role of the Holy Spirit.

Cardinal Williams, on the opinion page of the same edition, offers a more balanced view as he reminds us of many of the ways in which Pope Benedict related to all Catholics. The Cardinal then stressed that the cardinals in conclave will put aside national considerations and focus on "matters of war and peace, poverty and hunger, the displacement of peoples, corruption, economic injustices, degradation of the environment, religious freedom, church unity, growth of secularisation and its accompanying atheism, religious injustices and confused moral values."

As we follow the happenings in Rome over this Lenten period I believe we must assail the Holy Spirit with our prayers for the Cardinal Electors as they seek to find God's will in the choice of a new Vicar of Rome. We also need to pray that Pope Benedict will find solace and peace in his retirement. Above all, we need to pray for ourselves that we find our rightful place within the Church. Pope Benedict wrote:*

[I] encourage all the People of God ... to become increasingly familiar with the sacred Scriptures... All authentic and living Christian spirituality is based on the word of God proclaimed, accepted, celebrated and meditated upon in the Church... In Scripture and the Church's living Tradition, we stand before God's definitive word on the cosmos and on history.

*Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, Apostolic Exhortations (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2010) Para. 121.

From Father Michael

“...From our perspective too, the Hikoi was a great success and it was thoroughly enjoyed by both the staff and the seminarians. We were all overwhelmed by the kindness of the people of the Parish of St Patrick’s Paraparaumu and Our Lady of Fatima Waikanae. Such events are important for us on a number of levels – by raising the profile of the national seminary, for exposing the seminarians to the local Church in the various dioceses of New Zealand and for enabling them to discover the goodness of the people of God and how they treasure and value seminarians and the priesthood.

Over the six years I have been on the staff, the seminary has had three Hikoi... In 2008 we went to World Youth Day in Sydney, in 2010 we had the national Hikoi for the Year of the Priest and this year to Kapiti and Jerusalem. We did consider visiting the church in Otaki but sadly there was not enough time...”

These comments are from Father Steve Lowe, Director of Formation at Holy Cross Seminary, Auckland. He wrote them in an email to Hanley and Doreen Hoffman who were one of our host families for the visit of the seminarians to Kapiti.

This visit and the ordination of Douglas Shepherd to Diaconate have highlighted the gift of priesthood in a very special way in this Year of Faith. While the ordination of Doug was a special joy, of equal concern is

the fact that Wellington Archdiocese now has no seminarians currently studying for priesthood. With just 13 diocesan priests under the age of 60

our need for vocations to the ordained priesthood is critical.

Thank you for all that you did to affirm the seminarians in their discernment. Let us pray for them and encourage others to join them.

Michael McCabe




The Easter Triduum

Please note the Holy Week Timetable for this 2013. Last year we celebrated a memorable Easter Triduum between our two parishes. This year I want to continue that journey of faith for it is only in Christ that we will grow into the people of God we are being called to be. Accordingly, Holy Thursday will be at Waikanae while the celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil will be celebrated at Paraparaumu. Easter Sunday morning Mass will be at both churches and Stations of the Cross inside on Good Friday at Waikanae and outside at the Statue of Our Lady.

Michael McCabe

Pastoral Area News

Easter Timetable

Palm Sunday (24th March)	Normal Sunday Mass times for both Parishes	
Holy Thursday (28th March)	Our Lady of Fatima - Waikanae – 7.30 pm	
Good Friday (29th March)	Stations of the Cross to Mary's statue - 10 am Stations of the Cross - Our Lady of Fatima - 10 am Celebration of Our Lord's Passion - St. Patrick's - 3 pm	
Easter Vigil (30th March)	St Patrick's - Paraparaumu - 8 pm	
Easter Sunday (31st March)	Normal Mass times in both Parishes.	

Reconciliation:

In both parishes – Friday after morning Mass
– Wednesdays in Lent - 7.30- 8.30pm

N.B. There will be no 2nd Rite, in either parish, this year.

Pastoral Areas – the Next Stage in our Journey

On 25 November 2012 a letter was circulated to all parishioners advising them of developments concerning the proposal to consider combining Our Lady of Fatima and St. Patrick's.

In that letter a consultation process was detailed, including an invitation to submit written comments or questions and meetings of members of both parishes. A small number of responses have been received so far.

Meetings will be held to provide a further opportunity to ask questions and make comments:

Tuesday 26th February for Waikanae parish, and

Wednesday 27th February for St. Patrick's parish.

All are welcome to attend either or both meetings.

There will be a combined meeting of both parishes in late March.

Further details will be advised in due course.

John Butterfield Chair, Transition Committee.

This continues to be the main focus of both Parishes' Pastoral Councils and Finance Committees. We are indebted to John, Michael and Richard for their hard work in progressing this.



The school holidays are over and the New Year has begun!

This year our goal is to build on our efforts from last year i.e. continue to grow our youth groups plus foster relationships within our parish communities. It was great to see this in action when 25 Year 8 to Year 11 youth gathered for Junior G.U.Y.S. in February!

We are gearing up for our annual Junior G.U.Y.S. Camp (School Years 8 – 11) at Palm Grove, Paraparaumu from Fri 8 – Sun 10 March. Our theme is Prayer. This camp will cover

our pastoral area and beyond with youth coming from as far away as Levin and Plimmerton. Our youth will lead worship on Sunday 10 March at Our Lady of Fatima Parish and afterwards share cookies and a cuppa with parishioners. Please keep us in your prayers and join us for Mass. You are also invited to bring your family and a picnic lunch and join us for lunch and games at Palm Grove at 12.30pm on Sunday.

For a full list of monthly events for all children and youth, please contact the Child & Youth office on kapiti.youth@gmail.com or call Debbie or Jacqui on 022 6757 357.

Jacqui McLaughlin

(Ed: It was lovely to see the youth provide the music for the mass at St Patrick's before the pilgrimage. What a talented bunch!)

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Associates

What are Associates? What is their role? Every religious order seems to have them. Last issue we met the Presentation Associates. This issue we meet the Dominican Associates.

Dominican Laity

Lay Dominicans are an integral part of the world wide Dominican Family.

The following are a few concerns we “unpacked” during 2012 at local community gatherings.

- How do we listen to suffering with gentleness?
- How are we present in the world (newspaper in hand) and present to God (Bible in the other hand)?
- Dominicans “preach at all costs, even if we have to use words”.
- What is expected of lay movements in the Church? Do they strengthen

the laity? Are they authentic and accountable?

St Dominic (1170-1221) founded the Order of Preachers and travelled extensively throughout his ministry. He and his friars listened to the people on their journeys and thus preached the Gospel in ways people could relate to their lives. The Rosary is attributed to the preaching of Dominic and for centuries has been at the heart of Dominican life.

Today the Dominican laity accepts the four pillars of Dominican life as the framework for their own life: Prayer. Study. Community. Mission.

Why? Today we see fewer vocations to religious life. We also see the huge response to the needs of the world coming from the laity who can go places and do things denied previous



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generations. The vocation of the laity is a call to build community, a call to work on our relationship with God, a call to seek the truth and to reconcile, to study and to act.

Some, perhaps most, lay Dominicans in New Zealand respond because they were first attracted during their school years to Dominic; they knew a teacher, a friend, a priest who “preached with their life”. Others respond because of “Tui Motu” and the editorial courage which provokes thought and study of contemporary issues. Others respond by way of the work of Dominicans such as Jean Vanier (L’Arche).

Dominican laity meet regularly here on the Kapiti Coast and sometimes in Johnsonville. A current initiative has been to invite Father David Kammler OP, an international promoter of Dominican Laity, to New Zealand in March 2013.

For further information on Father Kammler’s visit please check our church notice boards and newsletters or contact Michele (Paraparaumu) 298 7378 or Kay (Waikanae) 293 7345 or check the web-site www.dominicans.org.nz

Family Ministry

St Patrick’s Family Ministry Has New Leader.

June Brunton, who helped to establish the St Patricks Family Ministry eleven years ago, has come back to take the place of Co-ordinator Phil Lawton who, with wife Jennnifer, has now retired from the Ministry. Another founder member, Cyntha Scott has also returned, taking on Jennifer’s role of arranging visits to our bereaved parishioners.

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I keep trying to lose weight but it always finds me.



parish”, the Family Ministry has looked after parishioners and their families, living aloners, the bereaved, the sick, the new arrivals, as well as those needing general family support including assistance with teenagers and budgeting.

In the past year more than 100 housebound parishioners have been regularly visited by 18 team members including two men. Joyce Haughey has arranged a thank you afternoon for her team on 27th February. The

Living Aloners have already celebrated their annual “Music in the Garden”, enjoying a shared dinner and a sing-along with the Music Group. They will start their morning teas in the last week of February.

Today there is a committee of 13 leaders in each area of support, with 45 volunteers backing them up. Chair of the Ministry is June Brunton. She is assisted by a committee of nine with the following responsibilities: Cynthia Scott, 9051124 (bereavement team visits); Joyce Haughey 9054467 (home visiting); Jan Dowd 9054633 and Zelda Masterton, 9059248 (Living Aloners); Robin Cranshaw, 2990589 (God Start for Infants); Bill Lambert, 9022246 (welcoming new parishioners); Maureen Smithson, 9040824 (family support); Helen Lambert, 9022246 (budget advice); Barbara Fairweather, 2991201 (help for families raising teenagers).

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Celebrating 70 Years as an Organist

Our Lady of Fatima parishioners paid tribute to **Doreen Hoffmann** recently, when she reached her 70th year as a church organist.

Doreen commenced playing around 1943 whilst in Miramar's Holy Cross Parish. It was customary to have benediction on Sunday afternoons and organists were scarce in those early days of the parish. Organist Mary Biggs prevailed upon the fledgling pianist to play the harmonium. Thus Doreen's long association with parish music and choir began. Her only break from playing regularly was when she was posted to the NZ High Commission in Canberra from 1966-1970. However she continued her interest in parish music by joining the St Patrick's Parish choir in Braddon (ACT).

On her return to Miramar there was no regular choir and the church boasted a miserable little electric reed organ which was highly inadequate for such a large church. With a little persuasion then Parish Priest Fr Bill Corcoran and the parish council purchased a new Allen Digital Organ. With assistance from Gwen Neil, Doreen set up a parish choir and future functions from around 1971 were accompanied by the choir and the new organ.

Doreen continued her involvement, playing the organ for the 8am Mass almost every Sunday. Christmas and Easter liturgies were always arranged by her in collaboration with the parish



Doreen Hoffmann at the organ

priest and, when there was one, the liturgy committee. She arranged the programme for several ordinations in Holy Cross; Barry Leech and Gerard Whitford were two.

Naturally the organists were all on call for funerals and weddings and Doreen did her share, especially after 1975 when she retired from the public service.

Since her introduction into Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Doreen has been involved in arranging music for funerals and weddings. She has been part of the current roster since its inception and still does her turn on request at funerals.

Macular degeneration and arthritis are beginning to take their toll and eventually Doreen will, regretfully, have to relinquish her duties.

We thank you for your years of dedicated playing, Doreen.

Obituary: Mary Dorrington (1937 - 2012)

Mary gave untold hours of service to many different aspects of life in Waikanae, and to Our Lady of Fatima Parish in particular.

The first area of service that springs to mind is her long time leadership and nurturing of the Daytime Passionist Family group. As an off shoot of that Mary frequently 'tucked special needy people under her wing' and even in the Hospice was still thinking of, caring about and praying for someone she had helped for over 10 years!

Her second area of special ministry reflects the love she had for God's word. Her scripture study group on Thursday mornings was a special time for a growing number of Waikanae parishioners. She was always extremely well prepared to lead the study of the next weekend's Mass scriptures. That was typical of Mary - she gave 100% to whatever she did, and did it to the best of her ability.

Mary loved music and she was an active advocate for church music. She was the guitarist and music worship leader for both the Monday afternoon prayer group and the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. This service also took up untold hours of her time as she prepared for and delivered her lovely music.

There are other services she did for her parish such as being a Proclaimer of the Word. Mary was always an active supporter of every Parish initiative and also had a few of her own; she initiated a special prayer for priests which the parish prayed for a year.

She had a special ministry with the people at Parkwood, where she was cook for many years until she retired.

She was planning her latest talk to her dear friends in Parkwood the very morning she took sick in October.

Mary was a very positive person and always took the up side in any discussion in support of her beloved parish, Our Lady of Fatima. Her level head and clear thinking was always to the fore!

She is being missed by her multitude of friends, but we are sure she is resting in the arms of the Lord she loved with all her heart.

Mary died on 9 December after a short illness. A widow for 17 years, she left five children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mary's family wants to take this opportunity to thank Fr. McCabe and parishioners for the support she was given during her illness.

(Ed: Mary was also instrumental in planning that very successful first combined visit our two parishes made to Pukekaraka Marae back in March 2010; a visit that helped enormously in setting the tone and establishing the trust that has been a hallmark of our parishes' growing closeness. She is sorely missed.)



Recent Events

Honouring Mary - the Annual Pilgrimage

The Feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes is on February 11th. On the Sunday preceding the feast day, the annual pilgrimage to her statue – Kapiti's landmark on the hill above St Patrick's church – takes place.

In a day of special devotion to Our Lady, which was combined with World Day of Prayer for the Sick, many people made the steep and, at times, rugged climb up the pathway to stand before the imposing image and pray for her intercession.

This year it was a still clear morning when people from around the Archdiocese gathered to recite the Rosary and be led in hymns of praise in English and Latin and in Maori waiata. These were followed by the Litany of Our Lady with her many beautiful titles and the Pope's prayers for this year.



The pilgrimage began in the church with prayers and after their time of devotion on the hill it was time for the pilgrims to return for benediction.

For Archbishop John Dew and Fr Michael McCabe there was a brief respite before the special Mass of Anointing, concelebrated with a number of priests and again attended by many parishioners and visitors.

Our Lady of Fatima Waikanae Christmas Luncheon for St. Vincent de Paul.

Three Parish Council members, Sue McGlone, Iride McCloy and Bob Houston, were discussing what we were doing at Christmas time, and how fortunate we were to have family and friends around us. One phrase set the ball rolling and became our motto: 'No person, adult or child, should miss the blessings and joys of Christmas'.

What sort of reaction were we going to get when we launched this function idea to the Parish? We didn't know, but we did expect that people would embrace the concept, and that is exactly what happened.

Then, the fear started - how to feed and entertain 250 people for an afternoon and not lose a heap of money along the way, when all that

we were charging for a Christmas luncheon, was \$20/ adult and \$10 /child, and that no one was to be excluded that had financial or transport difficulties.

It was the ultimate in teamwork with some 60 to 70 volunteers making the day happen. There were people who put their hands up and hearts out and performed with magnificent talent and generosity.

You know who you are. Thank you so much!

We were determined to dot all the i's and cross all of the t's, and in the main we achieved that, with the function going so well socially as well as raising over \$8,000 for St. Vincent de Paul.

It was a wonderfully rewarding experience to be involved in and there



Bequests

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are some fantastic people stories from along the way.

Should it have been a combined Waikanae/Paraparaumu event? Certainly next time around, 'Yes', because having done it and done it well, we now know how to make it all work.

So bring on the challenge of Christmas function 2013. See you there!

Bob Houston



What a hall full of 250 happy lunch-goers looks like!



The food trays were fantastic



The youngster's table had a great time



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Saints

Saint John Of God

John was born in Monte Moril Nuovo in Portugal, in 1495. In 1522 he enlisted in a company of soldiers and served in the wars between France and Spain and later for Hungary against the Turks. On being disbanded he went to Andalusia and entered service with a woman as a shepherd near Seville.

At the age of forty he was stung with remorse for his past bad life and looked around to see how he could best serve the Lord. He became a pedlar of religious books and pictures and at the age of 43 was able to open a shop in Granada. During a festival in the city, John of Avila was the guest speaker and John of God was so impressed that he behaved irrationally and was pelted with stones, returning home a pitiable object. He gave away all his stock and took to roaming the streets before finally being assigned to a lunatic asylum.

John of Avila came to visit him and advised him to give up this form of penance and do something constructive with his life. Immediately he calmed down but remained in hospital waiting upon the sick.

Upon discharge he set about selling firewood to feed the destitute and shortly rented a house in which to serve the sick and poor which he did with such zeal as to astonish the whole city.

This was the beginning of the Order of Brothers of St John of God. John never thought of founding a religious order and the rules which bear his

name were only drawn up six years after his death. Religious vows were not introduced until 1570 in the order.

Worn out by ten years of hard service, John fell ill, mainly trying to save wood, food and other things for the poor. He tried to conceal his symptoms, but carefully went over his inventories of the hospital and his accounts, revised the rules of administration and timetables and the devotional exercises to be observed. He couldn't however conceal his illness.

He named Anthony Martin superior over his helpers and went to visit the Blessed Sacrament, spending so long there that he had to be lifted bodily to the home of his patron, where he complained bitterly that while our Saviour in his agony drank gall, he was served with good food.

The city magistrates begged him to give his benediction to his fellow townsfolk. This he was loathe to do saying he was unworthy because of his past sins. He relented at the wish of his Archbishop and gave the city his dying blessing.

St John passed away on his knees before the Blessed Sacrament on 8th March 1550, being 55 years old. He was buried by the Archbishop with the whole of Granada following in procession.

He was canonised in 1690.



Want to Learn More About It?

The newly formed Catholic Institute of Aotearoa New Zealand (TCI) has integrated eLearning into its courses, offering people a learning experience that they can access from the comfort of their own home. These small six week courses present a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith, to engage in the rich history and tradition of our Church in new and exciting ways.

The Faith Updates comprise a total of nine hours of work in three parts. They include a range of material and activities comprising podcasts, YouTube clips, readings, quizzes and some follow-up work in between.

“These courses were designed in such a way that allow busy people to fit their study schedule around the commitments [that] often limit

people’s ability to spend time on extra activities,” says TCI’s eLearning co-ordinator, Susan Wilson. “At the moment we have courses on Social Justice, Scripture, Theology, Christology and Church History,” she says.

The Catholic Institute of Aotearoa New Zealand (TCI), established in 2011 by the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand, is a registered PTE offering nationally accredited NZQA courses and qualifications.

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THE CATHOLIC INSTITUTE
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*In my father's house there are many mansions..(Jesus said) ..
I go to prepare a place for you - Saint John 14 vs 2*

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Book Review

“Crazy Love” by Francis Chan **Your guide to falling in love with God.**

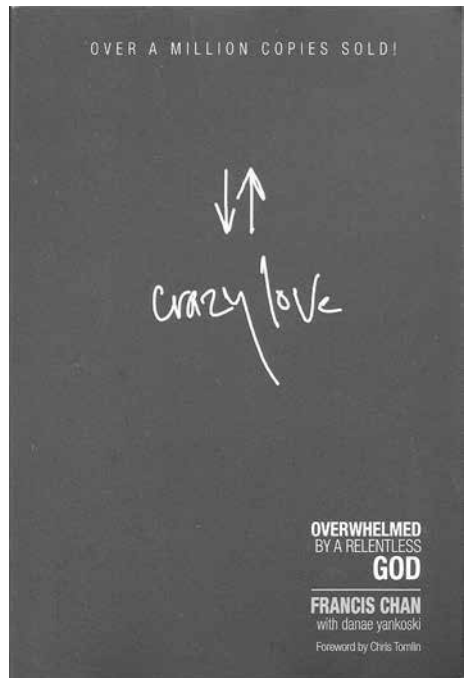
Check out this author if your faith has become a bit ho hum.

“God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. The answer to religious complacency isn’t working harder at a list of do’s and don’ts — it’s falling in love with God. Once you encounter His love you will never be the same.”

Supported by fabulous YouTube footage, the first chapter amazes with the awesomeness of our God. Chapter 4 provides a challenge for all ‘good Christians’: lukewarm people attend church fairly regularly; give money as long as it doesn’t impinge on their standard of living; are moved by stories of people who do radical things for Christ, yet do not act; rarely share their faith with their neighbours, coworkers, or friends; gauge their “goodness” by comparing themselves to the secular world; say they love Jesus but he isn’t allowed to control their lives; love God, but not with all their heart, soul, and strength; will serve God and others, but there are limits; think about life on earth much more often than eternity in heaven; are thankful for their luxuries and comforts; feel secure because they attend church, were baptized, come from a Christian family; probably drink and swear less than average.

Are we really very different from your typical unbeliever?

Anna Ryan



Charismatic Prayer Group
meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesday
at 7:30pm in the Foyer of
Our Lady of Fatima church
in Parata St, Waikanae.

Laugh a Minute

Catholic Heart Attack

A man suffered a serious heart attack while shopping in a store. The store clerks called 911 when they saw him collapse to the floor. The paramedics rushed the man to the nearest hospital where he had emergency open heart bypass surgery.

He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at the Catholic Hospital he was taken to. A nun was seated next to his bed holding a clip board loaded with several forms and a pen. She asked him how he was going to pay for his treatment.

"Do you have health insurance?" she asked. He replied in a raspy voice, "No health insurance."

The nun asked, "Do you have money in the bank?" He replied, "No money in the bank."

"Do you have a relative who could help you with the payments?" asked the irritated nun. He said, "I only have a spinster sister and she is a nun."

The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God."

The patient replied, "Perfect. Send the bill to my brother-in-law."

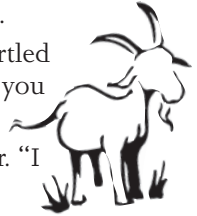
Goat for Dinner

The young couple invited their elderly priest for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the Priest asked their son what they were having for dinner.

"Goat" the boy replied.

"Goat?" replied the startled man of the cloth. "Are you sure about that?"

"Yes" said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mum 'Today is just as good as any to have the old goat for dinner'"



The Bathtub Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"



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Coming Event

Waikanae Advent Lunch

You are offered a unique invitation to attend a brunch with Cardinal Tom Williams at the Waikanae War Memorial Hall, on Saturday 9th March (now that is only a couple of weeks away) between 10 am and noon.

The subject of Cardinal Tom's audio-visual presentation is all to do with one of the world's hottest topics: the election of our next Pope.

Cardinal Tom is the only living New Zealander who has been involved in a Papal election in Rome and he is going to offer us a rare insight as to how the whole process works.

This is totally topical and it's a don't miss, once in a lifetime occasion.

The invitation to attend is being offered to Waikanae, Paraparaumu, Otaki and Levin parishes. Interest is

already intense. Numbers are limited to the first 300 people. You will have to act smartly to get your tickets to this event.

There will be no door sales, and tickets are being sold on a first in first served basis. Tickets are \$20 per head, and that includes a delightful brunch, prepared by our volunteer team and Party Perfect Catering.

Any profits from the day will be distributed to the attending parishes on a pro rata basis for their various earthquake strengthening projects.

Tickets are on sale in the Church foyers after Mass, similarly after next week's Masses, or by contacting Mary in the Our Lady of Fatima Parish Office at 04 2933767, this week or next, but, demand will be heavy so you will need to **ACT SMARTLY**.

