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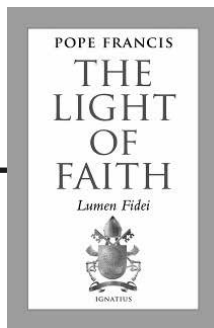
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Editorial

Congratulations Father Doug!

Next issue we hope to be able to bring you a photo or two of that wonderful occasion - the first priest to be ordained in Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish! Unfortunately our deadline was too close to be able to incorporate this historic event in this issue.

However, we do report on what's been going on 'behind the scenes' as the Parish Council has worked to develop a way of fusing us all together, incorporating all the input from parishioners through the various visioning processes that have been undertaken, especially the recent small group discernment.

In the light of our new status as a new parish it is also timely for us to reflect on what our contributions might be to our faith community and to the wider Kapiti Coast. In *Reflections* we print the musings of a number of our parishioners on what *Priesthood of the Laity* actually means. Enjoy!

- Anna and the Editorial Team

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Reflections

The Priesthood of the Laity

*A number of parishioners were asked, in the light of our new parish and the tremendous workload this puts on Fr Michael, to reflect on what **the priesthood of the laity** actually means. A report on the small groups that sought to discern the vision the Holy Spirit has for Kapiti is reported in Recent Events.*

The Priesthood of the Laity

“The supreme and eternal priest, Christ Jesus, since he wills to continue his witness and service also through the laity, vivifies them in this Spirit and increasingly urges them on to every good and perfect work... For all their works, prayers and apostolic endeavours, their ordinary married and family life, their daily occupations, their physical and mental relaxation, if carried out in the Spirit, and even the hardships of life, if patiently borne - all these become ‘spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.’ Together with the offering of the Lord’s body, they are most fittingly offered in the celebration of the Eucharist. Thus, as those everywhere who adore in holy activity, the laity consecrate the world itself to God” - Lumen Gentium n. 34 and Catholic Catechism n. 901.

Last week when travelling down to Palmerston, Otago to my Uncle Bill’s funeral, I called into the tiny ocean settlement of Moeraki. I wanted to visit the memorial commemorating the visit of Bishop Pompallier who had visited Moeraki on 1 December 1840. His bones had returned there in January 2002 on their way north for burial

at Saint Mary’s Church Motuti in the Hokianga. Bill and the local iwi had worked hard to establish this simple yet touching historical record of part of our New Zealand Church history.

I travelled on to Palmerston and called in to see Betty and Tom Collins, brother and sister, aged 83 and 90.

They hold a key for the Blessed Sacrament Church at Palmerston, now part of a very large parish combining five churches as well as the hospital and university chaplaincies. Mass is held there twice a month. I was struck by their faith and their hospitality – the pumpkin soup was also divine! Other parishioners had gathered to give the beautiful Oamaru-stone Church a ‘spring-clean’ – especially fitting since Bill was the first baby boy to be baptised there 87 years ago.

To my mind this illustrates what the ‘priesthood of the laity’ looks like in reality. So many small hidden and more public ways in which men and women know that they share in the life of the church and in the priesthood of Jesus through their baptism. Every parish has such people who implicitly understand that they are part of something greater – part of the mystery of God’s presence amongst

us in Christ. Enlivened by the Holy Spirit of God, they build up the Body of Christ through many small and large and daily actions of grace, of prayer, of faith, of hope and of charity.

Our parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti is blessed by the many and varied ways people work together to build up the Body of Christ – a look at the list of contacts at the back of Pastoral Pages highlights that graced reality. My prayer is one of gratitude for all that you do and for all that you are in Christ. †

Michael McCabe

Ministry In A Changing Church - A Collaboration Between Ordained And Lay Ministry

As we progress in formation as lay pastoral leaders through the Launch Out programme, we want to share our thoughts on the respective roles of the lay and ordained ministries, especially at a time when, as lay people, we are encouraged as never before to exercise the kingly, prophetic and priestly roles that are ours through Christ by baptism. It is from this that our call to lay pastoral leadership originates. This reflection is written to encourage us all as disciples and followers of Jesus Christ to consider the unique and essential role of the priest together with the complementary role of lay ministry in today's world.

The role of the laity in the Catholic Church has changed dramatically since Vatican II in the early 1960s. It is tempting to attribute this change solely to the dwindling numbers of religious and priests, but it is mainly due to a changed emphasis in what it means to be 'Church'. The focus has shifted from the Church as a hierarchical institution to Church as community ('communio' in Latin). Viewing Church as 'communio' is to see the Church as, in the words of Pope John Paul II, a Community of Disciples. Were it not for this community of disciples, reaching back in time, we would have no scripture, no sacraments, nor any other means of access to Jesus Himself. This understanding of Church expresses both the sharing of believers in Christ and the bond that links people within Christian communities with one another.

Cardinal Williams describes the essential nature of the Church as parish, prayer group or organization, as 'mission, to be God's loving outreach to the world'. Being 'Church' therefore is our call to participate in God's mission, to participate in bringing about God's reign.

The goal of all ministry is the goal of the Church; to bring about God's reign. Authentic ministry, ordained or

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lay will have certain characteristics. We will be doing something. It will be for the Kingdom of God; it will be a public action on behalf of a Christian community; it will be gifted by the Holy Spirit and will offer diverse services.

Jesus calls us to be servants to one another (Matthew 23:11). This means hearing our calling to mission and witnessing to it, alongside our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Given the change in understanding of what it means to be 'Church', it is important to identify the different roles that ordained and lay ministry have.

It is also very important to keep to the forefront that the Church is one, with one mission. Within the Church we can identify different roles contributing to achieving that mission. Some of those roles are attributed to the ordained; the laity more properly carries others out. Each is based on 'giftedness'. The differing gifts and talents come together in a collaborative effort to accomplish the mission of Jesus Christ. More recently Archbishop John Dew has used the term 'co-responsible' in place of 'collaboration'. This strengthens the requirement for lay and ordained ministries to work together; we are all responsible for the mission of the Church. We need to hold as a central tenet that 'the apostolate of the laity and the pastoral (ordained) ministry are mutually complementary' (Vatican II, Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, *Apostolicam Actuositatem* #6).

Vatican II places lay ministry firmly within both the Church (spiritual)

and the temporal, secular world.

Renewal of the secular world is the special obligation of the laity. The lay apostolate takes the form of myriad



ministries within small groups, the parish, diocese, wider Church and the world. The apostolate of the laity is almost without boundaries, so long as it is for the common good of the Church and within doctrine and order. Canon Law empowers the Bishop to entrust to the laity certain functions which are more closely connected with what have historically been considered pastoral duties assigned to a priest – the formation that prepares lay people for this in our Archdiocese is Launch Out. Lay pastoral leaders do not replace the essential functions of the priest.

The Vatican II Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests identifies the central functions of the ordained ministry as to proclaim the Gospel, administer the sacraments, pray the Divine Office, exercise the authority of the bishop, build up the Church community, be pastor – care for the Christian community and encourage other ordained ministers. In simpler terms, the priest feeds and nourishes the spirituality of the faith community, encouraging and empowering us to

utilise and share our gifts and talents, individually given for the common good. This enables the church to serve and speak the grace of the kingdom of God - to bring about God's reign.

Vatican II charges us, as lay people with assisting our priests by prayer and work insofar as possible so that our priests might more readily overcome difficulties and be able to fulfil their duties more fruitfully. This provides a mandate of sorts for increasing lay participation in the role of the pastor, enabling the priest to carry out his more essential and central roles. 'In this way the whole Church, strengthened by each of its members, may more effectively fulfil its mission for the life of the world'.

What does this mean in practise? The answer is as varied as there are priests and parishes. Scripture points the way. In chapter 6 of Acts the apostles appoint people to assist them so that they can focus on their core functions, 'prayer and the ministry of the word'. In practice lay people need to step up, and priests need to relinquish those functions that lay people can do by virtue of baptism.

As a faith community that is co-responsible with each other and with our priests to bring about the Reign of God, it is the responsibility of each of us to identify our gifts and talents, and to ask ourselves, 'what of my time, talent and treasure do I make available to build the body of Christ †

*Joe Green, Debbie Matheson
and Heather Sangster-Smith,
Launch Out Candidates*

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people" 1 Peter 2:9

For a long time I wondered if Peter was talking to me. What gives me the right to give myself this 'royal priesthood' label? I am not an ordained priest or a religious sister. I am a layperson, but a layperson with a vocation. A vocation gifted to me at Baptism and strengthened at Confirmation.

I believe that I am called to this vocation with a plan just for me.

It took me a while to recognise that I had a specific role to play, not one that sets me above or aside or alone, but one that draws me closer to the Body of Christ.

On the day our first son was baptised, our Christian Family Group gave him a card. Inside was written, "Welcome to the Body of Christ"!

That was the beginning of my journey to the full awareness of the responsibility placed on me at my Baptism. The 25 years already lived, served as a rich tapestry with patterns still to be drafted and stitched. 50 years on, my story continues and the tapestry is still being created.

Recently, our Sunday gospel told us once again the story of the sending out of the 72. Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20.

Each time I hear this story it tells me something that is relevant to where I am on my journey. This year it reassured me, "You can stay close to home but still 'go out'. You can still be called to witness, to meet Christ, to

pray, to be present to your family and faith community.”

Are these words of Peter’s as relevant to you and me today as they were to Peter’s audience over 2000 years ago?

Yes they are. We are “a royal priesthood, a holy people”.

Baptism and Confirmation gives us, the faithful, a share in the priesthood. We are the ‘body of the faithful’. We all have a unique vocation and mission. My task is mine alone. Your task is yours alone. Every task we undertake is for the good of all.

Paying attention is the key. Living the gospel message in 2013 is what we are asked to do. Never easy, but so rewarding.

The Holy Spirit has been at work in me from the beginning. †

Kay Blackburn

Volunteering for God

Do you understand that the people who seek volunteers in your parish are doing you a favour by asking for your gifts and talents? And your time?

“Oh-ho! Not with my busy schedule and all the demands coming at me from other directions!” we say. Well then, we still don’t realize how blessed we are to serve God. We’re serving a different god, or two or three gods, who don’t appreciate our efforts nearly as much as the true God does.

When we reach true Christian maturity, we’re unhappy at the sight of an unmet need, and we’re even more unhappy if we can fill that need but don’t know how to get involved. Here’s a thought: Have you ever begged the pastor to let you donate more money? What would happen if you said, “Father, I didn’t put enough

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in the collection basket last Sunday.
May I stop by and drop off a cheque?"
Splat. That's the sound of Father fainting.

If you want to have more fun in your parish community, call the director of any ministry that appeals to you, and say, "What can I do to make your job easier? I'm not going to be happy until you give me some volunteer work to do." There might be some stammering or speechlessness at first, but be patient. The director will recover.

And God will smile at you and say,
"Thank you!" †

By Terry Modica

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In a secular age, where faith is often dismissed as irrelevant, one could be forgiven for thinking that an encyclical would not have anything of importance to say to the "real world". Yet nothing could be further from the truth. *Lumen Fidei*, (Light of Faith), is an insightful and inspiring work, which celebrates Christian faith as the guiding light of a "successful and fruitful life". Furthermore, it engages with the modern secular experience, often confused by relativism with its diverging opinions, viewpoints and pathways.

Pope Francis launched *Lumen Fidei* on July 5th. It is a reflection on the meaning of faith and in it he draws on the key themes of his predecessor, Pope Benedict, who wrote encyclicals on charity and hope. [*Deus Caritas*

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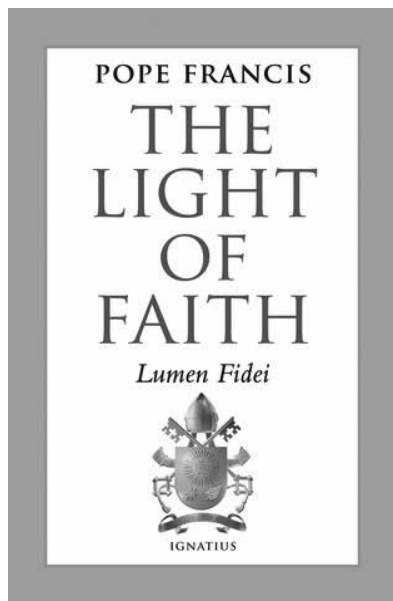
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*Est. (God Is Love) 2005; Spei Salvi (On Christian Hope) 2007.] Pope Benedict intended to complete the trilogy, with the reflection on faith but was unable to achieve this, due to his retirement in February 2013. Pope Francis therefore, refers to *Lumen Fidei* as a “four hand document” and in the introduction he pays tribute to the work of Pope Benedict noting “I have taken up his fine work and added a few contributions of my own”. It is this wonderful example of humility and co-operation which gives emphasis to the underlying theme of unity which runs through the encyclical: unity of faith, unity in truth, unity in the church, journeying in unity, the unity of the divine plan and unity of the Godhead.*

Lumen Fidei is divided into four chapters, each drawn from a passage in Scripture.

Chapter 1: *We have believed in love* (1Jn 4:16) explores the source and the development of Faith as revealed in Sacred Scripture. It opens up an understanding of God’s plan and God’s promise. In Jesus, God enters human history and invites each of us to participate in His plan of love. We are reminded that, “In faith, Christ is not simply the one in whom we believe, the supreme manifestation of God’s love; he is also the one in whom we are united precisely in order to believe” (*18)

Chapter 2: *Unless you believe, you will not understand* (Is 7:9) the intrinsic connection between faith and truth is explored. Here it is explained how



faith is important to understanding not just religious truths, but also the realities of our everyday experience.. “Faith without truth does not save, it does not provide a sure footing.... it is reduced to a lofty sentiment which brings consolation and cheer, yet remains prey to the vagaries of our spirit and the changing seasons”. (*24) The truth of faith is a truth for the common good.

Chapter 3: *I delivered to you what I also received* (1 Cor 15:3) explains how faith is passed on. The faith that the church teaches is the faith that it has received. Thus “The Church, like every family, passes on to her children the whole store of her memories”. What is handed down is a, “living Tradition, the new light born of an encounter with the true God, a light which touches us at the core of our being and engages our minds,

wills and emotions, opening us to relationships lived in communion". (*40)

Finally, Chapter4: God prepares a city for them (Heb11: 16) the encyclical emphasizes further the communal nature of faith. Because it is linked to love, "The light of faith is capable of enhancing the richness of our human relations: our ability to endure, to be trustworthy, to enrich our lives together." (*51) Instead of removing faith in God from our lives, this chapter rather points to faith as the way in which we come to know and understand more fully life's true purpose.

Lumen Fidei is a real gift to all of us journeying in faith. It is beautifully written, insightful and inspirational. If you wish to discover more about the mystery and reality of faith and only have time for one explanation of its relevance to our modern secular world, then this is the encyclical for you. The writing is clear and accessible. It can be easily read in an hour, but the richness and depth of the writing will make you want to stop and reflect on the wisdom illuminated in the passages. As we transition to a new vision of Parish, this encyclical is a valuable resource for discussion and use in small groups.

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Fr Jim's Been Thinking



The Need for Prayer for Our Parish

Just two months ago, on 15 June, Archbishop John promulgated the formation of the Parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti through the amalgamation of our two parishes of Our Lady of Fatima and St Patrick and we were exhorted to pray that this new parish would flourish here on the Kāpiti Coast. I believe it is now time for me to consider just how I have responded to this request. I must admit that my response could have been a whole lot better.

This reminded me of the gospel story about the Healing of a Boy with a Spirit: during one of Jesus' absences his disciples had tried to exorcise this spirit but failed. Jesus cured the boy when he returned and so the disciples asked: "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "This kind can come out only through prayer." (Mk 9-28-29)

The disciples must have thought they had done everything right to exorcise this particular demon but still failed. We can only guess at what they had actually done; the suggestion is that the formulae they tried, failed. Jesus reminds them that techniques are unimportant, it is prayer alongside faith in God which is required.

There is a paradox behind this story as some later Christian scribes were to alter the text to read *this kind can come out only through prayer and fasting*, an amendment which is to be found in a number of Greek manuscripts and their English translations. The introduction of a technique as a crucial factor for the miracle missed the whole point of Mark's original tale which concentrated on the necessity for prayer.

Jesus tells us that it is not what we do but how we do it that is all important. Unless we invite God to be part of our activities there is every chance we will be unable to succeed. Mark and the other gospel writers make it crystal clear that Jesus always asked God to take an active role in his ministry.

Because the work of the church and parish is God's work and not ours we have to pray! If God is the builder and we the servants in the building of his church, it is presumptuous of us not to pray.

Parish Updates

Parish Council Report

When the approval was given by Archbishop John about two months ago, for the formation of our new parish, the Parish Pastoral Councils of Our Lady of Fatima and St. Patrick's came together as the Interim PPC for Our Lady of Kāpiti.

Apart from the usual business of the PPC, the interim council set itself two main tasks:

1. to develop a vision for our new parish, and
2. to decide on how the new permanent PPC would be created.

We have made good progress on the first of these and a sub-committee of the council was tasked with drafting a comprehensive Vision document based on the extensive consultation carried out among all parishioners.

This document to take into account the following:

- the material from the joint parish gathering earlier in the year (the 'plates'),
- vision statements from the members of the interim PPC, and
- feedback from the small discernment groups who met during June/July

At the meeting on 13th August the draft vision document was presented. This will be refined over the next few weeks and disseminated to all parishioners.

In light of the virtual completion of that task, it was decided that the interim PPC had run its course. It was always impractical for a body with such a large membership to continue indefinitely.

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A new PPC will be formed in the near future and, to that end, existing members have been asked to indicate their availability as well as a process of discernment for new members. Key considerations are – a membership of eight (in line with archdiocesan guidelines), a blend of continuity and fresh thinking and a body that broadly represents our two main communities of Waikanae and Paraparaumu.

There will be a mass to celebrate the creation of Our Lady of Kapiti

parish on Sunday 13th October at Southwards.

We live in exciting times – a new pope and a new parish; a unique opportunity to let the Spirit work within us to create a powerful witness on the Kapiti Coast.

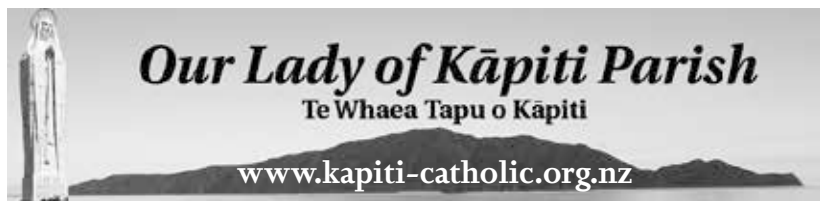
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Our Parish School



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Room 6

This term our curriculum focus is *Planet Earth and Beyond*. The juniors are investigating their own questions related to space, the middle school is working with the KDC on the issue of water conservation and the seniors are inquiring into volcanoes and the topical subject of earthquakes.

It's really wonderful to see how much children enjoy looking into the subject of God's amazing creation.

At the inaugural Year 5 & 6 scripture reading competition, for Kapiti-Mana Catholic schools, hosted and organised by St Theresa's in Plimmerton, Lauren Mallon came second in the Year 6 section.



Lauren Mallon
reading during the
competition

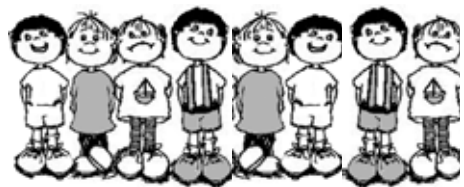
After the recent Board elections we have a new Board to govern the school over the next four years. Elected parent representatives are David Meyer, Catherine Popert, Martin Sutherland and Thomas Thomas,

In addition we have four trustees appointed by the Archbishop, namely Fr Michael McCabe, Melanie Ratcliffe, Elaine Te'o and Martha Stuart-Berrisford. Francey Burney is the staff trustee.

Each trustee is responsible for working together as part of the governance team to ensure our parish school is the best it can possibly be and all children reach their highest possible potential. They are also responsible for ensuring that our school remains Catholic, not only in what we say and teach, but also in what we do. The Archbishop's representatives have a special role in supporting our special catholic character.

As the Parish school of Our Lady of Kāpiti, the Board would value your prayers for wisdom and discernment as they guide the school on an on-going journey of growth and development in tandem with that of our newly formed parish.

Martin Elms, Principal



Youth

August has come upon us very quickly this year. Delwyn and Jacqui have both settled into their new roles and are continuing to build on the foundations put in place by Debbie Matheson.

At the beginning of August we reached out to thank all those who have in some way touched Child & Youth Ministry in the past year. We celebrated our youth, our leaders and our donors plus those who keep us in their prayers. Over china tea cups and tasty home baking we came together as community for acknowledgements, thanks and blessings for all the effort and time given to touch the lives of our children & youth.

This term, Fun Time brings a change of leadership, with Marnie Paranihi taking over from Deborah Gedye. Over the last 2 years Fun Time has become a wonderful community of parents, caregivers, children and leaders who gather weekly for preschool singing and dancing followed by morning tea for all. Thank you Deborah for your leadership, passion and the joy you have brought this group. We wish you



*Marnie & Deborah
(incoming & outgoing Fun Time leaders).*

well in the future. We welcome Marnie as our new leader and know that through her leadership this group will continue to flourish.

Junior G.U.Y.S. has had 2 very successful events over the last term with 25 gathering for a progressive dinner in June and 17 joining Christian youth from across the Kapiti Coast for the Uplift event at El Rancho on Fri 9 August. We continue to look for exciting ways for our youth to gather and explore their faith while enjoying each other's company.

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 Jacqui or Delwyn on 022 6757 357.

Jacqui McLaughlin

Justice & Peace Group

We have a small but very alert Justice and Peace group functioning in Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish. We meet bi-monthly and try to tune into the needs of our area as well as support Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand in promoting their projects.



Earlier this year we invited Jill Stansfield to talk to us about issues and challenges facing older people in Kapiti and the Older Persons Council.



Jill presented on the role of the OPC which lobbies KCDC and Wellington Regional Council to take into account needs and perspectives of older persons when providing facilities and services and, particularly, when planning for the future. Jill was very enthusiastic but also assured us that the KCDC welcomed suggestions and initiatives to promote the safety, support and access needs of older people. She certainly challenged us to be more observant of how the needs of various groups in the community are being acknowledged.

Social Justice Week

Our next activity is to advertise **Social Justice Week** 8-14th September.

The theme is **WALK ALONGSIDE.....**
Meaningful Work for the Young Worker.

This is topic relevant to all of us. There are some scary facts and statistics around such as over 75 million young people worldwide are seeking work. In New Zealand 6.9 percent of the labour force is unemployed...75,000 young Kiwis ages 15 to 24 are not in employment, education or training. There are a range of barriers to education and employment. How can we as employers, parents, carers, grandparents, teachers advisors, counselors, Christians, help???

This will be the focus of our prayer and action during Social Justice Week.

We can start by looking around and identifying the young people in our parish.

How can we show them that they are valued? How do we celebrate and challenge young people into adulthood?



Feel free to join our lively discussions and action-packed meetings.

Next Meeting: Monday, 14 October
7.15pm at Sheila's – 72 Cedar Ave
Paraparaumu.

Thanks to Margaret & Wullie Grant who facilitate our meetings.

The Mission Gala and Garage Sale; Saturday 28 Sept, 9 to noon

This is starting to get quite close and we still have a need for lots more items and contributions, especially for the Tombola and auction; so how about a quick spring clean and check for good quality items that you no longer need that could be given a new life by someone else. And of course many are gearing up to provide baking, preserves, plants, etc, closer to the day.

If you have anything please contact the stall convenors listed below.

If you need sustenance while you are there Wai will have a great sausage sizzle going.

We are again looking forward to your support on the day. There will be lots of treasures but you will need to be there early to get the best and remember that the auction will start at 10 am. Please invite family and friends along - the more the merrier (and the more successful).

Thank you all for all the support so far, practical and prayerful.

Sr Breda and Tony

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Introducing Parish Groups & People

Associates – Marist Laity

Marist Laity New Zealand has many differing expressions. There is -

a. the traditional, prayer and family oriented **Third Order**.

The Third Order of Mary has a long history of hidden and unknown service, making personal commitments to Mary with a sense of Marist identity. Third Order families have fostered many Marist and other religious vocations.

b. an evolving **Marist Lay Association of Mary**. The Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary (SMSM) and the Marist Sisters foster and encourage lay associates. The long term Laity goal is to recover the “Colinian” model of an interdependent co-responsible Lay Branch of the Society of Mary. (Fr Colin is the founder of the Society of Mary,) There are also apostolates of the Society of Mary where those in Marist schools and other ventures, embrace Marist spirituality as part of their outreach and employment. Marist identity is implicit rather than intentional in these groupings.

c. **Marian Mothers**

Marian Mothers is for groups of women who meet monthly often with children present to encourage one another in faith as women and mothers. Some of these groups have been going for 30 years and are based on Marist spirituality.

All these groups receive pastoral support, formation and regular reflection material sent monthly via CD. The website gives remote support and an extensive history of reflections for those isolated from a group. Bev McDonald and Jane Langham, supported by Fr David Kennerley SM are the pastoral support team. All groups undertake mission and prayer appropriate to their age and circumstances.

For more information see the website www.maristlaitynz.org or email: MaristLaity@thirdorderofmarynz@gmail.com

(Excerpts from article written by Bev McDonald for the Australian Marist Laity)

Obituary: Les Macaskill 1934 - 2013

We are indebted to Jan, Les' wife, for allowing us to reprint her eulogy. Les' funeral was one of the biggest ever held at St Patrick's. Les died on 11th July.

Les gave the eulogy at six of his siblings' funerals and occasionally, as the numbers dwindled in his family, I'd ask who would do his. He always

said, “I want you” and I replied, “I couldn't”. But near the end he asked me again and I felt I must honour his request. He could be a very patient and persistent man as I discovered when he asked me to marry him.

Les was born in Invercargill and loved his Southland connections. His

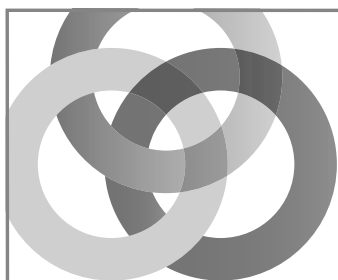
Catholic grandfather, Patrick Ryan came to NZ aged 18 from Galway during the famine and his mother Annie grew up on a farm. His Scottish Presbyterian grandfather Donald John, called Jock Macaskill, came from the Isle of Lewis. The orange and the green. Jock went to WW1 and was wounded at Passchendaele. He returned home to his wife and first child, Jack. He and a partner had a country butcher shop. Life was comfortable and their family grew. Les was born in 1934 in the depression, number 8 of 9 children. His father lost everything as farmers could not pay their bills. Jock and died when Les was 4 leaving 9 children aged from 22 to 2. Les knew what it was to be poor and never forgot.

He was educated at St Joseph's convent and then by the Marist brothers. They were the father figures he missed – playing sport after school with the boys, etc. He asked for his Marist cap to be on the coffin and it is.



He went to Otago University and gained an MA in History. He did this by working every holiday in wool stores (an education in itself) and salt works, having a Post Primary Teachers' Bursary, and boarding very cheaply with his brother Lew and his wife Val for 3 years. He was sad that his clever older siblings didn't get that chance.

He taught at Hutt Valley HS, Southland Boys and then, needing to do his country service, arrived in Morrinsville in 1962, 6 weeks after I had gone there for the same reason.



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We called our 7 years there halcyon years, teaching lovely country kids. We became colleagues and friends, often teaching the same classes in different subjects, and took many of those classes on trips to Auckland and the mountains. Les coached rugby, softball, cricket, debating and produced plays and operettas –lots of Gilbert and Sullivan. The pupils took great interest in our courtship and when the principal announced our engagement at assembly the whole school cheered. We married in 1966.

We moved to Kapiti in 1969 for Les to be HOD History and Social Studies and we spent 9 happy years here. Les was invited to be on a School Certificate panel and also moderated UE.

We adopted 4 lovely children who have supported me wonderfully these last few weeks. Les loved being a dad. Nappies, baths, storytelling, getting up to feed babies in the night. He loved the lot. I never got him to cook the meals though.

Les went on every working bee and on all school committees and school and College boards of our children, taught CCD and helped in many Church activities.

He also loved his vegetable garden and sharing the produce with others.

From Kapiti he joined the Secondary Inspectorate in Hamilton for 10 years. He was able to help teachers by running courses or putting them in a school with an ace teacher for a week so they could learn from them. He was also a listening ear for principals. It is a very lonely job and they could unload

on him safely. He missed having that safety valve himself later on.

My mother died just after we moved to Hamilton and Dad came to live with us. Les always called him Dad. He was the father he always missed and Les was wonderful to him.

The government disbanded the Inspectorate and Les became Principal of St Peter's College, Palmerston North.

Les was not ambitious. He said early on he'd like to be a HOD. He never expected to go beyond that in his career. He did introduce some new ideas at St Peter's such as vertical forms and Peer Support and I understand those systems are still in place 22 years after he left. He loved being able to openly use his Christian faith in assembly stories or in times of tragedy in the school or putting prayers in the numerous newsletters he sent home.

His next move was as principal to Taita College, a low decile school, close to his heart. He loved the Maori, Polynesian, European mix and he could see his young self in those students. (He would have been so proud to see some of you here today).

He hated having to suspend children as he believed in second chances. Several times teachers said, "Either that child goes or I do" and he wasn't afraid to say "bye bye" to the teacher! One of his theories was MBWA – management by walking around. One could observe and learn much and children would approach him who would never go to his office.

When he retired in 1995 he wanted to leave teaching behind so he put

on his sneakers, backpack and water bottle and headed off to Vic and did a law degree. His Arts subjects counted and he had completed 2 law papers over time so 2½ years later he had an LLB. He became a JP and worked pro bono at the Community Law Centre, sat in Court as a JP and went to the prisons as a Visiting JP. Alas, in 2005 a stroke ended all that. His greatest loss was his sight being affected and he could no longer read books. He was so uncomplaining and switched to talking books and often fell asleep as the voice droned on.

Our faith has been a very important part of our marriage. We started off as a mixed marriage, then it became an interfaith one and finally a Christian one -we knew that all the time!

We believed it was our mission to encourage and support each other in our faith and learned so much from

each other. We went to both churches together, belonged to a Bible Study group in my church for years and a family group at Les'. Our beliefs are so the same, the differences minor. We each felt so at home in both churches.

I shall miss him more than I can bear to think –his deep love, his care and thoughtfulness, gentleness, quick wit, hugs and foot massages. We laughed a lot.

I told him his love enabled me to become who I was meant to be.

He would be stunned at the huge number of messages from all over and the lives he touched. I am so proud of his achievements - in education, but especially as a husband, father, grandad, colleague and friend. I want to thank both faith communities for all the love and support they have given me and our family.

May you rest in peace my Les. †

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The Call to Serve - Gabriella Mason

On Copacabana beach on an evening in July, Pope Francis issued an invitation to young people during the vigil for World Youth Day.

“Today, too, as always, the Lord needs you, young people, for his Church.”

Among the young people serving our parish is 18 year-old Gabriella Mason who is a leader of Children’s Church in Our Lady of Fatima Church.

Gabriella is a member of a rostered team which help parents bring the Word of God to children on Sundays and has worked with them in the sacramental programme, preparing children for the last group’s reception of First Communion.

“I’ve been taught when I was young, and it’s special to see the young kids have their turn. Being 18, they relate to me because of my age and I try to be the best I can.”

Studying to be an Early Childhood teacher, Gabriella brings her weekday



learning, skills and experience to her teaching role in the Church.

The programme for Children’s Church is planned according to the readings and feasts of the day, but team members choose how they deliver the message of the day to the youngsters.

“I like to introduce new activities and for the children to have fun. The kids love it.”

She says every member of the team brings their own special skills to the sessions and they have generously welcomed her.

“They have been very supportive.”

Gabriella also pays tribute to another group of young people serving the parish – the Youth group which sings regularly at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

And a goal for the future?

She says one day she would love to be present to hear the Pope’s message in person at a World Youth Day.



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Recent Events

Confirmation Celebration at Our Lady of Kapiti Parish

The golden shades of Autumn were an appropriate backdrop to the celebration of Confirmation at St Patrick's church. Forty seven young people received the gift of the Holy Spirit and were confirmed by Archbishop John. The Archbishop, Father Michael McCabe and concelebrating priests resplendent in their red vestments empowered this group with the gift of the Holy Spirit in a prayerful and joyful liturgy. Representatives from the group proudly proclaimed the scriptures, read the Prayer of the Faithful and carried the gifts of bread and wine to be offered for the community.

Before the final blessing the Archbishop inaugurated the Parish of Our Lady of Kapiti. The congregation was sent out as one, united not only in the joy of the event but as a new people doing something new and truly wonderful.

A full congregation of proud families and parishioners joined in and afterwards all enjoyed a wonderful supper prepared and served by the Men's Group. It certainly was a meaningful Parish celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Thanks to the Confirmation team for their great programme, excellent coordination of parents and preparation of the group. Well done Fiona Green, Patricia McKechnie, Sheonagh Smithson, Sister Barbara, Deacon Doug, Father Michael, Gabriella Mason, Jacqui and Delwyn of Child and Youth Ministry Team and the Youth Music Group.

A smaller group will be making their First Holy Communion on 8 September at 9.30am Mass at St Patrick's Paraparaumu completing their Journey of Faith of the Sacraments of Initiation.



Small Groups Discern the Holy Spirit's voice for Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish

Around 100 parishioners from Our Lady of Kāpiti joined 13 small groups to pray, listen and discern what the Holy Spirit is calling our new parish to be. These small groups functioned in the depth of winter, meeting during the day and during the evening, and across the whole area of the new parish, so that as many people as possible could be involved.

The original idea was voiced by Charles Todd, several years ago, when he shared about a parish in Canada where human wisdom was put to one side while the parishioners prayed to the Holy Spirit for God's will to be done in the parish. Patrick Haughey rekindled Charles' call as the consultation about the forming of Our Lady of Kapiti was in full swing: that

we should also pray and listen. Peter and Anna Ryan then picked up the ball and created the programme that was followed.

Groups met for four weeks. The first three weeks were reflecting on the role of the Holy Spirit through the Old Testament (Week One), the New Testament (Week Two) and the Church (Week Three). The Church section was mainly focused on the teaching of the Second Vatican Council on what the Church should be. Several group members commented that it was a good "refresher" on the huge and consistent role of the Holy Spirit in building the People of God across the generations.

In the fourth week each group was asked to answer two questions. The

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The Jarden's group – with Lyn missing – she took the photo.

first question was: *If our new parish exemplified the essentials of our Catholic faith, what would it look like?* The second question was: *When we have created such a parish, what would a new parishioner see, hear and experience?* Group leaders recorded the answers to these questions, and any other contributions that members made. These responses were then collated (but not altered or edited, so the prophetic voices can be heard

as well) into a 14 page document that was circulated back to all the leaders and to the Parish Council. The Parish Council devoted one full meeting to digesting the feedback and then appointed a writing group to condense the material into a statement of mission and values for the new parish. A first draft has been produced and has been discussed by the full Parish Council which asked for some more material from the small groups



The Grant's Group

to be added to the original draft. This process is under way at the time of writing this article.

The responses from the small groups shared many common themes. Of course they were expressed differently, but key issues were: the need to be a welcoming community; the need for prayer and the sacraments; the need for lay ministries; the need to unite the whole parish, including a call for good leadership; the need for better links with the parish school; a call for ecumenical outreach; a call for outreach to the wider community of

Kapiti, especially in the area of Social Justice. Other key issues were: a call for a parish centre; a call for teaching so that we gain an adult understanding of our faith; a call for small groups so that people are not lost in the size of the new parish but are nourished within more intimate small groups.

Many of those involved in the process spoke highly of the experience. Let's hope the Holy Spirit continues to have his/her way with our new parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti, Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti.

Peter Ryan

Barangay Santa Maria Assumpta- The Filipino Catholic Community of Kapiti

Barangay Santa Maria Assumpta is the Filipino Catholic Community of the Kapiti Coast, covering the areas from Paekakariki to Otaki. It is under the umbrella of the Wellington Filipino Chaplaincy. It was introduced to the community on the 6th of May 2012 when Fr. Ambet dela Cruz, the Filipino Chaplain, and Fr. Michael McCabe, St. Patrick's Parish Priest, commissioned the barangay's servant leaders to their servant leaders' role. The barangay aims to provide for and support the pastoral needs of the community through its liturgy, education/formation, and outreach ministries.

Apart from the regular First Sunday Filipino Mass held at St Patrick's church at 5:00 pm, the community also holds a block rosary programme. The image of Our Lady of Assumpta

stays in a home fortnightly, which allows the family to strengthen their devotion to Our Lady. Bible sharing is also held on a regular basis. Workshops, such as Discipleship and Stewardship, Understanding the Holy Eucharist, and Bible Facilitation, were also offered to the members to strengthen and deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith.

The members of the community also endeavour to integrate themselves and become more active in the local parish's activities. Eucharistic ministers and altar servers from Barangay Assumpta are now being rostered at St. Patrick's Church. They were also involved in the four-week discernment programme for our new parish community and the recent Stayin' Alive Seminar by Voice for Life- Kapiti.

On Saturday, 17th of August, the barangay held its second fiesta (feast) in honour of Our Lady of the Assumption. A fiesta is a part of the Filipino culture, whereby families and friends gather together to celebrate life and all the blessings for the past year. A thanksgiving mass con-celebrated by Fr Michael McCabe and Fr. Mario Ortiz, a visiting priest from the Philippines, opened the day's events. This was followed by a cultural

programme and a fellowship dinner. In his homily, Fr Michael said that like Mary "the barangay has been a foundation of hope for the parish." Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit the community wishes that they continue to become one of the strong foundations of the new parish and become an inspiration not only to the Filipino community but to everyone.

Mayie Pagalilauan



Fr Mario & Fr Michael con-celebrated the Fiesta Mass



Hunig Assumpta Children's Choir singing at the Fiesta

Saint

St Monica (AD 331 – 387)

*As we see our teenage offspring
throwing aside their Catholic faith
like a shirt they've grown out of,
we parents might well direct our
prayers through Saint Monica who is
celebrated on 27 August.*

The story is familiar to us how through a life of prayer she won over her son Augustine to become one of the greatest saints. She was advised by a bishop to keep on praying for Augustine. He told her: It is impossible that the son of so many tears should perish."

She was married early in life to Patritius, who held an official position in Tagaste (present-day Souk Ahras, Algeria). Patritius' temper was violent and he appears to have been of dissolute habits. Consequently Monica's married life was far from being a happy one. There was, of course, a gulf between husband and wife; her alms deeds and her habits of prayer annoyed him, but it is said that he always held her in a sort of reverence. By her sweetness and patience she was able to exercise a good example amongst the wives and mothers of her native town; they knew that she suffered as they did, and her words and example had a huge effect. Monica had three children: Augustine the eldest, Navigius the second, and a daughter, Perpetua. Monica had been unable to secure baptism for her children and she experienced

much grief when Augustine fell ill. In her distress she asked Patritius to allow Augustine to be baptized; Patritius agreed, but on the boy's recovery withdrew his consent. Patritius died very shortly after converting to Christianity and Monica decided not to marry again.

All Monica's anxiety now centered in Augustine; he was wayward and, as he himself tells us, lazy. He was sent to school at Madaurus then to Carthage where he lived dissolutely.

It was at this time that she went to see a certain holy bishop who consoled her with the now famous words, "the child of those tears shall never perish." Monica followed her wayward son to Rome then to Milan. Here she found St. Ambrose and through him she ultimately had the joy of seeing Augustine convert to Christianity, after seventeen years of resistance.

Augustine was baptized in the church of St. John the Baptist at Milan. They then set off for Africa but Monica died before getting there.

Saint Monica was buried at Ostia but in 1430 Pope Martin V ordered the relics to be brought to Rome. Many miracles occurred on the way, and the cult of St. Monica was definitely established.



Upcoming Events

It's Time to Celebrate.

We are now one parish, Our Lady of Kāpiti, and to celebrate we are planning an outdoor Mass at

Southward's Car Museum,
10 am Sunday 13th October

There is a beautiful amphitheatre at the rear of the main building, well capable of accommodating the 1200 to 1500 people who will attend this wonderful celebration.

In the spirit of Lady of Kāpiti Parish no one will be excluded. Bring all of your family and friends no matter whether they attend mass regularly or not. If they are of another denomination they are equally welcome.

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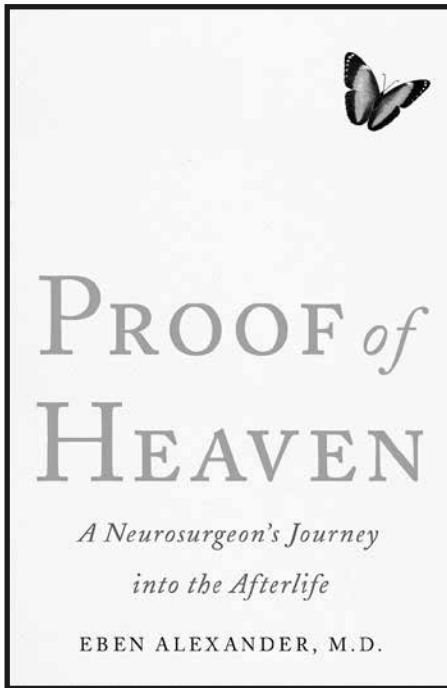
Keep your eyes on upcoming weekly parish newsletters where all arrangements will be revealed.

Remember: Sunday 13th October 10am Southwards

SAVE THIS DATE TOO: Sunday 15th December,
Combined Parish Christmas Luncheon
Southward's Car Museum Theatre.
(details later)

Book Review

Proof of Heaven - A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife.



during that time in a coma, in words that cannot possibly do justice in conveying the fullness and richness of his experience. Words are too limiting. However, he did draw an image that has stuck with me. He likens the relationship between God and each one of us as being like the relationship between a pregnant mother and her baby. She is all around the baby, all encompassing, the source of life and love – but she is invisible and known to the baby in only a very limited way. Such is our limited perception and understanding of God. He is all around, encompassing, the source of life and love. What a beautiful image!

Others I've spoken to comment on how reading this book has strengthened and enriched their own faith. It certainly strongly impacted mine!

Anna Ryan

This shortish (170 pages) but very readable book tells of Dr Eben Alexander's near-death experience whilst in a coma. His chatty style tells of his life and how he very scientifically knew there was no God and no afterlife. Near-death experiences could be explained as feeling real but, in fact, simply being fantasies produced by the brain under extreme stress.

That was what he 'knew' to be true – until he suffered an e-coli attack that put him into a coma for 7 days.

He tries, throughout the book, to present what he encountered



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Congregation: Hallelujah!

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Pastor: Let us pray, committing this week into God's hands. Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook and chat with God.

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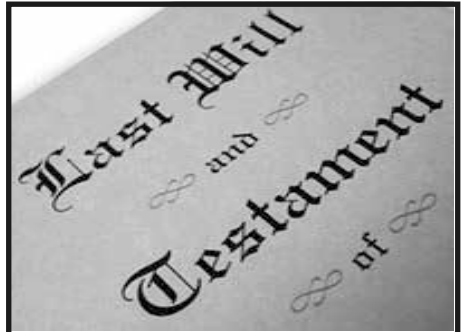
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Confessions can be e-mailed to the church secretary's inbox - please limit sins to a maximum of 10 per week (bullet point format please). Penance will be dispensed in a mass e-mail. Automated pre-recorded prayers for atonement are not allowed. Please turn off your SPAM filters and disable your out-of-office auto-reply.

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The Special Grocery List

Louise Redden, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face, walked into a grocery store. She approached the owner of the store in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her charge a few groceries. She softly explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work, they had seven children and they needed food.

John Longhouse, the grocer, scoffed at her and requested that she leave his store at once.

Visualizing the family needs, she said, 'Please, sir, I will bring you the money just as soon as I can.'

John told her he could not give her credit since she did not have a charge account at his store.

Standing beside the counter was a customer who overheard the conversation between the two. The customer walked forward and told the grocer that he would stand good for whatever she needed for her family. The grocer said in a very reluctant voice, 'Do you have a grocery list?'

Louise replied, 'Yes, sir.' 'Okay,' he said, 'put your grocery list on the scales and whatever your grocery list weighs, I will give you that amount in groceries.'

Louise hesitated a moment with a bowed head, then she reached into her purse and took out a piece of paper and scribbled something on it. She then laid the piece of paper on the scale carefully with her head still bowed.

The eyes of the grocer and the customer showed amazement when the scales went down and stayed down.



The grocer, staring at the scales, turned slowly to the customer and said begrudgingly, 'I can't believe it.'

The customer smiled and the grocer started putting the groceries on the other side of the scales. The scale did not balance so he continued to put more and more groceries on them until the scales would hold no more. The grocer stood there in utter disgust. Finally, he grabbed the piece of paper from the scales and looked at it with greater amazement. It was not a grocery list; it was a prayer which said: 'Dear Lord, you know my needs and I am leaving this in your hands.'

The grocer gave her the groceries that he had gathered and stood in stunned silence.

Louise thanked him and left the store. The other customer handed a fifty dollar bill to the grocer and said, 'It was worth every penny of it. Only God knows how much a prayer weighs.'

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This directory is as accurate as we are able to make it at this stage, as our new parish develops new structures and ways of doing things. Please let us know if there are any errors or omissions on these pages.

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Maori Mission	Wai Stewart	902 4909
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Cath Women's League	Fay Doyle	902 3017
NCRS & RCIA	Fr Michael 902 5815	Eddie Doran 902 1074
Used Clothing	Adult Joy Woodham 298 7802	Child Joanna March 904 7350
Mission Circle	Jean Beaumont	902 1446
Passionist Family Groups	John & Corrie McCardle	904 1823
Living Aloners	Jan Dowd 905 4633	Zelda Masterton 905 9248
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Mission Gala Convenor	Tony Bevin	299 6825
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Parish Library	Robyn Cranshaw	299 0589
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B.O.T. meets at School 4th Wednesday monthly



Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd - that's Relationship!

I shall not want - that's Supply!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures - that's Rest!

He leadeth me beside the still waters - that's Refreshment!

He restoreth my soul - that's Healing!

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness - that's Guidance!

For His name sake - that's Purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death - that's Testing!

I will fear no evil - that's Protection!

For Thou art with me - that's Faithfulness!

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me - that's Discipline!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies - that's Hope!

Thou annointest my head with oil - that's Consecration!

My cup runneth over - that's Abundance!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life -
that's Blessing!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord - that's Security!

Forever - that's Eternity!

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