



Pastoral Pages

Catholic Parishes of Kapiti

St Patrick's, Paraparaumu

Our Lady of Fatima, Waikanae

Summer 2012



ONE PARISH TWO MASS CENTRES?

What's inside

Proposal from your parish administrators

News about some of our parishioners

Reflections from Cardinal Tom and Fr Jim



Editorial

As we begin the run down to Christmas and the silly season it is timely to reflect on a very full year in our two parishes. Kathleen Beaumont's papal award as well as a Catholic media award for our talented layout and computer man, Glen McCullough, are featured.

We also look to the future with reflection and comment on Archbishop John's request that our pastoral area consider two parishes becoming one. The full text of the handout to parishioners is also included.

Following Archbishop John's promulgation of an expanded Pastoral Area to include Otaki and Levin parishes, John Butterfield explains the demise of KPAC (Kapiti Pastoral Area Council).

We hope you find something of interest within these pages, even if it's only the jokes!

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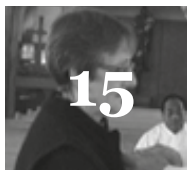
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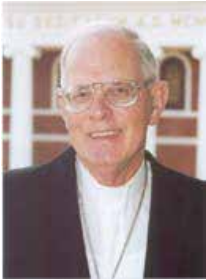
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Reflections

There has been a lot of coverage of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council in such publications as Welcom and Tui Motu, as well as across other Catholic media recently. However, we felt we could not leave it unmarked and are indebted to Cardinal Tom for sharing some thoughts..

Vatican II – Cardinal Tom’s Reflections



The Second Vatican Council was the single most important event in the life of the Church last century, and the most enduring sign

of hope for the Church in the Third Millennium. There is simply no other event in recent history, both for the Catholic Church and for Christianity as a whole, that has exerted such an influence and has given rise to as much change.

True, not all the immense hopes it raised have been fulfilled, but it was not possible to continue the degree of uniformity which had existed since the First Vatican Council of 1869-70. Nor could the deep rift which separated the Catholic Church from other Christian Churches be allowed to poison relationships between the followers of Christ.

It is also true that today, five decades on from the opening of the Council, the mission of the Church to the World confronts a series of new challenges. Western societies, including our own, are marked by the growth of secularisation, accompanied by atheism, religious indifference

and confusion in moral values. The problems of peace and war have increase. Scientific advances, for example in the field of biogenetics, pose crucial questions.

A return to pre-Conciliar approaches and disciplines is useless as a response to such challenges. I remain convinced that the deeper knowledge we have of the Council documents, and the more determined we are to implement their teaching, the better equipped we are to serve the society in which we live.

The media have had a field day when an interview Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini SJ* gave not long before his death in August, was published two months ago. In it he stated that the Church was 200 years out of date.

I have to disagree with him. Out of date, yes, but only by fifty years. The Second Vatican Council brought the Church up to date, but its teaching has yet to be fully implemented. There is unfinished business, particularly in relation to the exercise of collegiality, the status of Episcopal conferences and their relationship with the Apostolic See, the role of the Roman Curia, the autonomy of local churches, liturgical reform and the pastoral care of marriage and family. Fidelity to the Second Vatican Council will ensure that the Church is wholly up to date.

I am torn between being amused and being peeved when well-meaning people ask me whether I was at the Second Vatican Council; although well past my use-by date, I am not so ancient. However, I was present in the Basilica of St Paul-Outside-the-Walls when Pope John XXIII startled the Catholic world by declaring his intention of convening an ecumenical council. That was on January 25th, 1959, and I was a seminarian in Rome.

I went on to Ireland for post-ordination studies, but returned to Rome for Christmas 1961 and the ordination of two fellow New Zealanders. As I came away from St Peter's Basilica after a visit one morning, I saw a Vatican official setting up a small podium. A Cardinal then came to the podium and read the decree formally convoking the Council which was to commence nine months later.

I was on my way back to New Zealand when the Council commenced its

work in October 1962, and was at work in Palmerston North and the Catholic Enquiry Centre during the Council's second, third and fourth sessions. Then followed the heady years reading the Council documents and working out how best to apply them.

As Archbishop, I was privileged to represent New Zealand at the Extraordinary Synod in Rome in October 1985, called by Pope John Paul II "to authenticate, celebrate and promote the Second Vatican Council". The discussions at that meeting directly influenced my own decision to convene an Archdiocesan Synod in 1988 to align our pastoral planning to the teachings of Vatican II.

** I count it an immense privilege to have known the late Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini SJ. We were made Cardinals together by Pope John Paul II in the Consistory of 1983, and sat side by side at many a Rome ceremony and meeting.*



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One Parish or Two?

Into The Future

INTRODUCTION

In May this year Archbishop John wrote to the four parishes in our area and told us that we needed to look at the possibility of combining two parishes “as it is obvious that we will not be able to sustain all the parishes in the Archdiocese”.

There are a number of reasons why it is logical for Paraparaumu and Waikanae to become one parish, not least of which is that the two parishes have been working together as a Pastoral Area for some time, and have, in effect, been functioning as one parish since Fr. Sinclair retired.

The present position of the two parishes is not sustainable. Fr. McCabe has responsibility to the Archdiocese for two parishes, and has a Pastoral Area Council, two Finance Committees and two Pastoral Councils to attend, as well as now combined Liturgy and Sacramental committees. Combining the two parishes would ease the administrative workload and free all to better fulfill their particular ministry in Christ.

There are other factors to be considered. A major one is uncertainty over the future status of our church buildings while the earthquake risk assessment process continues. While the finances of both parishes are healthy, if extensive remedial work or relocation is required the two parishes would be better able to deal with the future together rather than separately. The other concern is the retired

priests that have been helping out on a “temporary” basis. We are, of course, deeply grateful for their generosity but feel strongly that they have truly earned their retirement. We hope that they will continue to be part of our community for many years to come.

So we need to look to the future. We have the opportunity now to work with the Archbishop in shaping the future of our Catholic church in the area.

PROPOSAL

The combined Paraparaumu and Waikanae Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Committees propose that we create a new parish with two Mass centres. This is a logical step into the future and has the added bonus of considerably reducing our priest’s administrative workload. More importantly a shared administration and greater collaboration in ministry is an essential part of our future.

Specific questions such as the name of the new parish, presbytery usage, formation of parish councils and committees will be addressed if and when the proposal is accepted by parishioners.

We are now asking parishioners to consider the proposal and give their feedback. How the consultation process will happen and timelines are set out in the last section of this document. The factors parishioners should consider are set out below.

WHAT WILL BE THE SAME?

Very little will change for most parishioners. The liturgical and sacramental life of the two communities will continue, with small groups such as prayer and study groups already existing in each community, remaining. Clearly such groups as these have a vital role in the nurturing of faith communities. In a larger parish we must not lose sight of this, indeed we must cultivate it even more.

The things we already do together will continue unchanged. So Faith Exploration (e.g. CaFE), Liturgy, Youth, Passionist Family Groups, Social Justice, sacramental programmes (including baptism), bereavement support, the newsletter, Pastoral Pages and our support for the pastoral area school will not change.

WHAT WOULD CHANGE?

There would be one Finance Committee and one Parish Pastoral

Council, i.e. one administration.

The assets of the two communities would be combined, and the collections & planned giving would be pooled. The financial situation of each community is healthy. It would be up to the new parish governance and administration to decide how the combined assets would be managed and preserved.

Each existing parish community has a vision for the future. Combined, the two communities would be able to develop and enact a new vision of how the Catholic Church in Kapiti will look as we grow and learn from one another.

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

You can be involved in a number of ways.

- If you have written comments or questions, there will be a drop box for them in the church foyers.
- In the new year you will be asked

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- Talk to any member of your Parish Pastoral Council or Finance Committee.
- Discuss the proposal with fellow parishioners and in your groups and provide feedback.
- Keep up with what's happening through the Parish newsletter, Pastoral Pages, noticeboards and www.waikanae-catholic.org.nz.

We need your feedback by beginning of February 2013.

CONSULTATION AND TIMELINE

We plan on having open meetings of parishioners in both Waikanae and Paraparaumu during February, when parishioners can be given clarification and an opportunity to question and comment.

Following these meetings, we plan on holding a combined meeting of all

Kapiti parishioners in early March to learn what it might be like to share our Catholic lives together rather than separately.

The aim is to make a decision on the proposal by the end of March. If the decision is made to proceed, then Fr. McCabe will make a recommendation to Archbishop John, and (assuming he agrees) implementation will take place during April, May and June, with the creation and celebration of the new parish taking place at Pentecost 2013. May God bless us as we consider the future of the Catholic Church in Kapiti.

Fr. Michael McCabe,

Parish Priest/Administrator

Michael Dodson, Chair, Our Lady of Fatima

Parish Pastoral Council

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Fr Jim's Been Thinking

Parish of Unity



Recently I have been thinking about Bishop John's proposal that the Paraparaumu and Waikanae Parishes be combined in a new entity. Effectively this means that the Kapiti area will revert to the situation which pertained for the thirty-one years between 1951 and 1982. Prior to 1951 both parishes were part of the Otaki Mission. After WWII there was a tremendous increase in the number of vocations to the priesthood and to religious life, probably due to the effects of the war on the spiritual life of New Zealanders. Suddenly God had become very important to us as a nation. Seminaries and Formation Houses were built to accommodate this demand. Those who completed their studies for the priesthood were ordained and posted to various parts of the Archdiocese to minister to God's people and eventually many were deemed worthy to take charge of a parish. This meant that large parishes could be divided with resident priests transferred into the new entities as Parish Priests.

Lo and behold the flow of vocations slowed, stuttered and almost ceased: parish priests grew old and died; parishioners were left without a resident priest and began to murmur about the reduction in the level of ministry now available.

We need to refer back to the Church's history within New Zealand and recognise that the manpower situation in the last three or four decades was an aberration, not the norm and accept that once again priests will be asked to serve wider communities and that parishioners will need to take up the "slack". We can count ourselves fortunate that the workload imposed on our priests is ameliorated by the vastly improved transport and communication systems of our times. No longer will priests hop on a horse and travel for weeks on end as they minister, perhaps once in six months, to their hinterland parishioners.

As we consider the future shape of our parishes we must consider what our church is called to be. It would be quite sad if we adopted a "maintenance" attitude which says that there are to be no changes whatsoever, as that will preclude any possibility for growth. I believe we are called to be a church of mission and so engender a "missionary" attitude. Only then can we hand on the Good News and tell others of all that God has done for us.

Please pray that parishioners will exercise their choices in harmony with the call to carry Christ to the Kapiti Coast!

Pastoral Area News

Pastoral Areas – the Next Stage in our Journey



When the Cardinal and Archbishop introduced pastoral areas into the archdiocese in 2003, our two parishes of Our Lady of Fatima and St. Patrick's constituted the Kapiti Pastoral Area.

Following the creation of the Kapiti Pastoral Area Council, our parishes have collaborated on many aspects of their activities. This process has gathered momentum in the last few years so that now joint bodies have been formed in the areas of, for example, Youth, Liturgy and Adult Education; we regularly hold combined events such as the CaFÉ programme and E-Conferences.

Cardinal Tom and Archbishop John said at the outset that the structure and way of operating of pastoral areas would likely be modified in the light of actual experience. Earlier this year the Archbishop asked us and the Horowhenua Pastoral Area (Otaki and Levin) to consider amalgamating. In making this request he took into account the experience to date throughout the Archdiocese and, in particular, those configurations that generally seemed to work better.

The four parish councils and the Kapiti Pastoral Area members got together in June of this year to share information and views and this was followed, in August, by a Day of Discernment at Pukekarakā, Otaki, to which all parishioners were invited.

The broad consensus was to proceed to combine into one pastoral area.

Archbishop John, having taken into account the feedback from the Kapiti/Horowhenua parishes, then advised us of his decision to form the enlarged pastoral area.

Consequently, the Kapiti Area Pastoral Council now ceases to exist and consideration is being given to the steps needed to create the new pastoral area and Pastoral Area Council. We look forward to the enriching experience of working closely with those two parishes to our immediate North.

John Butterfield

Chair, Kapiti Pastoral Area Council

Ed - This has been the main focus of both Parishes' Pastoral Councils as well as the two Finance Committees over the last few months and we are indebted to John Butterfield, Michael Dodson and Richard Ward for their hard work in progressing this.

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Our Pastoral Area School



St Patrick's Primary School

We have had a very positive and forward looking year. The children have participated in a number of social justice projects, the most significant yet again being Mission Day. This year the children had to dream; 'I wish I were...' Amidst the fun and games \$2100 was raised for Missions and Charities. This year each class is writing a proposal to the Principal for ways in which the funds could be used in the community and overseas to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

As usual a significant group of our children are participating in the sacramental programme this year. The number of families attending Mass has risen to over 30%. Please pray that more of our Catholic families will seriously consider their faith journey, have their children baptised and take part in the sacramental programme. The school roll continues to grow step by step. Places for non-Catholics are sought after and we only have a few vacancies over the next few years as senior students leave. Our children continue to 'punch above their weight' in the district academically, culturally and in the sports. This year a significant group achieved distinction and high distinction in the University

of New South Wales English, Science and Maths competitions. Our senior team was runner up in the NZ Post Book Awards Mastermind competition. A number of our senior students share their gift of music with the parish youth music team and we were the only school to have students accompanying their school in the recent district Kapa Haka hui.

The Parent Support Group has worked hard to raise funds for the school; the St Pats Day fair has become an annual event. Planning is already underway for 2013. See you there after Mass.

We have raised funds to install outside learning area, sunshades, outdoor furniture and ensure our school has modern digital learning resources and a modern learning environment - a place where they can safely use up to date technology to learn, create and share. The senior classes in particular are gaining a reputation throughout NZ for their digital learning.

We value and appreciate your on-going prayers, support and encouragement.

Martin Elms, Principal



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Youth

At the end of October 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 and youth.

At the end of November youth from Levin, Otaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Plimmerton will gather together to enjoy each other's company, and for many to celebrate the end of their NCEA exams, with a BBQ and games evening at Otaihanga Domain. Please pray for fine weather for us!

We are gearing up for our annual G.U.Y.S. Camp (School Years 8 – 13) at Palm Grove, Paraparaumu from Friday 30th November to Sunday 2nd December. Our theme is Living in Faith. 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 the Sunday at St Patrick's Parish and afterwards share homemade 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 afterwards.

Finally, we now have a Lectio Divina Group for our young adults. They have

been meeting fortnightly since the beginning of October. The group is growing steadily. Please encourage those around you to join them and keep them in your prayers. For more information contact the Youth Office.

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 02267 57 357.

Jacqui McLaughlin

Bi-cultural & Multi-cultural

A Reflection on Celebrating Te Maori Miha over the past Two Years

There have been some memorable occasions and some not worthy to mention, that I have experienced over the past two years when celebrating our Maori Miha in the main body of St Patrick's on a regular basis within the liturgical calendar of our Parish.

We started slowly, gradually introducing the chants, prayers and hymns; nurturing te reo among you, our fellow parishioners. When the new Missal was finally introduced this year we all had to learn the new responses, wording and the music! This has been a huge learning experience for all of us.

I have found many similarities between some of the structures, protocols and traditions practiced within our Catholic faith and those practiced in Maoridom. The challenge



has been bringing the two traditions forward into the modern world without losing the essence or identity of what we truly believe in.

Change brings about further change whether it be in the way we adapt to the change around us or in our mindset towards the Catholic Church and its teachings. Some of the changes have been more challenging than others I have to admit, and more changes will continue to challenge our faith in the near future. However, I am confident that God is with us on our journey in this Year of Faith.

One of the most rewarding outcomes of this journey has been the unconditional love and the support received from Fr. Michael, Bill Borkin and the music group, Lafaele Valuega for his inspiration and computer skills, our small Maori community for their aroha and total commitment, and finally, from all our parishioners

within our catholic community through their participation and acceptance in celebrating the Blessed Eucharist with us.

Another has been the emergence of both the Kiribati and Philippine communities celebrating the Blessed Eucharist in their own language within our parish.

We, as Catholics, have developed into a caring multicultural community within the past two years and may we continue to be as accepting and grow in our faith as we expand our Pastoral Area of Kapiti-Horowhenua.

Whakapainga te Atua e whakamine nei a tatou

Blessed be God who calls us together
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Mission Gala 2012

A “Thank you” and a reflection on the Mission Gala

The continuing success of the Mission gala is one example of how the Parishes of our Pastoral Area are committed to working together for a common cause, in this case to support the work of our Presentation Sisters. This is a very practical and effective expression of our Christianity and the social justice teaching of the Church, following in the footsteps of Nano Nagle. It is a way of expressing our gratitude to the Lord for what we have and enjoy and trying to share some of our benefits with others in far greater need.

So many people help in so many ways; with making, collecting, storing and sorting beforehand, as well as setting up and selling (and buying!). There are also those, individuals, families and businesses who donate money and goods for the stalls and the raffles. And of course those who

pray for a fine day and for the success of the Gala.



This year we had to sadly farewell two long serving workers, Kath McCartain and Dora Reipen, but were delighted to welcome new helpers with new ideas, as well as the youth group who helped with setting up and cleaning up. We also had a very successful auction which will be a feature for next year. More helpers are always welcome! We were very fortunate to be able to get some more publicity and we are open to more ideas on how to attract sponsors and customers on the day.

On behalf of the Presentation Sisters here and in PNG and South America, a very heartfelt “thank you” for the money raised, which the Sisters use to provide education and pastoral and health care for their communities, and for the wonderful work from all our supporters.

Joan O’Dea and Tony Bevin



*Photos taken on the day
Top left - Sr. Breda
Above - Puzzle anyone?*

Introducing Parish Groups & People

Kathleen Beaumont

For her dedication to her role as Parish Secretary at St Patrick's and her care of the priests and seminarians, Kathleen Beaumont has been awarded the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross* by Pope Benedict XVI.

The award was presented to her by Archbishop John Dew during Mass at St Patrick's on August 21 in the presence of her husband Tom, her daughter Deborah and partner Gerry Kenna, grandson Aiden and parishioners.



It was acknowledged during the Mass that Kathleen had made a remarkable contribution to St Patrick's. In addition to being instrumental in the running of the parish she also provided a wide variety of service, from help with budgeting and shopping for elderly parishioners to assisting new parishioners with much needed information on their arrival.

For someone who usually has her finger on the pulse, Kathleen admitted she had been completely surprised and honoured by the presentation of the Papal award. Like other parishioners she had responded to the invitation to attend Mass to hear a "special announcement" from the Archbishop, only to be the subject of the announcement, honoured with the presentation of the award and with words of blessing and thanks from both Archbishop John and Fr Michael.

Kathleen and Tom arrived in Paraparaumu with their three children - Deborah, Michael and Richard - in 1978 and 11 years ago they moved to the parish of Our Lady of Fatima in Waikanae.



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Kathleen with her award, proud family & Fr. Michael

For almost 26 years she has worked as parish secretary, carrying out the administrative work and answering phone calls and doorbells, often being the first point of call for people contacting the parish. Because the office and presbytery are an integrated house, she has worked closely with the parish priests, assistants and seminarians.

Highlights she recalled were the celebrations for Monsignor John Carde's 50 years celebration of his ordination to the priesthood and Fr Bruce England's 25th anniversary.

The Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross (For the Church and the Pope) was established by Pope Leo XIII in 1888, to commemorate his Golden Jubilee. The obverse depicts the Apostles, Saints Peter and Paul. On the left arm of the cross is the inscription Pro Ecclesia, on the right arm of the cross is Et Pontifice. At the point of the top arm of the cross is the Papal coat of arms. The reverse depicts a Greek cross.

Glen McCullough

Congratulations are due to one of our Pastoral Pages team members, Glen McCullough of Our Lady of Fatima Parish who is our layout expert.

In September Glen received the Australasian Catholic Press Assn (ACPA) award for "Best Magazine Layout and Design" for his work on the newly designed Marist Messenger.

The judge in his citation said: *"the magazine successfully overcame limitations of size. Layout and design showed energy and purpose with strong use of photographs and graphics supported by a judicious placement of colour. There was a good use of pleasing white space which helped enhance type faces and headings to good effect."*

Glen has worked for the Marist Messenger for "five or six years" and says he has been trying to win this award for a long time.

The overall look of the Marist Messenger is designed by a team of layout artists and Glen follows their specifications "with licence", he says. "Ultimately the final say is up to me."

Glen's layout skills are self-taught from the time in the 1980s when he was working for The Bible Society and wished to send out a newsletter.

In 2003 he published a book for The Bible Society and says he would like to do it over, given the many new skills he has acquired.

Subscribers to the Marist Messenger will appreciate the beautiful images

of stained glass windows used throughout the pages. Most of these are from Glen's own collection of more than 3000 photographs he has taken on his travels.


Ed: He also manages to put together fantastic looking issues of Pastoral Pages, which he somehow manages to create out of the material I send him, and is also the person behind our local Catholic website www.waikanae-catholic.org.nz. Congratulations Glen. You put an enormous amount of time into working within our two parishes in a variety of different ways and we are thrilled that you've been recognised in this way.



Glen receiving his award from Archbishop Dew

Associates

What are Associates? What is their role? Every religious order seems to have them, so we've asked parishioners who are Associates to explain. This issue we begin with the Presentation Associates, the order which has played such a huge role in our local Catholic faith journey. These Sisters travelled out from Ireland to found our Pastoral



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Area school and are the motivating force behind the Mission Gala. They continue to have a presence, especially in St Patrick's Parish.

Presentation Associates

Associates are friends of the Presentation Sisters, attracted and fired with the charism and spirit of Nano Nagle, who feel called to make a commitment to live out the Presentation charism in their personal and professional lives. The Associate movement was a work of the Spirit whose members were invited to an ever deeper living of the Christian life and to participate more actively in the Presentation Mission.

Our purpose as Associates here in New Zealand is:

1. to support one another to recognize and embrace the Presentation Charism and Spirituality.
2. to work for justice structures in society, using the ideals of Nano Nagle in our modern world.
3. to welcome all, especially the marginalized and oppressed.
4. to support the Sisters and the Missions at home and overseas, as well as support local projects when needed.
5. to pray, share and enjoy each other's company.

Nano Nagle, Foundress of "The Presentation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary", dedicated her life to others. She was a visionary ahead of her time. She identified the needs of all people, all generations, and founded

an organisation that could help.

We give thanks for all those unnamed women who followed that dream, whose lives of dedication to others led our Sisters and inspire Associates to where we are today. It is a common road, a shared path, and our own Sisters, Associates/Friends of Nano here on the Kapiti Coast, are walking in the same footsteps as Nano did all those years ago.

It is Nano's legacy, left to the Sisters and Associates/Friends of Nano, that keep her work a living vision:

"If I could be of any service in saving souls in any part of the globe, I would willingly do all in my power"

Nano Nagle.

The Presentation Sisters' vocation is universal and it has a timeless place amongst us, now seemingly needed even more. Over two and a half centuries later, the vision of Nano Nagle is alive, truly blessed by the hand of God.

Presentation Day is celebrated on 21 November.

Judith Salmon and Margaret Bevin



Charismatic Prayer Group
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Recent Events

Andrew Bell



On Friday 9th November Andrew Bell retired after 10 years of faithful ministry as Sacristan at St. Pats. At morning tea following Mass, Fr. Michael presented Andrew with a gift from the Parish. Thank you Andrew, from us all, for your dedication to this Ministry.

Sacramental Programme



These children, together with their parents, have been busy preparing for their First Eucharist which will be held on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Saints

With All Saints and All Souls recently celebrated, we pause to reflect on sainthood as espoused by a saint-in-waiting and through a tribute paid to one of our recently departed saints.

A Tribute to Sr Mary Quittenden

Some years ago I had an old friend in one of the local rest homes. Because of both alcoholism and an aneurism, she gradually lost the power of speech, eventually losing it completely. She lived with a foolscap pad and on this she wrote her messages. She was enormously angry with the world and her lot and was abusive to everyone, especially her own family.

I introduced her to several members of her church. They told me she was difficult. Well, we all knew that.

I introduced her to Sister Mary. From then until her death, some years later, Sr Mary visited her regularly every week. She comforted her, soothed her, prayed with her and even made her little special custards and jellies. In fact, at times, Sr Mary was the only trusted person in this poor tortured soul's life.

I saw then, and I remember now, sanctity in action.

Name supplied.

Acceptance

“Not my will but Thy will be done.” (Matt 26:39b)

During my life there have been many times when I have not liked the direction that my life was taking. In fact, I strongly resisted God's will in my life. It has been a constant challenge to pray 'Thy will be done'. Many times the Serenity Prayer has been on my lips –
Lord grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the Courage to change the things I can and the Wisdom to know the difference.

A calling 'home' to our maker is the biggest event in anyone's life and on October 5th that big event started for

me and by October 10th I had my invitation to Heaven. I was diagnosed with inoperable cancer.

Now the Serenity Prayer is again on my lips. This time no resistance, just a peaceful acceptance. At seventy-five years of age I have had my three score years and ten. Through prayer and study of God's Word, I now fully realise the joy that is still to come.

Thanks to all of you who are praying for me for a complete cure through the intercession of Mother Suzanne Aubert.

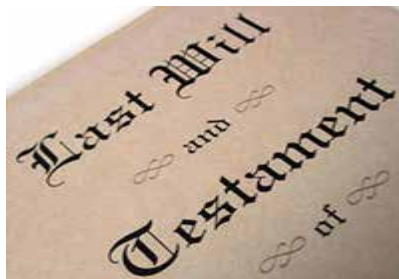
I am still being called 'home'.

Many of you who read this are personal friends from prayer groups, Passionist family groups, scripture studies and committees. We have sung, planned, laughed, eaten, put on skits, celebrated birthdays and cried together. I have been so blessed. Others who read this are friends I have yet to meet in this world on the next. Thanks everyone for cards and flowers. May my recent event and joyous coming event of going 'home' inspire you, the readers, to pray and study more deeply the Word of God.

"Rejoice because your names are registered in Heaven." (Luke 10:20b)

Mary Dorrington

Ed: Bon voyage, Mary with our love and our grateful thanks for the many services you have given us over the years.



Bequests

Are you thinking about or planning a bequest?

A gift to your Parish's building and development fund would help to secure the future of our churches here in Kapiti.

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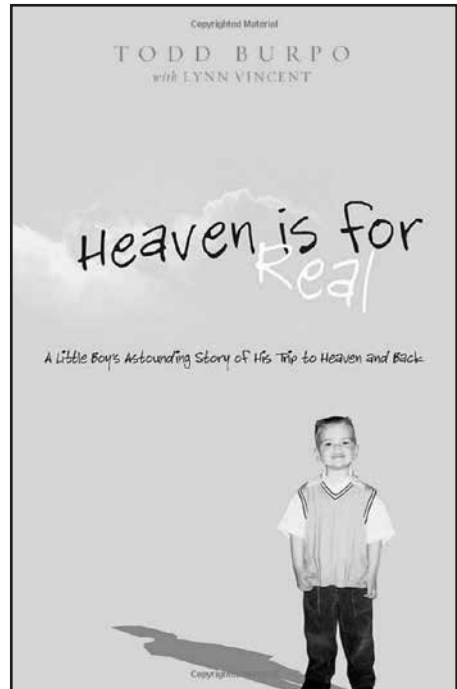
Book Review

“Heaven is For Real” by Todd Burpo

You will be deeply touched by this simply told story about Heaven by a little boy. Colton, not quite four, died and left his body only to return after an amazing experience of the joys that await us after death. With his limited vocabulary he was able to describe his meetings with family members he hadn't known, including a little girl who looked rather like his sister Cassie; she hugged him and said: “I am your sister - I died in my mummy's tummy”. Sonia, his mother, had of course never told him she had a miscarriage when she was 2 months pregnant. When Colton asked her name she said, “I haven't got a name' because you guys didn't give her one. But she's O.K. mummy cause God adopted her No mummy, not Jesus, his Dad.”

He goes on to describe his experiences of meeting Jesus, “ He has very pretty eyes, and He has red marks on his hands and on his feet.” This from a little boy who has never seen a crucifix. He pointed to the centre of his palms and the tops of his feet.

With the innocence and plain spoken boldness of a child, Colton describes Jesus, the angels, how really, really big God is, and how much God loves us. He also tells us that in heaven nobody is old and nobody wears glasses. This superb little book will reassure the many women who have



had miscarriages and bring healing to those who have had an abortion. It will encourage those who doubt or have a fear of death and bless those who believe.

It is a New York Times Bestseller with over 5 million copies in print.

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those that love him.”
1Cor2:9

Margaret Bergman

Light Relief

The Five Finger Prayer

This is beautiful and it is surely worth making the 5 finger prayer a part of our lives.

1. **Your thumb** is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty.'

2. The **next finger** is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The **next finger** is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide

public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The **fourth finger** is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. And lastly comes our **little finger** - the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, 'The least shall be the greatest among you.' Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.



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Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited - until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

The Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

If a church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.

God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead, so why should you?

Some minds are like concrete - thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Don't give God instructions, just report for duty!



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Coming Events

Waikanae Advent Lunch

Waikanae PPC thinks no person, adult or child should miss the blessings and joys of Christmas. So we are organising an Advent Lunch on 16th December to be held in the Waikanae War Memorial Hall from 12:30 to 3pm.

The aim is to entertain, to enjoy combined fellowship and to fundraise to help those in need this Christmas. There will be Christmas fare and a legend broadcaster will speak. There will be a couple of raffles, sponsorship opportunities and an auction, all to be held in the space of 20 minutes or so.

People from both parishes attending the luncheon will be asked to bring a branded wrapped gift that can be put under the tree and distributed by St. Vincent de Paul, to those less fortunate this Christmas.

Tickets are: Adults \$20 per head, children, under 12 years old, who will be dining and entertained separately \$10 per head. Because of the Hall capacity, we are limited to the first 250 registrations.

If you have quality goods or services for the auction they would be most appreciated. Call Glen 2931747.

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Other Parish Organisations

Rest Home Liturgy Services	Faith Outreach Convener Nonie Hoggard	293 3328
Women's Guild	Sr.Barbara Henley	904 6112
	Meets every 2nd Monday of every month except January	
St Vincent de Paul President	Audrey Ulrich	293 3932
	Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month except January	
Passionist Family Groups	Jenny & Mark McGlone	904 7451
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	2nd & 4th Wednesday Evening Group Glen McCullough	293 1747
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Music	Bill Borkin			904 7464
Altar Servers	Rene Barker			905 1736
Eucharist Ministers for the sick	Eddie Doran			902 1074
Masses of Anointing	Colleen King			905 5913
Church Cleaning Roster	Parish Office			902 5815
Church Flowers	Joyce Haughey			905 4467
Sanctuary & Brass	Nancy Lewin			905 6388
Bereavement Mass	Marie Huxford			299 0650
Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation	Kath Garton			904 9341
Engaged Couples (Foccus)	Doug & Mary Fake			904 6290
Baptisms & Bereavements	Merle Whiteman			904 1855
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St Vincent de Paul	Rebecca Thomson			905 4675
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Family Ministry	June Brunton			298 6266
Bereavement Support	Cynthia Scott			905 1124
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Justice & Peace	Peter Ryan			902 6330
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Parish Library	Robyn Cranshaw			299 0589
Prayer Chain	M. Butterfield	902 8596	Gill Doran	902 1074
Statue & Pilgrimage	Neil Garton (sound)	904 9341	Geoff Mettrick	904 2623
Presentation Associates	Margaret Bevin			299 6825
Home Visits	Joyce Haughey			905 4467

The Cracked Pot

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots. Each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.



After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. 'I am ashamed of myself because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.'

The old woman smiled, 'Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path and every day while we walk back, you water them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are there would not be this beauty to grace the house.'

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. We've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

So, to all of my cracked pot friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path!

