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Our Lady of Fatima, Waikanae

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Editorial

Welcome to the Winter 2011 issue of Pastoral Pages. We hope you enjoy reading through it.

Our theme for this issue is Vatican II. Whilst younger parishioners will have no idea what the fuss is about, older parishioners will perhaps have been wondering whether the “open window” that Pope John 23rd spoke about has now been shut. Fr John Broadbent has written about this topic

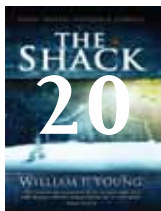
in *Welcom* and now he comments for us. Fr Jim also puts his thoughts down, as do a couple of Parishioners. We hope you find it thought provoking.

We have the usual updates from KPAC (Kapiti Pastoral Area Council) and PPCs as well as from various Pastoral Area Teams. The Bi-Cultural Group gives us some background to “Why the Maori Miha?”.

We have been asked about including a Letters to the Editor section. Rather, the Team has agreed that if people felt strongly enough about an issue, they were at liberty to submit an article for consideration for inclusion.

God Bless – Anna and the Editorial Team.

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Prayer after an Earthquake

Let us continue to uphold Christchurch as they begin to rebuild.

Lord, at times such as this,
when we realize that the ground beneath our feet
is not as solid as we had imagined,
we plead for your mercy.

As the things we have built crumble about us,
we know too well how small we truly are
on this ever-changing, ever-moving,
fragile planet we call home.
Yet you have promised never to forget us.
Do not forget us now.

Today, so many people are afraid.
They wait in fear of the next tremor.
They hear the cries of the injured amid the rubble.
They roam the streets in shock at what they see.
And they fill the dusty air with wails of grief
and the names of missing dead.

Comfort them, Lord, in this disaster.
Be their rock when the earth refuses to stand still,
and shelter them under your wings when homes no longer exist.

Embrace in your arms those who died so suddenly this day.
Console the hearts of those who mourn,
and ease the pain of bodies on the brink of death.

Pierce, too, our hearts with compassion,
we who watch from afar,
as the poorest on this side of the earth
find only misery upon misery.
Move us to act swiftly this day,
to give generously every day,
to work for justice always,
and to pray unceasingly for those without hope.

And once the shaking has ceased,
the images of destruction have stopped filling the news,
and our thoughts return to life's daily rumblings,
let us not forget that we are all your children
and they, our brothers and sisters.
We are all the work of your hands.

For though the mountains leave their place
and the hills be tossed to the ground,
your love shall never leave us,
and your promise of peace will never be shaken.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
now and forever.

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Theme: Vatican II

Some Thoughts on Vatican II

Vatican II, the great leap forward to propel the church into the 20th century, seems to have slowed almost to a halt.

Pope John 23 did what he said he would do. He opened the windows of the church and let in the fresh air. Sadly, since his death in 1963, first with Paul VI and then with John Paul II, and in present times to some extent, Benedict XVI, there has been an opening and shutting of those windows.

This has left not only the people looking into our church from the outside, but a large proportion of the faithful inside, wondering what on earth is going on.

For those of us who remember, it was a time of upheaval and the changes were momentous. From a faith of personal piety governed by detailed rules and regulations we moved swiftly to one more concerned with loving our neighbour and listening to the dictates of our own consciences. A liturgy preserved since the early days of the church was revolutionised and the mass said in our own languages. From a ghetto community walled in since the Reformation, (remember when it was a serious sin to be present at a Protestant service?) we broke out and embraced our non-Catholic sisters and brothers. Approaches were made to heal the rifts with the Orthodox churches

and efforts made to come to a closer understanding with Islam.

Today it is only in the area of closer relations with other faiths that we have continued to move forward, with continuing dialogue with the Orthodox and Muslim religions.

Despite all the above, good things have come out of the Council, but not enough or soon enough. Suddenly the emphasis is on the discovery of a new interpretation of a few words and phrases in the liturgy of the mass, which on the surface have had little impact on the growth of the church or the faith of those left practising.

Today we have few vocations for the brothers or nuns and also the priesthood. The “Y” generation have deserted the church and the deeper faith and commitment is now left to a dying generation.

It’s time for the church to take a closer look at these major issues which have arisen since Vatican II, and return to the spirit of Pope John 23. We need to address the problems which hinder people – separated, divorced or single parents – coming back to the church. How about a real and meaningful drive to allow some – or most – of our suffering and excluded members to come back and experience the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ?

The fact is that the church is becoming increasingly irrelevant to a changing

society – particularly the changed appreciation of women's roles . And if the church becomes irrelevant to society, society will ignore it.

Patrick Haughey and Bill Lambert

Vatican II and Pope John's Social Teaching

In the preface to "Pope John and his Revolution" E. E. Y. Hales wrote in 1965:

"...no Pope, in the whole of papal history, has ever made so made so many specific and practical suggestions in the realm of social organization as Pope John made in *Mater et Magistra* and in *Pacem in Terris*. ... no four years of papal history have seen such major policy changes as Pope John made. During his short reign he reversed both the international and the Italian policy of the Papacy. ... he had no blue-print for the reform of the Church; he left that to the Council, after showing the bishops where to look for it. "

How many people in the Church today are familiar with the two encyclicals? Even more crucially, how many appreciate their significance and bear them in mind? Pope John expected the Bishops to heed these encyclicals in their Council deliberations but it would appear both were to some degree headed off, downgraded and superseded within the Council. Perhaps, as with other encyclicals before them, they did not fit the mould.

The Bishops had welcomed the opportunity Pope John gave them but

they were to become absorbed in the questions of their own powers and in the introduction of the vernacular in the liturgy. As a result the schema for *Gaudium et Spes* (The Church in the Modern World) was not considered by the Council until its third session.

Gaudium et Spes "resolutely addresses not only the Sons of the Church and all who call upon the name of Christ, but the whole of humanity as well and it longs to set forth the way it understands the presence and function of the Church in the world of today." (G & S n 2) But what relevance does Church now have for the world and its affairs? Does the Church constantly seek new ways to relate or is it content to rest on its laurels? Are our leaders so concerned with internal politics that the Church's rapport with the world suffers?

I believe that the Church should continue along the path shown to us by Pope John and that we as Catholics need to study and adopt the teachings of *Gaudium et Spes* in the light of the guidance he provided in his encyclicals. If we don't – who will?

E. E. Y. Hales again:

"It will remain important that Pope John opened the window. But we shall have to recognize that he found no way of fastening it open; that it is tending to close again. "

Fr Jim



The Future of Vatican II

The problem in talking about the future of Vatican II is that there is a possibility of several interpretations.

All documents received 90% or more of the bishops' votes, showing a consensus and unanimity which is their strength. The bishops were helped by some of the leading theologians in the Church, because change does not come easily for any of us and for older bishops especially, sweeping changes were being voted upon. My point in writing the articles in *Welcom* was to show this process and the number of battles and differences on the floor of the Council that led to the passing of the documents. Sometimes the battles were bitter; but the vast majority of the bishops, through the debates,

came to see where the changes could be beneficial.

However the conservative bishops used a ploy, when they saw their cause was lost, of inserting paragraphs which gave a more conservative interpretation of what was being passed, or re-iterated the old doctrines. Because the bishops wanted to get home and not be bogged down by debating paragraphs that didn't actually contradict the main doctrine or opinion they were passing, they wanted to move on and did so. However, after the Council, these paragraphs could be employed to give a more conservative interpretation of a given passage modifying the teaching. I say this because interpreters of Vatican II always say interpret what is the main thrust of the document, just as scripture scholars say draw out the

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context in the Bible, rather than quote one passage and build a whole theory on it, as some fundamentalists do.

I start with this caution because if you answer the question "What is the future of Vatican II?" the more liberal theologians say the last few decades have witnessed a dampening down of the documents that gave such euphoria in the sixties and early seventies. The conservatives say many 'liberals' went overboard with their practices after Vatican II and need to be reigned in. Most of us are in between.

Many want to have a Vatican II to put an authentic stamp on what is to be taught. On both the Liberal and Conservative side there are extremes. The danger of this is the mentality "My opinion is the only right one. The others are entirely wrong." The only cure in a polarised parish is for

both sides to talk out their differences and respect each other's opinions, even if not agreeing with them, and try and work together. With the priest shortage, the laity will have more and more say but still respect authority.

One of the great Catholic theologians of the twentieth century, Karl Rahner, said the Church of the 21st Century will be smaller in numbers but more contemplative in its prayer. The lay movements are each going deeper into prayer and we can only hope and pray it will give rise in the Church to a deeper spirituality of each member of the priesthood of the laity, respecting the diversity of others' opinions within Catholic traditions and viewpoints.

All we really know is that Jesus said that He will be with His Church until the end of time.

Fr John Broadbent, Eastbourne

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

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Pastoral Area News

Updates from our Councils



Pastoral Area Council

A number of issues have been exercising the minds of KPAC members over the last few meetings, in particular:

What 'collaboration' means in concrete terms in the context of our two parishes. Having arrived at a shared understanding of what it is (and what it is not), we can bring about the most effective joint activity for the common good of all our parishioners.

Areas of significant potential for joint activity have been identified, in particular Adult Education, Youth and Liturgy. There are, of course, others which are already fruitful or could be so in the future.

The Pastoral Area Youth Committee presented a most thoughtful paper on progress to date on plans whereby parish-centred strategies develop into cross-parish ones – this was endorsed by the KPAC and will be followed by specific plans to be developed by the Youth Committee.

As mentioned above, the KPAC identified Adult Education as a key area to focus on – one which offers great potential for collaboration.

While there remains much work to do and joint solutions are not simple, presentations to the Council by the parish Adult Education representatives reflect the considerable efforts

expended to date.

The Council feels that it would be useful for observers from our neighbouring Pastoral Area (Horowhenua, being Otaki and Levin parishes) to be present at our meetings. In this way we could explore whether there is value in sharing some activities. An invitation has been extended.

The retirement of Fr. Owen in June and the subsequent appointment of Fr. Michael as Administrator of Waikanae parish, stimulated an initial discussion concerning the role of the KPAC in supporting Fr. Michael over the remainder of the year. The Council will give further consideration to how best to assist in this process.

John Butterfield, Chair, KPAC

Paraparaumu PPC

Kia ora Parish whanau

Firstly, on behalf of the Parish, a huge thank you to all those involved in and preparing for the Easter liturgies last month, especially Fr Michael and the liturgy team. Your commitment, discernment and many hours of work is appreciated by us all.

Secondly, it is obviously not a surprise to know that we face more significant change over the next twelve months with the well earned retirement of Fr Owen just up the road. However,

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unlike last year, this change is long term and not just for a couple of months. Building on the work over the past few years and the very recent experience of Fr Michael's sabbatical, the PPC helicopter is looking ahead at how we take the next steps to thrive in this new reality.

In particular, the PPC, every Group, and every Parishoner needs to be looking at what we are doing now and how we are doing it – are we open to change; can we co-ordinate amongst ourselves better; is what we are doing actually creating a loving, caring, faith community.

Most important over the next twelve months will be growing the role of the laity, all of us, and reducing the demands and expectations that we place on our decreasing numbers of priests.

How we do this as a Parish, in a well co-ordinated way and working together will be the focus for the PPC over the next few months and we would love to hear your thoughts and ideas. Catch us after mass, give us a ring or drop us an e-mail.

Ka kite

Richard Ward, Chair, St Patrick's PPC

Waikanae Parish Pastoral Council

The up-coming retirement of Father Owen Sinclair as Parish Priest of the Waikanae Parish has repercussions which will play out over the next several months.

The Parish Council met with the Appointments Committee in early April, and we called a Parish

meeting for the 8th May, to discuss the implications of Father Owen's retirement in more detail.

This Meeting was attended by over 100 parishioners. Father Michael McCabe was introduced as Administrator of the Parish, with effect from the 12th June, 2011, and Mary-Ann Greaney spoke as Pastoral Area representative for the Archdiocese.

Not only was Father Michael warmly welcomed, the parish also pledged him its loyalty and total support.

A roster of retired and serving Priests will assist with supplying sacramental and spiritual services to the two Parishes over the next several months, until such time as the Appointments Committee recommends a more permanent solution to the Archbishop.

As there is a desperate shortage of priests it is more likely that a Lay pastoral Leader will be appointed to the Kapiti Pastoral Area.

The Parish meeting was called to also give parishioners the opportunity to ask questions and get answers from the people who will be directly involved. It was a great success.

....Michael Dodson, Chair, Waikanae PPC



Our Pastoral Area School

St Patrick's Primary School



The principal, Martin Elms, is on sabbatical this term. We look forward to his return with lots of new ideas and renewed enthusiasm.

Please pray for our young ones and their teachers at the school.

Youth

Hi all.



The year is moving very quickly and we are already at the end of Term 1.

Our youth groups are up and running – G.U.Y.S. continues to run fortnightly, bringing together college age youth in fun & fellowship. J-Team has begun again after a year's hiatus. It runs monthly events on the first Friday of every month, 6.30-8.00pm in Grace Hall, centered round games with a dash of teaching. Our most recent event brought together 37 Year 6-8 Primary School children who have made Easter Bags containing an Easter Prayer plus jelly beans to go to the Children's Liturgy Children at the Palm Sunday Mass.

Our younger Parishioners are also catered for with Fun Time music running weekly through the term. They finished the term with an Easter Egg hunt.

One of the highlights of this term has been our March Camp for college age youth. The 38 campers learned how to put the theme of Priest, Prophet

& King into their daily lives. An awesome event for all those involved. We hope you saw the write-up on the back page of the April Welcom.

Next term Youth Bible Study for all college age and above is starting again. It runs on alternate Sunday's during term time from 6.30-7.30pm in Grace Hall, St. Patrick's School.

Thanks to all who have and continue to help with Youth Ministry. Your prayers, donations and time continue to be greatly appreciated by our youth and the Youth Ministry Team.

All enquiries to Debbie
kapiti.youth@gmail.com

A quote for the day: 'We cannot always build the future for our youth but we can build the youth for our future.'

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Adult Faith Exploration

You'll notice we've undergone a bit of a name change to hopefully better reflect what this group is on about. We've also followed quite a steep learning curve over recent months as we've looked at ways the two parishes can work together and we're looking forward to developing this more as we go along.



e-conference: At the time of writing this was still to happen on the topic of the Holy Spirit.

"I don't know why more people don't support this. It's really great material."

What is an e-conference? Presenters are 'beamed out' from Australia via

the marvels of modern technology and are received live on a TV screen at Our Lady of Fatima, where YOU can watch together with others. After each presentation, a person at our local venue will facilitate a discussion amongst those gathered on the presentation just viewed.

Look out for the next one in September.

Sacramental Series: For those of us who need a refresher course on the modern way of thinking about these wonderful gifts we have in our faith. Dates will be advertised closer to the time but the plan is to run three evenings (one in each of June, July & August) covering all the sacraments except the Eucharist. This omission is because there are plans afoot to delve more deeply into the Mass, which will include a closer look at Eucharist. This is likely to happen in 2012.

CaFÉ: An opportunity to gather together in a pretty informal way, watch a DVD on a topic to do with our faith and then have a chat about it over a cuppa. These are programmed to happen towards the end of the year. CaFÉ stands for Catholic Faith Exploration.

Te Wairua Kotahi (Maori Spirituality)

Please note the name change for this group. This group planned the Pukekarakara Day last year. It has now expanded and is responsible for assisting Marguerite Osborne in her role as Maori Advisor to Fr Michael and the Parish Pastoral Council and



with the Maori *Miha*.

This prayer shows the thinking behind the name change. The title means *The Unity of One Spirit*, and embodies the ethos of this group.

Te Wairua Kotahi

E te Atua e aroha mai ana ki a matou,
God who loves each of us;

Ko ou iwi katoa hei iwi mo matou,
All your people are our people,

Awhinatia matou, ki te marama tetahi
ki tetahi,
Help us to understand each other,

Kia whakapaingia tou Hahi,
Let your Church be blessed,

E mahi tahi ana I roto I te kominio
tuturu.

*As we work together in true
communion.*

Amene
Amen

Miha: Whilst the *Miha* are held in St Patrick's Parish it is recognised that this is Pastoral Area in scope. *Miha* are held on the third Saturday or Sunday, alternating each month.

The *Miha* with explanations: Feedback suggests it is timely to do some educating / informing / upskilling of the congregation. Therefore, beginning at the May & June *Miha*, time will be spent on this, covering topics such as:

1. WHY – Why are we doing the *Miha*? Why Te Reo? (why not Tagalog or Dutch?) Why is it important?
2. What are the differences / values / principles being manifested in *Miha*

(and are not in English Mass)?

3. Pronunciation – may also include an analysis of words.

4. Choose 2-3 *karakia* or *waiata* and slo-mo these e.g. Our Father, the final prayer


Focus areas and likely dates:

1. WHY
Sat May 21st / Sun June 19th
2. *Karanga* (entrance)
Sat July 16th / Sun Aug 21st
3. *Mihi* and the dead
Sat Sept 18th / Sun Oct 16th
4. *Karanga* (consecration)
Sat Nov 20th / Sun Dec 18th
5. Our Father
Sat Feb 18th / Sun March 18th

Future topics to be determined as we progress through but could include *Tikanga* (protocol), *hakari* (feast), *honohonotanga* (uniting everyone).

A new booklet had been developed which will also help further explain some of the differences in the *Miha* and is available at the *Miha*.





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Recently involved in representations to Tuariki Delamere, Immigration Consultant, to have a stay of 12 months for the Ram family. Mr Delamere made a comment that such representations have an immense effect when lobbying for justice in these issues,

On-going discussion of Welfare Justice and the submissions of the Alternative Welfare Working Group

The group wrote to the Observer Newspaper congratulating both New World and Pak N Save Supermarkets for choosing to sell Fair Trade bananas.

In response to a request from a parishioner, the group have been successful in having the Homelessness Workshop (recently presented to the Social Justice Hui, at Viard College) presented here in our Pastoral Area.

The Homelessness Workshop will be presented in the foyer of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, on Friday, 17th June at 7pm. The workshop will be no more than 1 hour long and appeals to all age groups, especially to young people who will choose to move away from home for the purposes of work or study and have to face the problems of finding accommodation.

To find out more about this group phone Des Horan (Waikanae) on 904 8086 or Sheila Fergusson (Paraparaumu) on 902 2578.

Des Horan

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Kay Blackburn, CWL National
International Secretary for WUCWO

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Waikanae Conference

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The principal work of the Members is visitation to sick or incapacitated Parishioners in rest homes, retirement villages and in private homes.



Masses are offered regularly for deceased Members and Benefactors.

We rely on the generosity of our Parishioners and other supporters for financial aid in order to undertake our work. As a result of appeals and other donations we have been able to send a total of \$2050 to Vincentian Appeals for people affected by the Christchurch Earthquakes and the Pike River disaster in Greymouth. In addition we have contributed recently to Appeals for Tokelau education and for Sri Lankan rebuilding projects.

On the first weekend of each month a food collection is taken up at Masses. The food from this collection is largely given to Father Pene at Holy Family Parish in Porirua East to assist him with his work among the many refugee families in his Parish. The cash from the collection goes to the Missionaries of Charity who also work in Porirua East. The Waikanae Parish is involved in a quarterly collection for the Otaki Food Bank and we contribute to this.

We receive a considerable amount of clothing, furniture and household items from Deceased Estates and from people downsizing their homes. Some of these items are used locally, but most are collected by the St Vincent de Paul shop in Porirua.

We meet in the Parish Meeting Room after 9 30 am Mass on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Meetings are over within 45 minutes. We are actively seeking new Members to assist with our works

of charity. Just come along to one of our meetings and you will be warmly welcomed.

Paraparaumu Conference

The Paraparaumu Branch of St Vincent de Paul is "People helping People". We have five key focus areas: operating a foodbank and delivering food to those in need; budget advice and support; sourcing furniture for people in need; visiting and talking with people who need our support and providing information; advice and support to people within our Parish and our community.

Over the coming months we will be linking into the other great services our Parish offers, continuing our spiritual renewal days and re-starting Young Vinnies at St Patrick's School in Term three. Young Vinnies is a great way for children to become involved in 'service' to those in need with care

and dignity through many and varied tasks including supporting foodbank appeals, meeting parishioners in resthomes and supporting a community garden.

With the help of our Parish and community over the last three months we have:

- supported families with 85 food parcels and vouchers
- made contact and visited 289 individuals and families and;
- transported 63 individuals and families.

Paraparaumu Branch operates with sixteen members so if you or some one you know feels they too can contribute to people helping people, give us a call!

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Children's Liturgy

St Patrick's Level 1 - Alison Boyle

What do we do? We pray. We sing. We colour. We give thanks. And the time goes far too quickly. Too quickly for me, as I consider myself extra lucky to feel the love and companionship of these beautiful children.

Many years ago I was taught "Remember, you are always a debtor until you've written your thank-you letter". So my 'thank-yous' – in no particular order – to Claire Thompson who introduced me to, and encouraged me to become part of the Children's Liturgy Team. For the past seven years I've had the pleasure of sharing a special time with wonderful children; to generous parishioners who support with cash and kind. WE use all the cards, books, markers, etc. Nothing is wasted. The Finance Committee's grant has been used for extra purchases on Children's Day,



Easter Sunday and special occasions; to Jacqui Dunne, who along with mothers (who are most welcome) gives great assistance. And last, but most certainly not least, thank you to Fathers Michael, John and Jim for their patience as the youngsters return to the church. We haven't managed many times to make it 'on time'. My final thank you is to give thanks to the Lord who has guided me in the direction of these youngsters.

Ed – Alison we appreciate the wonderful work you do with our littlies. You're like the Pied Piper every Sunday. They obviously love you and feel very comfortable with you. Our parish community is blessed by you. Sorry we had to revert to subterfuge to get this article out of you!

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Blessed Pope John XXIII

(25 November 1881 – 3 June 1963)

Known affectionately as “Good Pope John” and “the most beloved Pope in history” to many people, Hans Kung called him the greatest Pope of the 20th Century. He was certainly the most universally popular. Whilst well known to Catholics for the Second Vatican Council, he was also recognised for his prophetic work for peace. Whilst not yet a saint, on September 3rd, 2000 he was beatified, the penultimate step on the road to sainthood.

He was elected as the 261st Pope of the Catholic Church on 28th October 1958. He called the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965) but did not live to see it to completion, dying two months after the completion of his final encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*.

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born in Sotto il Monte, a small country village in the Province of Bergamo, Italy, fourth in a family of 13. His family worked as sharecroppers.

He was ordained in 1904. During World War I, he was drafted into the Royal Italian Army as a sergeant, serving in the medical corps as a stretcher-bearer and as a chaplain.

In 1935 he was made Apostolic Delegate to Turkey and Greece. He used this office to help the Jewish underground save thousands of refugees in Europe. In 1944, during

World War II, Pope Pius XII named him Apostolic Nuncio to France. In this capacity he had to negotiate the retirement of bishops who had collaborated with the German occupying power.

In 1953 he was appointed Cardinal.

In 1958 he was elected Pope, to his great surprise. He had arrived in the Vatican with a return train ticket to Venice. It was presumed, because of his advanced age, he would be a short-term or “stop-gap” pope. John XXIII’s personal warmth, good humor and kindness captured the world’s affections.

Upon his election, Cardinal Roncalli chose John as his regnal name. On the



choice of his name Pope John said “I choose John ... a name sweet to us because it is the name of our father, dear to me because it is the name of the humble parish church where I was baptized, the solemn name of numberless cathedrals scattered throughout the world, including our own basilica [St. John Lateran].

Twenty-two Johns of indisputable legitimacy have [been Pope], and almost all had a brief pontificate. We have preferred to hide the smallness of our name behind this magnificent succession of Roman Popes”.

On 25 December 1958 he became the first pope since 1870 to make pastoral visits in his diocese of Rome, when he visited children infected with polio

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at the Bambino Gesù hospital and then visited Santo Spirito Hospital. The following day he visited Rome's Regina Coeli prison, where he told the inmates: "You could not come to me so I came to you." These acts created a sensation.

His frequent habit of sneaking out of the Vatican late at night to walk the streets of the city of Rome earned him the nickname "Johnny Walker", a pun on the whisky brand name.

Far from being a mere "stop gap" Pope, to great excitement, John called an ecumenical council. Cardinal Montini remarked to a friend that "this holy old boy doesn't realise what a hornet's nest he's stirring up". From the Second Vatican Council came changes that reshaped the face of Catholicism: a comprehensively revised liturgy, a stronger emphasis on ecumenism, and a new approach to the world.

The Pope died of stomach cancer on 3rd June ending a reign of four years, seven months.

The date assigned for the liturgical celebration of Blessed John XXIII is 11th October, the anniversary of his opening of the Second Vatican Council.

From his early teens, he maintained a diary of spiritual reflections that was subsequently published as *Journal of a Soul*. The collection of writings charts Roncalli's efforts as a young man to "grow in holiness" and continues after his election to the Papacy; it remains widely read.

Book Review



Excerpt from "The Shack" by Wm. Paul Young.

Mack is talking to Papa (God the Father), Jesus and Sarayu (the Holy Spirit):

"Are you saying you have no expectations of me?" [asked Mack].

Papa now spoke up. "I've never placed an expectation on you or anyone else. The idea behind expectations requires that someone does not know the future or outcome and is trying to control behaviour to get the desired result. Humans try to control behaviour largely through expectations. I know you and everything about you, Why would I have an expectation other than what I already know? That would be foolish. And beyond that, because I have no expectations, you never disappoint me."

"What? You've never been disappointed in me?" Mack was trying hard to digest this.

"Never!" Papa stated emphatically. "What I do have is a constant and living expectancy in our relationship, and I give you an ability to respond to any situation and circumstance in which you find yourself. To the degree that you resort to expectations and responsibilities, to that degree you neither know me nor trust me."

"And," added Jesus, "to that degree you will live in fear."

Mack wasn't convinced. "But don't

you want us to set priorities? You know: God first, then whatever, followed by whatever?"

"The trouble with living by priorities," Sarayu said, "is that everything is seen as a hierarchy, a pyramid. If you put God at the top, what does that really mean, and how much is enough? How much time do you give me before you can go on about the rest of your day, the part that interests you so much more?"

Papa again interrupted. "You see, Mack, I don't just want a piece of you and a piece of your life. Even if you were able, which you are not, to give me the biggest piece, that is not what I want. I want all of you and all of every part of you and your day."

Jesus now spoke again. "Mack, I don't want to be first among a list of values; I want to be at the center of everything. When I live in you, then together we can live through

everything that happens to you. Rather than the top of the pyramid, I want to be the centre of a mobile, where everything in our life – your friends, family, occupation thoughts, activities – is connected to me but moves with the wind, in and out and back and forth, in an incredible dance of being."

In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant, The Shack wrestles with the timeless question 'Where is God in a world filled with unspeakable pain?' The answers Mack gets will astound you and perhaps transform you as much as it did him. You'll want everyone you know to read this book.

This story reads like a prayer.

[If you haven't yet read this book get hold of a copy and read it! Although it has a very dark beginning, it is transforming. Ed]

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Our Lady Of Fatima
Church Foyer
Parata St. WAIKANAE

Recently presented at the Social Justice Hui in February. This will be of interest to Grandparents, Parents of Tertiary Students and young people.

The focus is on issues that commonly prevent people from finding adequate accommodation.

[Reviewed very positively in the last copy of *Welcom*]

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A SOCIAL EVENT

Please mark your calendars for St Patrick's parish's next social event, a winter concert, "Patricia Butterfield and Friends". This will be held in the Coast Church, Hinemoa Street, **Sunday 10th July at 2pm.**

As well as being a social event for the parish, it will also be a fundraiser, to help Patricia attend the World Youth Day in Madrid.



Ticket prices are kept to a minimum so that families and friends can enjoy this parish event. Tickets will be sold closer to the date after Saturday and Sunday masses, Single tickets \$10 ea. and families \$15.



Games Evening

1st July 2011
6pm to 9pm

Grace Hall

St Patrick's School, Tongariro Street, Paraparaumu
Bring your **takeaways**, any drinks, plates and cutlery you'll need, a contribution towards supper and **a game** (e.g. board games, card games,)

Join other parish families for an evening of fun and games.



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- To share our Christian life together
- Enjoy outings and gatherings as a group
- To support each other in times of need
- To build and promote community spirit within the parish
- To love one another

St Patrick's Church currently has seven Passionist Family Groups and Waikanae also has seven.

Each group plans and organises their own activities, such as day trips to Eastbourne/Somes Island/ Te Papa - picnic lunches - coffee mornings - pizza evenings, pot luck lunches/dinners, movie visits just to name a few.

If you would like to join one of our groups please give our Group Co-Ordinators a call: Paraparaumu - Corrie & John, 904-1823 or Waikanae Jim & Phyllis 293 2985



Human trafficking is the third largest criminal industry in the world and it is thought that 1.2 million children and young people are trafficked every year for sexual exploitation and cheap labour.

CWL At Home Appeal for 2011 - ECPAT Child Alert.

This organisation is being supported financially and publicly by Catholic Women's League nationally.

We ask that as many people sign the petition in support of this organisations' efforts to stop the sexual exploitation of children in New Zealand and around the world. Signatures collected globally will be presented to the United Nations in 2011.

You can sign the petition form online at www.thebodyshop.com click on values and campaigns then click on sign our petition OR sign on Adult Education noticeboard in St Patrick's foyer.

If you have already signed PLEASE DO NOT SIGN AGAIN.

Waikanae Charismatic Prayer Group

meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Foyer of our church in Parata St. All are welcome to come, praise & worship and be blessed. Contact Billie 902 3868 or Glen 293 1747

Reflections from Word for Today

Spiritual growth could be compared to a seed, a building, and a child. Each requires our participation. When planted, seeds must be watered, fertilised and protected. When erected, buildings must be maintained. When born, children must be cared for, taught and disciplined. Getting the idea? Now, effort has nothing to do with your salvation, but it has everything to do with your spiritual growth. You can't just sit around and hope to evolve into spiritual maturity.

To make us more Christ-like, God will use His Word, other people, and difficult circumstances. God's Word provides the truth we need to know, God's people provide the support we need to grow, and difficult circumstances provide the environment we need to show Christ-likeness. If you apply God's Word, connect regularly with other believers, and learn to trust God in every situation, you will become more like Jesus. Count on it; it will happen!

'I prayed for this child...'

1 Samuel 1:27 NIV

Every saint was once a child; so was every criminal.

What makes the difference? At the top of the list is the influence of a parent! The prophet Samuel led the nation of Israel for forty years, anointed David to be king



and guided him in some of his most crucial decisions. But who was the dominant influence in Samuel's life? His mother Hannah. Listen to her prayer at his birth: 'I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord...' (1 Samuel 1:27-28 NIV).

Never underestimate the power that's released when a parent prays on behalf of a child. Only God knows how many prayers are being answered right now because of a faithful parent who prayed many years ago. If what you are doing in this fast-paced society is taking you away from prayer time for your children and your grandchildren, you're doing too much! There's nothing more important than the time you spend with God on their behalf.

It's not too late for the child who has brought you tears and grief.

Jesus' mother had to watch her son be crucified, but she also had the joy of seeing Him raised again from the dead.



Indeed, you may go to your grave wondering if your prayers are effective and when they will be answered, but never, never stop praying, because: (a) God works according to His schedule, not ours (b) His ways and means are far superior to ours (c) When a parent prays - God moves!



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Do you have any photos of recent Parish events?

We would love to have them for our next issue -
together with a report of the event.

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St Patrick's Parish Vision Statement:

We, the members of our Parish Family, aim to achieve the Mission of the Archdiocese of Wellington by seeking to live out Christ's calling, through creating a loving, caring faith community.

Our Lady of Fatima's Parish Vision Statement:

We, the parishioners of Waikanae, celebrate God in our lives, by growing in community and by sharing our faith.

Archdiocesan Mission Statement

We the Catholic People of the Archdiocese of Wellington, challenged to follow Christ, are called to proclaim the kingdom of God.

Parish Directories June 2011

Please let us know if there are any errors or omissions on these pages.

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