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Catholic Parishes of Kapiti

St Patrick's, Paraparaumu

Our Lady of Fatima, Waikanae

Winter 2012



The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feastday 31st May

What's inside

Reflections on Mary in her month of May
Cardinal Tom on the subject of Pentecost Joy
and lots of news items and points to ponder



Editorial

Welcome to the Winter 2012 issue of Pastoral Pages. We hope you enjoy it.

The main focus of both Parish Pastoral Councils and the Pastoral Area Council has been consideration of the Archbishop's request to become a Pastoral Area of four parishes extending to Levin.

We hope you enjoy this issue.

May God bless you all.

- Anna and the Editorial Team

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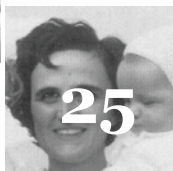
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Reflections

Saying “Yes” to God

When you think of it, the Virgin Mary didn't say “Why me?” to the Angel when told she was to be the mother of God. She just asked “But How?”

While her answer was a humble “Yes”, Mary wasn't just being a submissive handmaid. She was aware of the sublime responsibility and dignity of her vocation: “My soul does magnify the Lord... surely from now on all generations shall call me blessed.”

She showed she had a mind of her own when she over-rode Jesus' objections at the Cana wedding party: “Just do as he tells you.”

In more modern centuries Mary has demonstrated her motherly sympathy and loving will for the human race with her miraculous appearances at Guadalupe, Lourdes, Fatima, Medjugorje.

It may help us to get closer to Mary if we study the only portrait that has been given us – the miraculous image which appeared on the cloak of Jaun Diego at Guadalupe (see article below).

In saying “Yes!” Mary agreed to give birth to the Messiah. But she never faltered as the tragic drama of Jesus' life unfolded. She was there for him at the crucifixion, sharing each agonising moment of her son's death.

In saying “Yes” to God ourselves, it has to be the same unconditional consent that Mary gave. We have to be willing to accept whatever joys and pains he puts in our lives.

So let's say a renewed “Yes” in our hearts – and hang in for the ride!

Bill Lambert

A Portrait of Mary

Our spiritual mother the Virgin Mary has repeatedly appeared to warn and comfort her children – at Gualalupe, Mexico (1531), Pontmain, France (1871), Gietrzwald, Poland (1877), Knock, Ireland (1879), Beauraing, Belgium (1932), Banneux, Belgium (1933), Medjugorie, Croatia (1981). These apparitions have the approval of the Holy See, but there have been other visions which have not been officially verified. In almost all of these cases she has appeared to young children.

It was at the first of her apparitions at Gaudalupe that she left us a picture of herself. It is the image of Our Lady of Gaudalupe miraculously printed on the cloak of a lowly Peruvian, Juan Diego of Guadalupe.

According to tradition, in the winter of December 9, 1531 Juan Diego, a recently converted Aztec peasant, had a vision of a young woman while he was on a hill in the desert near Mexico City. The lady asked him to build a church on the spot where they were standing.



Juan Diego returned and saw the lady again. He told her he had seen the Bishop and told him of her request, and he wanted proof. She instructed Juan to go to the mountain top where he would find roses blooming - yes, in winter! He found the roses - Castillian roses, which were native to Bishop Juan de Zumarraga's hometown. He cut the roses and wrapped them in his poncho and returned to the Bishop. When he opened the garment to show the roses, they tumbled out revealing a portrait of Our Lady imprinted on the fabric. The image has been subjected to repeated tests to prove its authenticity.

In 1929 and 1951 photographers found a figure reflected in the Virgin's eyes; upon inspection they said that the reflection was tripled in what is called the Purkinje effect, commonly found in human eyes. An ophthalmologist, Dr. Jose Aste Tonsmann, later enlarged an image of the Virgin's eyes by 2500x and claimed to have found not only the aforementioned single figure, but images of all the witnesses present when the tilma was first revealed before Zumarraga in 1531, plus a small family group of mother, father, and a group of children, in the center of the Virgin's eyes. Fourteen persons in all!

Numerous Catholic websites repeat an unsourced claim that in 1936, biochemist, Richard Kuhn, analyzed a sample of the fabric and announced that the pigments used were from no known source, whether animal, mineral or vegetable. Dr. Philip Serna Callahan, who photographed the icon under infrared light, declared from his photographs that portions of the face, hands, robe, and mantle had been painted in one step, with no sketches or corrections and no visible brush strokes.

Today the icon is displayed in the nearby Basilica of Guadalupe, now one of the most visited Catholic shrines in the world. It has been subjected to scientific investigation and, like the shroud, the image has been printed in a way unknown to modern technology.

Bill Lambert

Mary in Stained Glass

Local artist Beverley Shore Bennett designed some 350 stained glass windows in churches around New Zealand. Some of her finest works can be seen in the Lady Chapel of Wellington Cathedral of St Paul. They are very colourful, and feature a small

portrait of significant moments in the Blessed Virgin Mary's life. Below and on the following page are cut-outs of the portraits. Hopefully you will admire them and say the Hail Mary more often.

Glen McCullough



Annunciation



Visitation



The Magnificat

*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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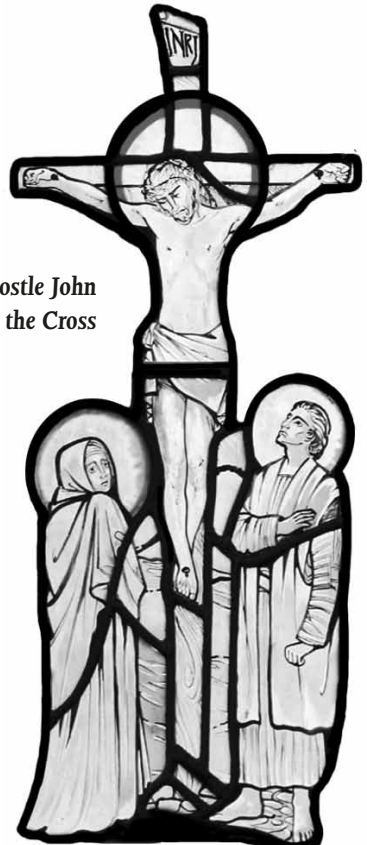
Presentation in the Temple



Flight to Egypt



Finding Jesus
in the Temple
at Jerusalem



With the Apostle John
at the foot of the Cross



The Marriage
Feast at Cana



Year by year over the twenty-five I served as Archbishop, one event I looked forward to with huge pleasure was the Pentecost Mass at the Cathedral to welcome those received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Together with their sponsors, catechists, parish priests, family and friends, they celebrated the new thing that had entered their lives: the Catholic Faith.

It was not altogether new to them. They had been learning about the Faith for months in their parish catechumenates. Even before then they would have known Catholics, some of whom may not have lived up to the Faith, while others may have practiced the Faith joyously and courageously, and so excited curiosity and admiration. Others of the new Catholics may have been married to a Catholic spouse for years. For others again, becoming a Catholic may have meant building on foundations laid

by an upbringing in another Church having much in common with our own.

But whatever the circumstances, their becoming a Catholic was the new thing in their lives. The Catholic Church became their Church. They found themselves initiated into a billion-strong communion embracing a multitude of races, languages and cultures. They became part of a two thousand year-old tradition with roots that reach even further back to the prophets and patriarchs. The history of the Church became their history. They became one with the great company of saints and sinners of past and present.

Each year I rejoiced wholeheartedly with these newly baptized and confirmed because they had opened themselves to the guidance and empowering of the Holy Spirit.

Opened not only to what we like and find convenient, not only to what looks good, sounds good, feels good, but open as well to the new and the strange, to the painful and perilous, and to truth and justice. Opened, therefore, to all the challenges which confront us and our society. Opened, above all, to a God who shed the glory that was His to wear their flesh, share their sweat, bleed their blood; a God who will never forsake them, and promises on earth a dignity beyond their dreams: nothing less than to be His sons and daughters.

Cardinal Tom Williams

**Fr Jim's
Not Been
Thinking -
He's Been
Recuperating**



Please continue to pray for his quick return to full health.

Charismatic Prayer Group

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Pastoral Area News

Kapiti Pastoral Area Council

The Archbishop's letter of 3rd May, 2012, to the four Parishes of Levin, Otaki, Paraparaumu and Waikanae signals the beginning of what is expected to be an enlarged Pastoral Area for the whole of the Kapiti District.



In his letter the Archbishop requested that the four parishes consider becoming one Pastoral Area. Until now Paraparaumu and Waikanae have comprised one Area and have been actively engaged in working more and more closely together. Otaki and Levin have not been active in any pastoral sense.

In response to the Archbishop's letter, representatives of the four parishes met on the 15th May and agreed in principle, to combine their interests into one Pastoral Area, subject to confirmation from their respective Parish Councils, and they agreed to meet again soon to work out how that objective might be achieved.

Naturally, Otaki and Levin representatives wanted to know what advantages their parishes might gain from being members of a pastoral area. Mixing with and sharing services and liturgies and experiences with a larger group of dedicated people, whose interests were identical with their own, was personally enriching and spiritually valuable. The Church comprises people who worship their



faith together, and to do so in a variety of different services with different people enhances that experience immeasurably.

The other request that the Archbishop made was that the four parishes might consider how they could become three parishes – which would mean the merger of one parish with another. It was too early in the piece to broach this question, but it will form part of future dialogue.

Michael Dodson,
Acting Chair of the (former) KPAC

Our Lady of Fatima PPC

The Constitution of the Waikanae Parish calls for an Annual General Meeting, which will be held on the 24th June this year, in the Foyer. At this meeting the Finance Committee presents the Parish Accounts for the year, and all of the special Groups have the opportunity to speak to a written report which they will have filed earlier with the PPC. If there is to be an election of members for the Parish Council it will be held during the meeting.

This year all of the members of the existing Parish Council are available



for re-election, apart from Sister Helen who has been transferred back to Wellington. This continuity is important because of the changes that are taking place in the Pastoral Area – including consideration of the recent request from the Archbishop that the four parishes of Levin, Otaki, Waikanae and Paraparaumu enter into discussions to consider combining into one Pastoral Area.

Recently some good things have happened: eight parishioners have been commissioned as Ministers of the Word with Holy Communion and they commenced their duties on the 14th May, 2012. In addition, the Liturgy Committees of both Parishes have combined forces with a view to delivering standardised liturgies in either Church. A new Café programme

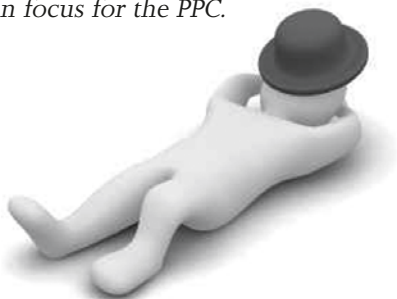
is being prepared for later in the year, and it promises to be as successful as last year's offering.

Michael Dodson, Chair Waikanae PPC

St Patrick's PPC

There is no report from St Patrick's this issue. Richard has been taking some well deserved R&R.

See KPAC report which outlines the main focus for the PPC.



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Our Pastoral Area School



St Patrick's Primary School

On the 19th June we are having an open morning where prospective families and parishioners are invited to come along and see our school in action. Parents and senior students will be on hand to take folk around.

What criteria entitle a child to enroll as a preference student at our school?

- Children who are baptised as Catholic
- Children of one or more parents who are baptised as Catholic

Appointments can be made anytime for an enrolment interview and tour with the Principal.

Our junior roll continues to grow and our senior roll stabilise as we build the capacity of the school into the future.

We are looking to the future as we participate in the pastoral area process of re-imagining what the Catholic faith community in Kapiti/Horowhenua could look like, sound like and be like as we move into the future.

Catholic Character Review

Every three years the Archbishop contracts experienced Catholic educators to visit schools and report on how our Catholic schools are being maintained and developed. There are four areas that are reviewed:

- Statutory requirements
- Catholic Character
- Pastoral care
- RE programme

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week we had Mrs Helen Johnson reviewing our school. She visited classrooms, talked to the Board, Fr Michael, staff, parents and children and reviewed all our paperwork. Helen enjoyed being at the school and interacting with our wonderful children.

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Sharing Resources

As part of the whole review of property resources throughout

the archdiocese, two of our spare classrooms are being moved to Wellington to meet the needs of a Catholic school that requires additional accommodation. It is important at times such as these that resources are shared wisely between parishes. We are pleased to be able to support this sharing process.

Celebrating Our Successes

Recently our NZ Post Book Awards Mastermind teams performed very well against strong competition from other schools in the district. This is an extension activity for those who really enjoy reading.

Each team had to become thoroughly familiar with all fifteen books and each member an expert in six.



This year the senior teams came 1st and 3rd in the heats and 2nd overall in the finals.

We sent a team of 20 to the Interschool Cross country event at Waikanae Park. A great day for the event - lots of mud!

Our children performed well with the following results -

- Year 7 boys 2nd place
Vaughan McCardle
- Year 8 boys 4th place
Joseph Mettrick



- Year 7 girls 10th place
Charlotte Meyer

As always, we appreciate and value your ongoing prayers and support.

Martin Elms, Principal

Youth

The year is well under way and St. Patrick's Child & Youth Ministry has settled into the new age groups for the youth groups and its new office in Rm 1 at St Patrick's School.



As part of the framework for a comprehensive youth ministry, four adult leaders and 2 young adult leaders have completed YM101 Introduction to Catholic Youth Ministry run by The Catholic Institute of Aotearoa. This paper gives our leaders an introduction into what is required for comprehensive ministry and an introduction on some of the practical requirements. We are very grateful that our leaders have given up 2 weekends plus the time taken to complete the Assessments. Our ministry and youth are very fortunate to have such dedicated individuals involved in this ministry.

For information about upcoming events and youth groups, we advertise in the parish newsletter and send out emails and Facebook youth and their parents. If you are not already on our emailing list or Facebook, please contact the youth office. For J-Team, flyers are distributed at St Patrick's School and Children's Liturgy in the week leading up to the event. Fun-Time Pre-School Music continues to operate from Grace Hall every Friday during term-time and has a strong core group of parents and pre-schoolers, with strong connections to the school and wider community.

The Youth Musicians are multiplying and enjoy meeting weekly to build up their repertoire. They enjoy leading

the music at Mass in St. Patrick's on the last Saturday of each month and are soon to be seen at Our Lady of Fatima in a guest slot. Thank you for all your encouragement and support of these talented young people.

As always, we continue to build a strong foundation where our youth will thrive in their faith through fellowship, fun & learning.

All enquiries to kapiti.youth@gmail.com

Social Justice

For the last 3 meetings we have been focused on Poverty and Inequality in the Kapiti area - what we see and hear about in our daily news, taking



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the opportunity to increase our own awareness and in turn increase the awareness of our Pastoral Area, and endeavouring to show some solidarity with those affected. Our goal is to use this knowledge to inform our politicians.

Betty van Gaalen, from Our Lady of Fatima Parish, spoke to us on the Affordability Survey undertaken last year by the Kapiti District Council, and updated again this year. The survey highlighted these areas of poverty in Kapiti:

1. 3200 children in families dependent on Government support, particularly 1920 children living in families reliant on the DPB sole parent income.
2. 380 single parent families (not reliant on the DPB)
3. 240 older people living alone, renting and relying 100% on NZ Super

The Dominion Newspaper (May 7th), under the headline “ Child Poverty is a Business Issue”, states “... about 22% of children in NZ (23000) live in relative* poverty” and “We spend 5 times as much as taxpayers on the last 2 years of people’s lives than on the first 5 years of people’s lives.”

You, parishioners in our Pastoral Area, have always shown yourselves to be generous with your support of the food collections. St Patrick’s Parish gave out 600 food parcels last year and Our Lady of Fatima Parish issued to Otaki & Porirua from approximately 16 collections

Mother Theresa called poverty”a

dreadful form of violence”. Pope Benedict, speaking to a group of the world’s Ambassadors said, “*when poverty coexists with the very rich, a perception of unfairness is born that can become a source of rebellion. It is therefore appropriate that States ensure that the Social Laws do not increase inequality and enable people to live decently.*”

* Relative poverty is what we see as a lack of basic needs being met, like physical care & nourishment, decent housing, health care and education.

Andrea & Des (Phone 904-8086)

Mission Gala

We will all remember with great joy the visit of Sr Fran to Kapiti at Gala time last year. Since then she has written to the Supporters and Friends of Mission Gala, expressing again the deep gratitude of her community and their mission for the enduring support of the people of Kapiti. In a recent letter Sr Fran writes:



“Hello there from Sr Fran PNG. Thank you once again for everything you have all done to help the Sisters to support our PNG mission.

We had a gathering with all our Presentation Sisters early this year and I show them the photos and tell them the stories about all of you and they were very grateful for the wonderful work that you are doing. I am now enclosing with this note two newsletters.

Many thanks and may God bless you all.

Sr Fran Kosi”

The newsletter describes some of the recent activities of the Sisters. These include:

- workshops on justice and peace
“Gutpela tingting na stretpela pasin thinking and acting justly” and also encourage women to vote in the General election this year.
- Patrol visits to outlying villages to help the sick and educate the children.
- Experiences from some of the Candidate Sisters and from Sr Imelda who is responsible for their formation.
- News from several schools on current activities including some of the problems they have to overcome.

Permeating through all of these activities was a strong sense of appreciation for the support the Sisters receive from the people of Kapiti and also from similar communities in Australia.

We will be looking for ways that we

can publish the news from the Sisters as we receive it.

Mission Gala day is Saturday 29 September, 9 to noon.

Please mark your diaries and if cleaning out your homes, please think of what could be useful for the Gala – you know what we need. More details will follow. We would also like to get more younger people involved. It does involve some collecting, sorting and preparing of items in the weeks before the Gala and of course on the Friday before to set up, and on the Saturday morning, Gala Day. Then it is all over!! Till the next time.

So if you would like to contribute or help in any way please contact;

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Introducing Parish Groups & People

Music Groups

On the Tuesday before the third weekend each month, the musicians of the **St Patrick's** music group gather to rehearse and learn new waiata for the Miha – the monthly Mass in Maori.

“It’s something we choose to do,” Bill Borkin says. “Lafaele, the Samoan member of the group, is the main driver and he is enveloping himself in learning te reo and music.” Bill said the introduction of the Miha had brought new challenges to the group but it had also brought new enthusiasm.

Another energising force had been the arrival in the parish of Roland and Audrey Lotsu, the singers who sometimes take on the role of cantor of the Psalm at Sunday morning Mass. “They have come from a community in England where they were involved in the choir and they offered their services.”

Bill has been a lead member of the music group for some 30 years, joined by other members “including a number of very talented young singers”. He says one of the most enduring members of St Patrick’s music group is organist Joe Lambregts who was playing music in the church before the guitar group started and is now a regular member of the group.

Lafaele and John McCardle are also working with a group of young musicians who lead the congregation

in song at one Saturday Vigil Mass a month.

Cantor and guitarist at **Our Lady of Fatima** parish is Wullie Grant and both parishes have organists who willingly give time to the music ministry.

Bill says for him music fulfils the old adage. “When you sing you pray twice. It involves you more and it’s very special when you see that people become emotionally involved. Music speaks.”

In its speaking we follow the exhortation of the psalmist: “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.”

Anne & Andy Lovell and J4R

In the Second Book of Kings the story is told of the prophets, Elijah and Elisha. Elijah, his work on earth done, is taken to heaven in a fiery chariot and passes his mantle to Elisha. It is in that manner of “passing on the mantle” that Andy and Anne Lovell have built the structure of the Jesus4Real camps for secondary school students.

While the Lovells organise and actively participate in the camps, Anne says they do so with the strong support of the Elisha team – a group of 13 young people aged from 19 to 25 who have themselves been through Jesus4Real camps and who work to “pass on the mantle” of Catholic faith to cabin leaders and campers.

Jesus 4 Real



Ministries

The seed for Catholic youth camps was sown when Anne and Andy took part in a Youth for Christ Summer Harvest in Gisborne with their own young children in the 1980s. “We came away thinking ‘why can’t we have that in the Catholic Church?’” Anne said.

The opportunity arose in 1986 in Upper Hutt when Andy and Anne were invited to run a camp for St Peter Chanel parish and the first JAM (Jesus and Me) camp was held.

Andy sat down and within half an hour “inspired by the Spirit” wrote the programme that is still in essence used in all Jesus4Real camps.

Camps became a part of Lovell family life, and it was while in Palmerston North they met Charles and Christine Todd, then directors of Redwood Catholic Camp in Paraparaumu, who invited them to conduct a camp for local youth.

Sometime after, when Andy and Anne were living in Rotorua, the Todds visited and sitting together around the kitchen table their daughter Joanna devised the name “Jesus4Real”.

With Fr Kevin Connors an integral part of the Jesus4Real team, the camps work on the tenet of building up the Faith in Catholic teenagers. “The basic aim and principle of Jesus4Real is to bring people to a place of decision where they develop a relationship with Jesus. We are very open with campers that we are a religious camp,” Andy said. “We have had baptisms and confirmations and as friendships grew after the camps we have had some marriages.”

Retaining friendships built at camp and extending the sharing of Catholic Faith into cyberspace, Jesus4Real now has a strong online presence, for former campers only, on Facebook.

Each camp culminates with a Mass at St Patrick’s church conducted by Fr Kevin and Jesus4Real campers leave Paraparaumu in the sure knowledge they are “infinitely lovable and infinitely loved”.

Margaret Irvine

Huh? What’s that?

How can parishes help the older hearing-impaired? Do our hearing-impaired require help for Masses/pastoral events? Read on to find a response from the hearing impaired.

OLDER HEARING-IMPAIRED PERSONS

Every two to three years the chaplain for Catholic Deaf visits parishes and schools in the Palmerston North & Wellington dioceses to enquire whether or not they have any new Deaf or hearing-impaired. An issue

that has arisen from these visits concerns older people in parishes who experienced hearing-impairment later in their lives. Suggestions were made on how parishes can help older hearing-impaired persons. The following information, while helpful, is not part of those suggestions.

The practical stuff

The Disability Information and Equipment Centre (DIEC), located at the Kapiti Community Centre, has pamphlets on hearing loss including Tinnitus. Downloadable publications from The Hearing Association are available at

www.hearing.org.nz/info_cards.php.

To communicate with a person who has a hearing-loss, please:

- Face them
- Speak clearly

- Don't shout
- If they are missing a word, try an alternative or write it down.
- Ensure your face is not in shadow or the light is behind you.

Support in the wider community:

The Hearing Association (www.hearing.org.nz), a national organisation with offices in different parts of New Zealand, provides help, information, advice and devices to assist those with hearing loss and those who support them. Website's 'Product' tab has links for assistive listening and alerting devices.

Hearing Association Wellington (www.hearwell.co.nz), located at 16 Kent Tce, Courtenay Pl, Wgtn. Services provided include hearing tests and equipment, counselling and ear wax removal. You can try out equipment such as assistive listening and alerting devices as well



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National Foundation for the Deaf (NFD) (www.nfd.org.nz), is formed from a number of organisations working together to support New Zealanders with hearing loss to encourage hearing preservation and promote good sound. Services and programmes are provided nationally from their Auckland based office. Website's 'Sound Advice' tab covers a wide variety of subjects, some of which might be helpful for parents.

LIFE Unlimited – Hearing Therapy Services (www.life.nzl.org) have Hearing Therapy Clinics throughout New Zealand, providing hearing needs assessment, information about equipment to assist with daily living, e.g. phones and TV devices, Tinnitus management, ways to improve communication and using hearing

aids more effectively. A clinic is held in Paraparaumu at DIEC on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of most months for which appointments can be made through DIEC.

Public Facilities

Audio loop listening system

The most common listening system, often found in churches, cinemas, theatres and other public places. Cinemas at Coastlands have an Infrared loop system. Headsets are available from the candy bar; ask staff for help if needed. St Patrick's loop system is operative while Our Lady of Fatima's is not currently operational. With new advances in hearing aid technology, not all hearing aids will have the ability to use audio loop systems.

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Finally

My thanks to the above organisations, to parishioners and Downtown Cinemas for information or comments. A big thank you to our sound technicians Neil and Hanley; they don't have an easy job having to play "God" with the Pastoral Area sound systems or to keep them in good working order.



This article was a team effort, spearheaded by Margaret Tippet. Thanks all.

Recent Events

Filipino Mass

The Filipino Chaplaincy Pastoral Council (FCPC) of Wellington, with its mission to encourage and promote a wide participation in the prophetic, priestly and kingly roles of Christ within their communities and their respective parishes, led the way in establishing Barangay* Santa Maria Assumpta (Our Lady of Assumption).

The group was formed to "cater to the spiritual, liturgical, pastoral, and social needs of its community while fully and responsibly participating in and enriching the local parish with their time, talent, and treasures," (as stated on the Filipino chaplaincy website) and to uphold Filipino values, practices and tradition.

The Barangay Santa Maria Assumpta

stretches from Paekakariki to Otaki and is composed of its core group and three ministries: Liturgical, Formation/Education and Outreach.

The first Filipino mass was celebrated on 6th May 2012 at Saint Patrick's Church, Paraparaumu and concelebrated by our Parish Priest Father Michael McCabe and Filipino chaplain Fr Ambet dela Cruz.

The chosen servant leaders commissioned during the mass were: Genevieve O'Neill (Coordinator), Maribel Fernando (Secretary), Candy Young (Treasurer) Linda Wrixon & Susan Morgan (Formation/Education), Kristel Sevilla (choir coordinator), Mayie Pagalilauan (Liturgy) Nida Leckie & Adele Sheppard (Outreach).



For more information please email santamariaassumpta@yahoo.co.nz or join us on brgy-stamaassumpta-kapiti@yahoo.co.nz

*Barangay means village.

Genevieve O'Neill

Men Come ALIVE at Otaki Weekend

25 men from our Pastoral Area were amongst 72 men from Wellington to Palmerston North who became men alive at Otaki during the weekend 28/29th April. They spent two days listening to talks and personal testimonies, working in groups and reflecting on their role as men in the Church.

The weekend was organised by the Kapiti Catholic Men's Group and led by two menALIVE team members from Brisbane. Topics covered included *The Father's Love, The Father's Dream, The Father's Son, What Then Must We Do* and *To Be a Man of God*. Two Marist priests who attended, assisted by Fr McCabe and Fr Kautu, heard the men's reconciliation on Saturday afternoon.

The final session on Saturday evening concluded with a challenge to the men to light a candle at the foot of the Cross as a sign of their willingness to living a life God called them to. 72 candles were lit (see photo).

Archbishop Dew took a break from his busy schedule and celebrated Mass for the men on Sunday morning - and what a celebration it was! Fr. Michael McCabe concelebrated.

Then it was down to the hard part - learning what we had to do now that we were men alive. In the final session, the men were given four instructions: talk with Jesus daily in prayer, join a group with other men and meet regularly to share your lives, get active in the church, and support your parish priest.

Feedback was universally positive - a typical comment was: "Extremely relevant for my life..... this will help me make some positive changes in my roles as husband, father and man of God."

MenALIVE was founded by Robert Falzon in Brisbane to help men who felt disconnected from their families and from God. The purpose of the weekend is to bring men together, renew their faith in God and encourage them to become an active force of renewal in the Church.

MenALIVE's website can be found at www.menalive.org.au.

Glen McCullough



During a recent password audit by my internet provider, they found that I was using the following password:

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It is amazing what happens when we pray or just sit silently before the Blessed Sacrament. In parishes where adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is undertaken on a regular basis, there is a general uplift in the spirituality and practice of the faith.

Praying for healing in all circumstances bringing children, grandchildren or family members back to the faith is a powerful incentive to join others in this practice.

Thanking the Lord and loving Him for not leaving us as orphans is enriching.

St John Vianney – Curé of Ars:

If we had the eyes of angels with which to see our Lord Jesus Christ, who is here present on this altar, who is looking at us, how we should love Him.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held in the Pastoral Area weekly:

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St Patrick's Parish 8.30am - 9.30am

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Saint

St Gianna Beretta Molla 1922-1962

Gianna Beretta Molla died on April 28, 1962, aged 39. She is the patron saint of mothers, physicians, preborn children. Her feast day is April 28th.

Gianna qualified as a specialist pediatric doctor in 1949. In 1954 she met, then married, Pietro Molla, an engineer.



In 1961 Gianna was pregnant with their fourth child. She developed a fibroma on her uterus. Doctors gave her three choices: an abortion, a complete hysterectomy, or removal of only the fibroma.

Catholic teaching would have allowed her to undergo a hysterectomy, which would have resulted in her unborn child's death as an unintended consequence.

"Abortion – that is, the directly intended termination of pregnancy before viability or the directly intended destruction of a viable fetus – is never permitted...Operations, treatments, and medications that have as their direct purpose the cure of a proportionately serious pathological condition of a pregnant woman are permitted when

they cannot be safely postponed until the unborn child is viable, even if they will result in the death of the unborn child." – The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services (ERD) Directive 45

Gianna opted for the removal of the fibroma, wanting to preserve her child's life.

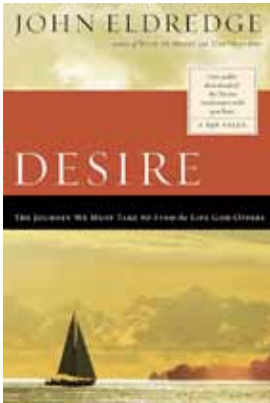
On April 21, 1962, Gianna's daughter was successfully delivered via Caesarean section. Gianna died of septic peritonitis 7 days after the birth.

Gianna was canonized a saint on May 16, 2004. Gianna's husband Pietro and that last child, Laura, were present at the canonization ceremony, the first time in the history of the Church that a husband witnessed his wife's canonisation.

The miracle recognized by the Catholic Church to canonize Gianna Molla involved a mother, Elizabeth Comparini, who was 16 weeks pregnant in 2003 and sustained a tear in her placenta draining her womb of all amniotic fluid. Comparini was told the baby's chance of survival was "nil." Comparini said she prayed to Gianna Molla asking for her intercession, and was able to deliver a healthy baby despite the lack of amniotic fluid.

St. Gianna is the inspiration behind the Gianna Center in New York City, the first pro-life, Catholic healthcare center for women in New York providing comprehensive primary care with specialized gynecologic care.

Book Review



Desire
by John
Eldredge.

Initially I was put off by the title *Desire*. Most blokes would be a bit sceptical about a book called

Desire! However, John Eldredge was recommended to me as a worthwhile author who could make you think. After coming across the reference to Ps 37:4, 'Take delight in the Lord and He will give you your heart's desires', my curiosity won over.

Desire is an exciting and challenging exploration of Scriptural verses with which we are very familiar. At its core it shows how Jesus relates to people through their desires: Of the sick man at the sheep gate who had lain there for 38 years, Jesus asks, 'Do you want to be healed?' There are two blind men on the road to Jericho of whom Jesus asks, 'What do you want me to do for you?'

In this book, Eldredge explores the misconceptions of people about faith and why people don't ask the Lord for their "hearts desires." Many try to still their desires and believe that offering up our desires makes our faith stronger, Does this stem from our unbelief or lack of trust in God?

Those who do know their desires and refuse to kill them, or refuse to act as though they don't need help, are, however, the ones who live by faith.

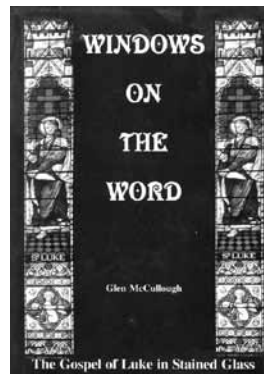
Do we align ourselves with the servant who was given ten talents or with the one who was given only one? By examining the motivation of the servant with the one talent, Eldredge shows that it is lack of faith to trust the master that causes his downfall.

A challenging book to help us to redirect and strengthen our faith.

Frits Bergman

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Points to Ponder

or maybe something amusing for your delectation

The Our Father

In a previous issue we printed an extended Lord's Prayer. These follow that up.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Praying the Our Father and living it will lead us toward saintliness. The Our Father contains everything: God, ourselves, our neighbors..."

Examine how well you live what you pray as you meditate on the following:

I cannot say OUR if I keep my faith only to myself and never share it with others.

I cannot say FATHER if I do not trust in His loving and complete concern for me, forgetting that He always answers prayers how and when He knows is best.

I cannot say WHO ART IN HEAVEN if I am so attached to the ways of this world that I neglect to seek God first in everything.

I cannot say HALLOWED BE THY NAME if I am unwilling to let His holiness penetrate my life and help me grow in my own holiness.

I cannot say THY KINGDOM COME if I am not using my life to bring His love into the world.

I cannot say THY WILL BE DONE if I live by my own ideas of morality or choose to follow the world's standards.

I cannot say ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN if I am not devoting my life to serving Him here on earth.

I cannot say GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD if I am not willing to be generous with whatever God gives me.

I cannot say FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES if I don't want to put forth enough effort to change.

I cannot say AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US if I still hold a grudge, if I'm still angry, or if I still insist that other people change.

I cannot say LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION if I deliberately or knowingly place myself in a position to be tempted.

I cannot say DELIVER US FROM EVIL if I'm not actively fighting against evil through deeds of love and service for everyone in my life, especially those who cause problems.

The Lord is My Pilot

This version of the 23rd Psalm, written by Captain John H Roberts in 1864, is often included in services for seafarers and has relevance for a coastal people.

The Lord is my pilot, I shall not drift
He lighteth me across the dark waters;
He steereth me in the deep channels.
He keepeth my log.

He guideth me by the star of holiness
for his namesake.

Yea though I sail mid the thunders and
tempests of life,
I shall dread not danger, for thou art
near me.

Thy love and care, they shelter me.
Thou preparest a harbour before me in
the homeland of eternity.
Thou anointest the waves with oil, my
ship rideth calmly.
Surely sunlight and starlight shall
favour me on the voyage I take,
And I will rest in the port of my God
forever.

UP?

UP – *the editor's teaching background comes to the fore!*

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is 'UP.' It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv], [prep], [adj], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen.

We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

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To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it soaks UP the earth. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now . . . my time is UP!

Oh . . . one more thing: What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night? UP!

Did that one crack you UP?

Don't screw UP. Send this on to everyone you look UP in your address book . . . or not . . . it's UP to you.

Now I'll shut UP!

If I had my Life to Live Over

This was written by Erma Bombeck after she found out she was dying from cancer.

I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.

I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.

I would have talked less and listened more.

I would have invited friends over to

dinner even if the carpet was stained, or the sofa faded.

I would have eaten the popcorn in the 'good' living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.

I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.

I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have sat on the lawn with my grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.

I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil, or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment and realized that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle..

When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, 'Later. Now go get washed up for dinner.' There would have been more 'I love you's, more 'I'm sorry's.'

But mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute; look at it and really see it; live it and never give it back. STOP SWEATING THE SMALL STUFF!

Don't worry about who doesn't like you, who has more, or who's doing what. Instead, let's cherish the relationships we have with those who do love us...

Parish Directories November 2011

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So, when I reach that golden age, I'll face it with a grin.