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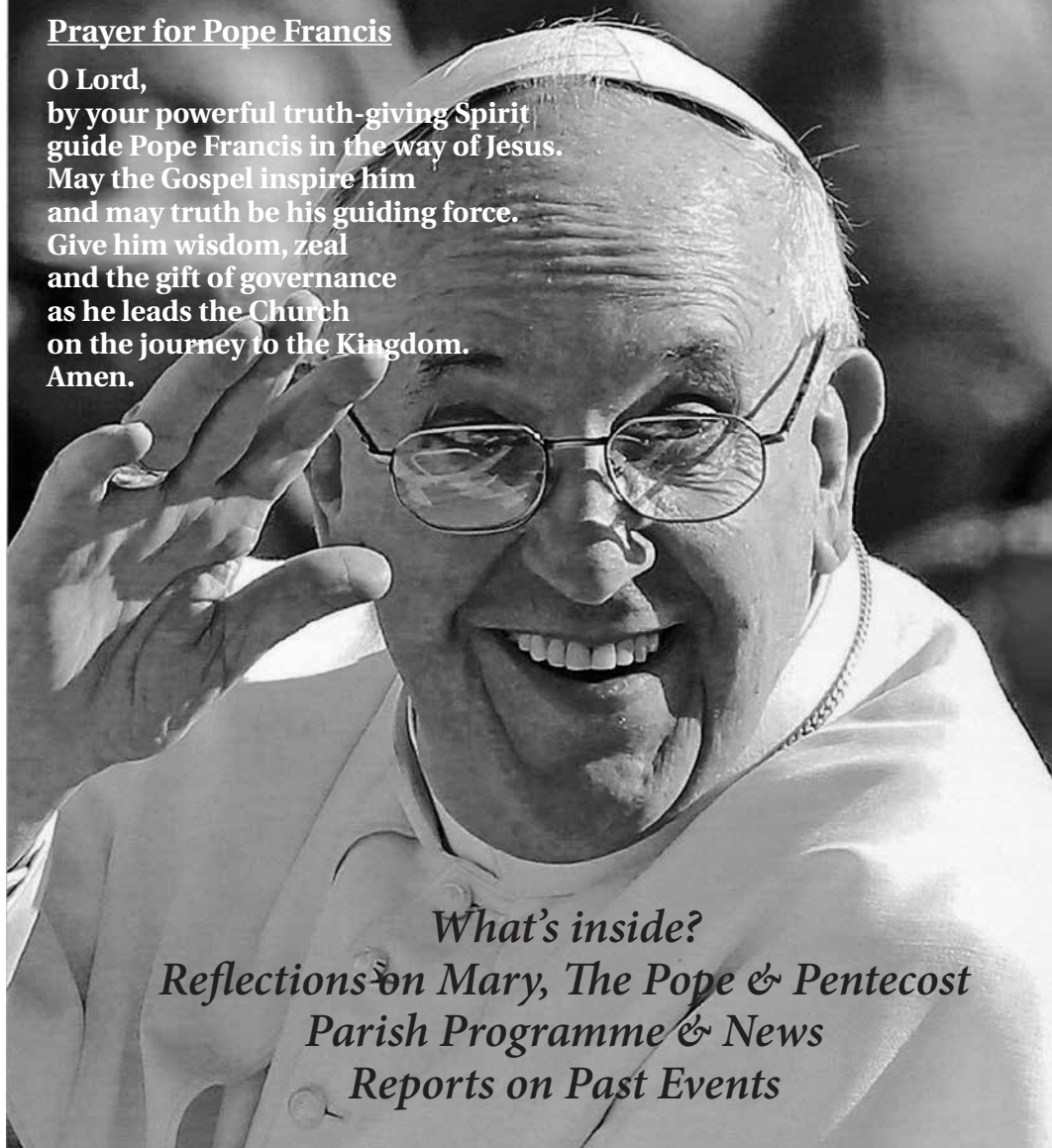
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## Prayer for Pope Francis

O Lord,  
by your powerful truth-giving Spirit  
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May the Gospel inspire him  
and may truth be his guiding force.  
Give him wisdom, zeal  
and the gift of governance  
as he leads the Church  
on the journey to the Kingdom.  
Amen.



*What's inside?*

*Reflections on Mary, The Pope & Pentecost  
Parish Programme & News  
Reports on Past Events*



## Editorial

As I write this, we have just been informed that Fr Michael has received a letter from Archbishop John approving the two parishes becoming one new parish. Now we have to put our thinking caps on and discern a suitable name for our new entity. I would also like to encourage everyone of us to participate in the small groups to discern the promptings of the Holy Spirit with regard to how our new look parish might look. The more who prayerfully seek the Spirit's guidance, the more likely we are to hear his/her

voice and so develop a parish that is right for us here on the Kapiti Coast. There are more details on p10 about these small groups.

We have a unique opportunity to shape something wonderful. Let us all take our responsibility seriously and make ourselves as prepared as we possibly can be.

I am enormously buoyed up (and challenged) by news coming from the Vatican of the witness Pope Francis is to both the Catholic and the non-Catholic world. It's worth reading a few articles on the internet if you are able. Our saint for this issue looks at the saint Pope Francis has chosen as his patron saint.

May you and your families be abundantly blessed as, together, we continue our individual and our community's journeys of faith.

- Anna and the Editorial Team

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# Reflections

## The Visitation

The Feast of the Visitation commemorates Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, shortly after Mary had accepted her vocation as the Mother of Jesus.

Having learned from the angel that Elizabeth had conceived a son, and considering her cousin's advanced age and the associated difficulty and seclusion this pregnancy would bring, Mary set out with haste into the hill country to assist Elizabeth in her home. Mary could well have remained in Nazareth, careful not to overexert herself in her early pregnancy. Rather, the Mother of God, forgetting herself, and moved by love, the source of which she now carried in her womb, promptly made the long journey to serve her cousin.

The exchange of greetings between the pregnant mothers is a scene of great gladness. Mary's greeting is filled with the joy of knowing that God had blessed this barren woman with child and with the joy of the mystery enclosed in her own womb. Most likely, Mary would have remained silent regarding her own motherhood; but Mary's greeting and the presence of Jesus caused an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Baptist and his mother. And enlightened by the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth affirms Mary's motherhood and recognises the Messiah's presence, proclaiming "Blessed are you among women, and

blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Mary does not wave off Elizabeth's praise but, with true humility, recognises God's work in her and praises God in the Magnificat.

Here, we learn that each encounter with Mary brings a new discovery of Jesus. When we let Mary visit and love us, she draws us closer to her son and helps us to generously serve others and attribute the good that we do to God's grace. When we welcome Mary into our homes, she brings the joy of Christ to our families.

*Catherine Mettrick*



Mary was told by Gabriel that her cousin Elizabeth was 6 months pregnant, also by the action of God. Elizabeth lived in the hill country of Judea, which is commonly identified with Ain Karim, about 5 km west of Jerusalem.

According to Luke's account, Mary set off immediately and went to Elizabeth as quickly as she could. The straight line distance was about 95km - quite some distance to cover for a young maiden simply on the word of an angel. Nevertheless, it is a measure

of Mary's obedience to God that she undertook the journey. The gospel does not say how she got there but it is certain that the culture of the time would not have allowed her to travel alone. Who went with her?

When Mary arrived at Elizabeth's, several of the most striking examples of the Holy Spirit's inspiration took place:

- the unborn child John "leapt" in Elizabeth's womb. The more unbelieving amongst us might say that the child merely gave his mother-to-be a good kick under the ribs as babies in the womb are wont to do. I prefer to believe that the unborn children recognised each other and John jumped for joy in the womb,
- Elizabeth was given the word of knowledge that Mary was carrying the Messiah and gave voice to it in no uncertain terms, and
- Mary replied with the mightiest of all songs of praise, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55).

Luke records that Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months, which we can assume means that she stayed for John's birth and circumcision. If she was present for the birth, it would have been valuable prenatal training for her. She may also have witnessed Zechariah's prophesy about John (Luke 1:67-79), and must have wondered long and hard about the implications for her.

Finally, there was her own journey home. Now possibly as much as four months pregnant, it would have been even more difficult than the outward journey. The same questions arise - how did she travel and with whom?

I am left with two very strong impressions. One is the tremendous obedience and strength of purpose shown by Mary. The other is the sheer joy the two women felt as they greeted one another.

Whenever we recognise our Saviour, let us feel the same joy.

Glen McCullough

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## The Blessed Virgin Mary

This reflection, by Joe Green, is based on the section on Mary in *Lumen Gentium* (Light to the Nations), one of the documents of Vatican II. The reflection centres on this carving of the Madonna held in the Te Papa collection.

As the Body of Christ, the Church with Christ as its head honours Mary as its mother.

† Mary is the role model for the Church: she accepts the call of God, steps out in faith, participates in salvation history, raises Jesus and supports His mission, receives the Holy Spirit.

† *The carver has suggested the concept of the Virgin Mother of God by placing a full facial moko (tattoo) on the face of Mary. In doing so, he has likened her to an Ariki Tapairu – the firstborn female in a family of high rank. Ariki Tapairu were invested with special tapu (sacredness). They weren't allowed to marry or be touched by men, and their full moko signified their status.*

† Mary is Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer, linked to her Son as only a mother can be.

† *Mary also appears to be standing on a head. In Maori symbolism, this is a reminder that man comes from woman.*

† As a mother, Mary is able to intercede with her Son, Jesus Christ. He is the sole mediator to God.



## Pope Francis



The quick decision of the Conclave of Cardinals to elect Pope Francis reveals he was a front runner from the start. “Unofficial sources” report that he was also the runner-up to Benedict 16th at the 2005 conclave.

The burning question in many minds is whether he will bring new warmth to the climate of change begun with Vatican 11, whether he will continue to move closer to other faiths and what is his attitude to such issues as the role of women in the church and changes in priestly life.

He has already given every impression that he is a man of humility and holiness. His first public gesture as Pope, to wash the feet of prisoners in jail (including two Muslims and a woman), was a continuation of his regular practice as Archbishop of Buenos Aires to wash the feet of those in jail, in hospitals, the poor or those homes for the elderly.

In that office he repeatedly spoke out for human and social rights, demanding a fairer distribution of wealth and strongly criticising Government policies maintaining the position of the wealthy. He doubled the number of priests serving in the slum areas, led pro-life initiatives and created a commission on divorces.

Allegations that he failed to protect two priests tortured by the dictatorship administration have since been refuted by one of the priests himself. In fact he worked behind the scenes for their release and may have saved their lives. He sheltered people wanted by the police and gave his own identity papers to a man of similar appearance attempting to flee from Argentina.

As Pope he has demonstrated a decisive authority in immediately calling for quick action by the church on priestly sex abuse.



A Jesuit, he is a widely educated man – a Professor of Theology and a lecturer in psychology, philosophy and literature. He speaks Spanish and Italian as well as German, French, Portuguese, English and Ukrainian.

How will he deal with those issues uppermost in many minds?

### **Change**

His approach to change is already apparent in displaying a simpler and less formal approach to his new office. While he is known for doctrinal conservatism, he is also – according to the Catholic Herald – “a man open to communion and dialogue.”

On 16 March Pope Francis asked all those in senior positions in the Roman Curia to “provisionally continue” in office “until other provisions are made.” That could well indicate he has some changes in mind. Since then he

has appointed a group of Cardinals to take an in-depth look at the Curia.

### **Other faiths**

He is welcoming in his relationships with other faiths. Patriarch Bartholomew 1 of Constantinople (his Orthodox equivalent) attended his installation as Pope. Protestant leaders have expressed their warm congratulations. Attending a synagogue in Buenos Aires, he addressed the Jewish congregation as “my elder brothers.” Ahmed el-Tayeb, Grand Imām of al-Azhar and President of Egypt’s al-Hazar University, sent congratulations, restoring relations that had been “broken off” under Benedict XVI.

### **Women**

On 3 April he spoke out about the “fundamental influence” of women

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in the church, stressing that they have a special role in terms of spreading the faith. According to Vatican Radio this was the third time in a week that the Pope had included the subject of women in his addresses. Many Catholic women, including a group of American Catholic women and nuns who made a pilgrimage to Rome to make requests that included allowing women to be deacons, are hopeful that under his leadership the church will provide women with new opportunities for leadership roles.

### Celibacy

In March this year 21 Catholic Parliamentarians in the UK asked Francis to allow married men in Britain to be ordained as priests, keeping the celibacy rule for bishops (as in the Orthodox Church). As

Cardinal, his views on priestly celibacy were reported as saying “celibacy is a matter of discipline, not of faith. It can change.” He added: “but for the moment I am in favour of maintaining celibacy with its pros and cons.”

This article was sourced from the internet and written in early April. Check out the many internet sources to update yourself on Pope Francis’ activities and what he has been saying, including his twitter postings. You can also read what others are saying about him.

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## Pentecost Happened at a Meeting



There's a privileged experience of God that can be had only in private, alone, in silence. To find God, to receive God's spirit, it's important that, at times, we pull away from the group, that we set off to the desert, to the chapel, to the lonely place, the quiet, to be alone with God. We see Jesus do exactly that. However, where Christianity and Judaism differ somewhat from some of the other world religions is in our belief that there is an equally privileged experience of God that can be had only in a group, in community, in family, at a meeting. We don't just meet God in the desert or in the deep quiet parts of our souls. We meet God there, surely, but we also meet God in the group, the community, the family, at the church gathering, at the meeting: "For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them!" In Christian and Jewish spirituality there are two non-negotiable places where we meet God,

alone and in the family. These are not in opposition, but complementary, relying on each other to keep our experience of God both deep and pure. Pentecost, it is important to note, happened to a group at a meeting, not to an individual alone in the desert. That can be helpful to keep in mind when we tire of meetings, despair of their effectiveness, or resent that they pull us away from important private endeavours. The fact that Pentecost happened at a meeting can also be helpful in keeping us focused on why we are going to all these meetings in the first place. And so we need to continue to go to meetings. We need to spend time together waiting for God, waiting for a new outflow of heavenly fire that will give us the courage, language, and power we need to make happen in the world what our faith and love envision. . Our search for God should take us not just into private places of quiet and contemplation but, equally, into meeting rooms.

*Fr Gerard Whiteford sm*



# *The Holy Spirit at Work in Our Parish*

## A Four Week Programme of Prayer and Discernment

Archbishop John's visit to our parish to confirm our young people on 15th June, when they will receive the Holy Spirit in a very special way through this sacrament, seems an opportune time to pause and pray together for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our new parish, established by Archbishop John, to carry out the work of Christ in Kapiti.

In the week following confirmation we will begin a four week programme to hear and to listen to what the Spirit is saying in our world today. In particular we will gather as the Catholic Church in Kapiti so that we might move forward in a spirit of prayer, reflection and discernment as we form our new parish community.

Over these four weeks we will reflect on the role of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament, in the New Testament, in our universal Church over the centuries and in our local Church, in the past and in the present.

The four week programme is one of small group sharing, but with a greater emphasis on prayer than we might be used to. Not only is there prayer at the beginning and the end but there are several pauses during the 90-minute sessions for silent and shared prayer. Interweaving prayer with our reading of scripture and of the main document from the Second Vatican Council reflects our conviction that we are not seeking to build our new parish on the foundation of our own wisdom.

In many respects this will be very similar to the RENEW groups of the mid-80's and we hope for similar fruit from them.

We are focused on

- listening to the word of God,
- listening to the teaching of the Church in the Second Vatican Council
- silent prayer as we listen to the Spirit shared prayer as we gather as the Body of Christ
- sharing our faith so that we can hear what the Spirit is saying in Kapiti in 2013.

### **The programme:**

Week one focuses on scripture passages revealing the work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament and in the New Testament up until the death of Jesus.

Week two continues to focus on scripture, considering the work of the Holy Spirit after the resurrection, in Pentecost and in the young Church.

Week three focuses on the main teaching document from the Second Vatican Council – the dogmatic constitution on the Church. We consider this document prayerfully in response to the call from Pope Francis to make the teachings of the Second Vatican Council real in our lives.

Week four then looks at our local situation in Kapiti, asking us to pray and share our visions for the Body of Christ on this coast.

## **Why should I come out and join a group in the depths of winter?**

Church is not an individual “thing”. Nor is it just a Sunday Mass “thing”. We are beginning a new chapter in the life of the Church in the Wellington archdiocese and in Kapiti. We don’t want to do this in our own strength. We don’t want to do it alone.

We want the people of God to work with the Holy Spirit in forming the sort of parish that the Spirit wants in Kapiti in 2013.

Let’s get together – pray – read – share – listen – pray some more so that together we grow into our new parish.

### **Details**

There will be groups set up from north to south; daytime and evening.

It would be good if all groups had some members from Paraparaumu and from Waikanae, so that we get to know one another better.

Meeting times will be about 90 minutes. Groups are encouraged to have a cuppa and some fellowship before or after the meeting – but that will be up to each group to decide.

Sign-up opportunities will be available on the weekends of 25/26 May, 1/2 June and 8/9 June OR complete the form on the back cover.

### **Questions?**

Phone Peter Ryan 9026330 or  
Patrick Haughey 9054467

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*Let us pray this Pentecost, for a mighty infilling of the Holy Spirit. May our parish be renewed!*



“Come, Holy Spirit, come and renew the face of the earth [our parish, and ourselves]! Come with your seven gifts! Come, Spirit of Life, Spirit of Communion and Love! The Church and the world need you. Come, Holy Spirit, and make ever more fruitful the charisms you have bestowed on us. Give new strength and missionary zeal to us, sons and daughters of yours.... Open our hearts; renew our Christian commitment to the world. Make us courageous messengers of the Gospel, witnesses to the risen Jesus Christ, the Redeemer and Saviour. Strengthen our love and our fidelity to You, to the Church and to each other.” Amen!

*[Pope John Paul’s prayer to the Holy Spirit, from May 30, 1998]*

## *Fr Jim's Been Thinking* **Care and Concern**



Fr Jim has also been thinking about Pope Francis – and offers a way to answer his challenge.

One of the more endearing traits of Pope Francis has been his concern for disadvantaged members of society; a concern which is marked by action before words. He is also convinced that the call to be caring is given to each one of us and should be an attribute of the life of all Christians. There are many ways in which we can answer Pope Francis' call and Catholics on the Kapiti Coast are generous both with time and resources.

A little over 40 years ago, four congregations of Christian churches founded a group which was to become the Kapiti Carers' Society to provide assistance with transport for those living on the Coast to attend hospital and specialist medical services' appointments at Kenepuru, Hutt and Wellington Hospitals. Occasionally we receive requests for transport to Palmerston North and much more frequently for help within the Kapiti area. There is a high demand for the Society's service and our drivers undertake more than 2000 trips each year.

I have been associated with the Society since 2004 when I came to live in Kapiti. Our needs are two-fold and pretty basic:

1. **Prayer:** please pray that the work of the Society continues to flourish and that our volunteers and their passengers travel in safety.
2. **Volunteer Drivers:** the greater the number of volunteers the more we can share the load.

We are currently undertaking a drive for additional volunteers who are prepared to give their time freely. You would not be asked to commit to a regular roster: rather volunteers are contacted on a "when required" basis and accept or decline a particular job as their circumstances dictate. Each volunteer could receive one or two calls each week but some may be able to volunteer only once a month. The level of commitment is determined by the volunteers themselves.

Volunteer drivers use their own vehicles and are reimbursed for their petrol costs within guidelines issued by Government. Allowances are set at levels which cover their vehicle running costs. Recompense at greater levels is regarded as income and therefore subject to tax.

If you feel you can help with this very worthwhile and satisfying community service please call one of the co-ordinators.

- Waikanae            Anna Upton 293 6349 or Diana Ponsford 293 8590
- Paraparaumu      Pat Lynch 905 5743 or Rene Barker 905 1736

Can you accept Pope Francis' challenge to offer care and concern within our community?

# Pastoral Area News

## Address given at Waikanae Masses on 11th & 12th May, 2013

As you can see from the attachments to your newsletter, the green light has been given to the formation of a new Parish in Kapiti.

The formal announcement of this historic event is likely to be made by the Archbishop on the 15th June - at the Confirmation Mass to be held at St Patricks – the Vigil Mass. If so, a similar announcement will be made at the Vigil Mass in Waikanae that same night.

Later in the year the new Parish will most likely mark the occasion with a special celebration for all parishioners in one venue, all together. That event will likely be held in the Spring when

the weather is warmer.

Details as to time and place will be announced later.

In the meantime, the Archbishop asks us to suggest a name for the new Parish, which will encompass both of our existing Churches.

It is important to note that the names of those Churches will stay the same. It will still be Our Lady of Fatima Church at Waikanae and St Patrick's Church at Paraparaumu.

The name for a new Parish that the joint Parish Councils consider very appropriate is "Our Lady of Kapiti Parish." This name identifies us



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geographically. It recognises the Statue of Our Lady in Paraparaumu. It invokes the name of the Waikanae Church - Our Lady of Fatima, and it also has meaning for former parishioners of Paekakariki whose Church was called Our Lady of Lourdes. In addition, as a name for a new Parish within the Archdiocese, it would be unique and instantly recognisable.

We hope you like the name Our Lady of Kapiti Parish, but if you wish to suggest any alternative name for the new Parish the Joint Councils would like to hear from you – through your Parish Secretary. They meet again on the 21st May, and all suggestions will be considered then.

The Archbishop's consent to form a new Parish brings to an end two years of upheaval and change. It's been unsettling for many of us. It has forced us to look at ourselves and re-appraise what the meaning of church is, and what our faith calls us to do.

But that door is about to close. And when it does, a new door will open soon afterwards - with a new vision for the future and a new Parish structure.

You'll be invited to have input into that vision - and that process - through a series of meetings and discussions which will take place over the next few months. We intend to ask the Prayer groups and the Passionist Family Groups to help us with those meetings, and we'll announce more details shortly.

Michael Dodson

See also article on p.10 and sign up form on back cover.

## Youth



Term 2 is underway. As many of you will be aware Debbie Matheson has stood down as coordinator with Jacqui McLaughlin taking on the role joined by Delwyn Barber as the Administrator. We will continue to build upon the foundation that Debbie has built. We thank her for her passion and vision and wish her every success with her future endeavours.

We have just begun a new group – Café Catchup. Aimed at parents with young children, this is an opportunity to catch up for a coffee at a local Waikanae Café – look at the parish newsletter and noticeboards to see when they are meeting next!

This term we are planning our annual Leadership Retreat in Otaki. Our leaders spend a lot of time, energy & prayer helping youth on their discipleship journey. This retreat offers an opportunity for leaders to 'feed' their own journey! At the Retreat we will focus on motivating, inspiring, educating and encouraging our current and future leaders to use the gifts and talents that God has showered them with to become more active in the community.





Opportunities continue to be available for our Year 8 and above youth to mix with other Christians and other Catholic Youth Groups. There are two more ecumenical events at El Rancho on Friday 31 May – Esther Melody Concert and on Saturday 15 June – OneSound Festival. There is also a gathering of youth from Plimmerton to Levin for a games afternoon on Saturday 18 May.

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

Jacqui McLaughlin

### BYOD\* at St Patrick's School



More and more schools in New Zealand are putting digital wifi systems in place that allow children to bring their laptops, net books, ipads and other devices to school to support their learning. St Patrick's has been fortunate to be able to join this digital revolution after a generous donation from the Infinity Foundation.

Students access the 'www' through a secure login that keeps a separation between the student's device and the school's network and systems.

In addition each of the classes, along with PC's and laptops, has an ipad (funded by the school fundraising group) which they are using to

explore the world of 'Apps'.

Teachers and children are making effective use of the growing number of cloud resources and online learning opportunities including 'Google Docs', as well as tablet apps. On the school web site there is a link to the senior class blog (Room 8) providing a window into the digital learning world of our students. Visit [www.stpatspara.school.nz](http://www.stpatspara.school.nz).

Our system and specifications have been developed in consultation with the local colleges so families get maximum benefit for their dollar, as the device can be used when they go on to secondary education.

Financially this project makes sense as it allows us to develop a digital learning environment and make the best use of the school's own limited resources. The school has made sure there are sufficient resources alongside BYOD, for children to have access to a computer or device to work online.

Just last week the Government-funded, ultrafast broadband cable was installed in the school and we expect to be able to benefit from this and the



Year 7 and 8 students Daniel, Simone, Emma, William, Paige

newly developed Government funded 'Network 4 Learning' very soon.

The children have taken to this opportunity like 'ducks to water'. If anything they have taught us and led the way. Together we are learning about the competencies of 'digital citizenship'; how to interact, behave and use the resources of the 'www' responsibly and safely. Added to this, we have been developing our understanding of digital citizenship from a Catholic special character value base.

We expect the children to be more than just consumers of online content; our focus is to provide learning opportunities that enable them to learn, create and share.

Martin Elms

\* Bring Your Own Devices

## A year of faith at Otaki

We take a quick look at an event that's taken place in our sister parish to the north.



Otaki parish recently had two workshops as part of their Year of Faith activities.

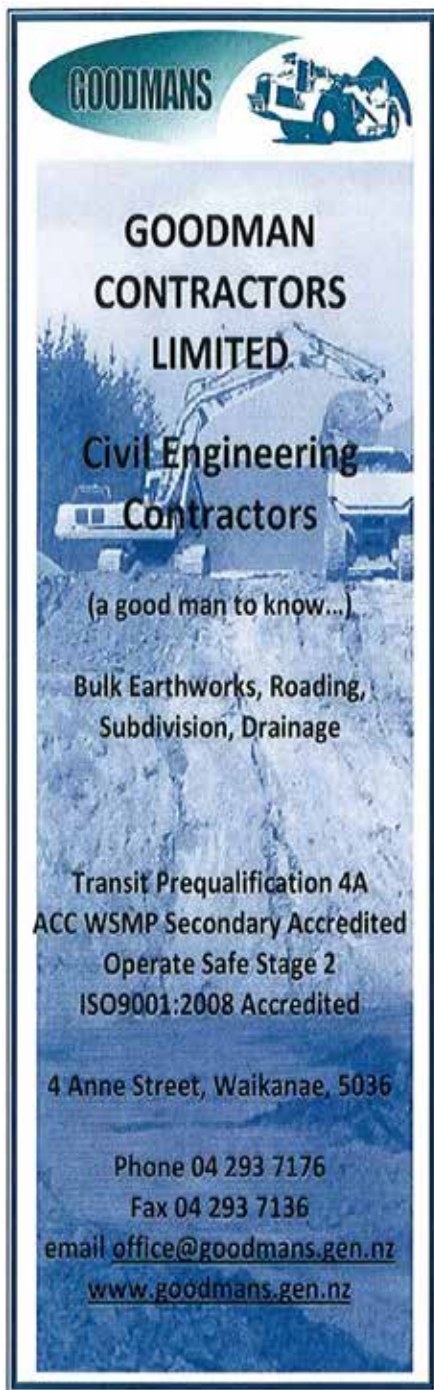
The first workshop, held on 20 April 2013, explored *Porta Fidei*, Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic letter for the start of the Year of Faith. Participants had prepared for the workshop by reading the document and highlighting words and phrases that stood out for them. Meeting as a group after Saturday morning Mass, Joe Green, Launch Out candidate from the Kapiti/Horowhenua Pastoral Area, facilitated what turned out to be a lively group discussion. Once through the 'church speak' that tends to be at the opening of Vatican documents the group shared their thoughts. The purpose of the Year of Faith is to 'rediscover the journey of faith so as to shed ever clearer light on the joy and enthusiasm of the encounter with Christ'. We discussed 'the New Evangelization' that the Pope calls the Church to. This new evangelization




Fr Gerry Whiteford and parishioners discuss *Porta Fidei*

is, as the Synod of Bishops in 2012 described it, 'primarily directed to our brothers and sisters, who, despite being baptized, have drifted from the Church and Christian practice, so that they can rediscover the beauty of their Christian faith and the joy of a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus in the Church and the community of the faithful'. Porta Fidei points out that 'faith grows when it is lived as an experience of love received and when it is communicated as an experience of grace and joy'. Benedict then gives some concrete examples of a lived faith: Mary accepting the Angel's word; Apostles following Jesus; disciples forming the first faith community; the martyrs who gave their lives; and ourselves when we live in recognition of Jesus as present in our lives.

The second workshop, held a week later, acknowledged the 50 years since Vatican II. The group had a facilitated discussion on the Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium* (Light to the Nations). Particular focus was on how Vatican II visioned the role of the laity in the Church and how we are called to contribute as priests, prophets and kings to bringing about the Reign of God. We discussed how the ordained ministry exercises these functions of sanctification, proclamation and governance to the Church while the laity are called to carry them out to and in the secular world. At the same time Vatican II called lay people to support and assist, and carry out where necessary and able, the roles



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of the ordained ministry. The group discussed concrete ways we do this. These workshops were in preparation for a third workshop on what it means to be parish, and especially parish within a wider pastoral area. This workshop was overtaken by the Archbishop's request for Otaki and Levin to consider combining into one parish. The parish is now working through the required consultation process.

Joe Green



**Charismatic Prayer Group**  
meets every 2nd Wednesday  
at 7:30pm in the Foyer of  
Our Lady of Fatima church  
in Parata St, Waikanae  
All Welcome!.

## Confirmation 2013

What's happening in the Church today?

Children are chattering.

Hands are waving.

Bodies are squirming...

The air is warm, alive energised...

It's very like the first Pentecost!

The power of the Holy Spirit is evident. There is an air of excitement and expectation.

Forty young people are preparing for the coming of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Parents are hovering...

Proud, responsible, anxious, hopeful.

We are all learning and growing together.

Teachers are overwhelmed, enthusiastic, busy.

Inspiring men and women are being remembered as children choose names to honour this event and grow their Catholic identity more richly.

May the inspiration of Mary, Petelo, Matthew, Lucy, Matalena, Elizabeth, Luke and Francis, and all the holy men and women, live on in these excited young people.

Thanks for the guidance of teachers and parents.

May our Confirmation Mass on Sat 15 June at 5.30 be a momentous celebration of the Coming of the Holy Spirit for our class of 2013!

Barbara Henley rmdm



# Introducing Parish Groups & People

## Cenacle Companions

In 2011 three of the Cenacle Sisters moved to Our Lady of Fatima Parish, where they are supported in their work by Cenacle Companions, lay women and men who live the spirituality and charism of the Cenacle Congregation\*.

Among the companions is Merle Whiteman, also known for her roles in the two parishes of Kapiti, setting up a baptismal preparation group and for helping to prepare funerals.

Merle has been a Cenacle Companion for some years, becoming involved when the Sisters had their retreat house in Woburn.

“Some of us were invited to become Companions and others felt called after experiencing a Retreat in Daily Life. Most Companions are in the everyday work force and share

in ministries within a parish or church context, for example hospital chaplaincy, RCIA, youth ministry and the like. Some Cenacle Companions collaborate with the Sisters in the retreat ministry.”

Along with the Cenacle Sisters in Waikanae there are up to 15 Cenacle Companions who gather monthly for prayer, reflection, sharing and hospitality. There are also Cenacle groups in Auckland and Perth and an Australasian gathering is held once every two years. Connections are also formed with other Cenacle Companions around the world, for example in the Philippines, Ireland and France.

Special occasions celebrated by the Cenacle Sisters and Companions are Pentecost, when Mary and the apostles were gathered in the upper



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room (Cenacle) when the Holy Spirit descended; May 18, the Cenacle Feast Day and July 31, the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola.

*\*The vision of Saint Therese Couderc, foundress of the international congregation of the Cenacle Sisters, was to attract people to God through the ministry of retreat and spiritual direction. Therese Couderc was born in 1805 in the Ardeche region of France and throughout her life lived the gift of making Jesus known and loved through the gospels and prayer and also offered the gift of hospitality, opening retreat houses for women who came to her for spiritual direction.*

### Rest Home Services

A number of parishioners in both parishes do a wonderful work conducting services in our resthomes. We applaud them for their work to these brothers and sisters in Christ.

### Waikanae

The services at the four Waikanae Rest-Homes have been running since 1991. The idea emerged at the time from the very successful Interchurch committee of ministers and lay people meeting monthly. One of the Anglican ministers works out and circulates the roster each November, and we do about 20 each year, as rostered.

We write new services, always on a topic, Hope, Peace, Thankfulness for Spring, Christian Poets, The Cardinal Virtues, etc. Prayers, hymns and Bible reading all relate to the theme. Over the years our wonderful secretaries have printed and illustrated the services in booklet form.

Many of our Church musicians have given their services in the past. Currently Doreen Hoffmann and Pat Driver share this really important

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**Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.**



task. Music is essential, and much appreciated.

A special tribute must be paid to Wullie Grant who takes the Millvale House services. The residents there all have dementia, and love to hear Wullie play, as well as sing or beat time to the old hymns.

At all the Homes most of those attending are not Catholic. These services therefore are an opportunity for shared prayer for world peace and for each other.

Nonie Hoggard

### **Seven Oaks, Paraparaumu**

Entering Seven Oaks is entering the “home” of all residents. It is a place where respect, compassion, care and friendship abide.

I felt very privileged when I was approached eleven years ago, as a member of Saint Patricks Parish, to bring a Church Service, once a month, to the residents of Seven Oaks.

We need to be aware that in our community we have a number of elderly to very elderly who are unable to take part in our liturgies, Masses, and Church and community activities. Our service is for all who wish to come and share.

Representing Saint Patricks, I present a Church Service to the residents of Seven Oaks on the first Wednesday of each month. We gather together in the main dining room where we listen to Scripture, reflect on what the Scripture says to us and what it means for us “today”. We then pray in thanksgiving for a God who loves us all.

We have 5 or 6 hymns/songs spread throughout the Service. I try to have



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hymns that relate to the message from Scripture. Before our final hymn we pray together the Our Father and Grace, as the residents then move off for their lunch.

Judith Salmon assists me with the music player.

The liturgy itself does take time to prepare but for me it is time that cannot be measured, especially when I walk in and meet the residents and then hear some voices singing to the music, albeit slightly out of tune!

Other Church denominations share the remaining Wednesdays of the month. We have the Anglican, Interdenominational, Baptist and Gateway Churches.

Margaret Bevin.

## Scripture Study Groups

### Waikanae

We are a group of parishioners who gather on Thursday at 10 am at Our Lady of Fatima to explore the readings for the following Sunday. Our hope is to become more receptive to hearing and living The Word.

### Planned Givers

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Mary Dorrington led us on our journey for almost four years until her death in 2012. Our

group continues, now facilitated by a team of members.

We gather for morning tea. Music then leads us into prayer followed by the reading and study of the scriptures, including context and application. Everyone comes prepared and ready to share their insights – “gems of discovery”!

We would love you to join us. If you are interested, ring Clare: 905 5295 or Pat: 902 3995

### Paraparaumu – Not Your Usual Sunday Readings

Do you want to look at the readings for next Sunday? Do you want to do so in a variety of styles?

Our group attempts to vary our approach ranging from in *Lectio Divina* and traditional ‘academic’ study and discussion, to more creative explorations through drawing (even stick figures can be expressive of an idea when explained!) and imagining ourselves as a participant in the scene. Members take turns, as they are comfortable, in deciding how a particular reading will be considered and in preparing the focus table.

We would love you to join us. If you are interested in joining us we’d love to welcome you.

Further details from Sheila on 902 2578.



## Congratulations Anna Upton!!

Anna Upton has been part of the Waikanae parish for a long time. She knows its history, its people and is a busy and active contributor to the life of the parish. Much of her ministry goes unnoticed but she is extremely generous with her time and talents. She takes her turn at serving morning tea after Mass, arranges our flowers, is Vice President of the Woman's Guild, etc. She writes letters of consolation and encouragement to Guild Members and grieving parishioners. Anna lives the Gospel enthusiastically.

The wider community values and appreciates her also and last week the Parawai Lions club, together with Lions Club International, honoured her with the highest award possible. Her name is on the honours board at Lions International, Illinois! Congratulations Anna, on becoming a Melvin Jones Fellow. This



is an international award given to recognise dedication and service to the community. I was privileged to be present at the celebrations and share in this wonderful honour.

We are so very proud of you.

Barbara Henley rndm

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# Recent Events

## Conclave Brunch

On Saturday, 9th March about 190 parishioners from both parishes gathered in the Waikanae Memorial Hall to partake of brunch and listen to Cardinal Tom give us a foretaste



of what would happen at the coming Conclave. To enhance the experience, he wore, first, his formal robes, and after the interval, the robes he wore for the Conclave he attended in 2005 to elect Pope Benedict XVI.

He assured us that very little lobbying went on. The pre-conclave meetings explored the needs of the Church and time was spent meeting possible candidates so he would be in a better position to vote at Conclave. He explained to us that pre-conclave, Conclave and

post-election procedures were laid down and documented in a book each Cardinal Elector would be given. He wound up his very interesting and illuminating talk by naming about eight possibilities - none of whom was Pope Francis!



The food was provided by New World, Waikanae and prepared by volunteers under the leadership of Jeanine van Kradenberg of Party Perfect Catering. (see advert on p.11) We enjoyed muesli and sweet muffins on the tables, with volunteers serving tomato



salsa on scrambled egg, ham & a split muffin. Delicious. The latter offering was prepared in a back room by eight ladies with a frypan each and very precise instructions from Jeanine. Thanks to Bob Houston. He proposed the idea, led his team to completion and carved the ham. Thanks, too to Cardinal Tom for generously sharing his experience.

### L'Arche Auction

Our L'Arche Kapiti Auction was a great success. This was due to the tremendous generosity of so many people, companies, local businesses, Friends of L'Arche, community groups and organizations, both within the Kapiti area and beyond.



“Many people are good at talking about what they are doing. Others do a lot but don’t talk about it; they are the ones who make a community grow.

Jean Vanier, our Founder (From Community & Growth)

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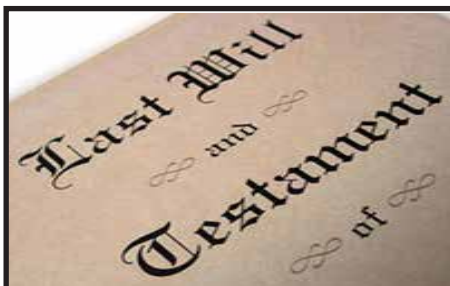
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# Saint Francis

As Pope Francis is the first Pope to take the name of this saint, it is appropriate that we feature him this issue.

St. Francis of Assisi, c1181- 1226) was an Italian Catholic friar and preacher. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans), the women's Order of St. Clare, and the Third Order of Saint Francis for men and women not able to live the lives of itinerant preachers followed by the early members of the Order of Friars Minor or the monastic lives of the Poor Clares. Though he was never ordained to the Catholic priesthood, Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in history.

His father was a prosperous silk merchant. Francis lived the high-spirited life typical of a wealthy young man, even fighting as a soldier for Assisi. While going off to war in 1204, Francis had a vision that directed him back to Assisi, where he lost his taste for his worldly life. On a pilgrimage to Rome, he joined the poor in begging at St. Peter's Basilica. The experience moved him to live in poverty. Francis returned home, began preaching on the streets, and soon amassed a following. His Order was authorized by Pope Innocent III in 1210. He then founded the Order of Poor Clares, which became an enclosed religious order for women, as well as the Order of Brothers and Sisters of Penance (commonly called the Third Order).

In 1219, he went to Egypt in an attempt to convert the Sultan to put



an end to the conflict of the Crusades. By this point, the Franciscan Order had grown to such an extent that its primitive organizational structure was no longer sufficient. He returned to Italy to organize the Order. Once his community was authorized by the Pope, he withdrew increasingly from external affairs. In 1223, Francis arranged for the first Christmas manger scene. In 1224, he received the stigmata, making him the first recorded person to bear the wounds of Christ's Passion. He died during the evening hours of October 3, 1226, while listening to a reading he had requested of Psalm 140.

On July 16, 1228, he was pronounced a saint by Pope Gregory IX. He is known as the patron saint of animals, the environment, and is one of the two patron saints of Italy (with Catherine of Siena). It is customary for Catholic and Anglican churches to hold ceremonies blessing animals on his feast day of October 4. He is also known for his love of the Eucharist, his sorrow during the Stations of the Cross, and for the creation of the Christmas creche or Nativity Scene.

Source: Bill Lambert & Wikipedia

# Parish Directories May 2013

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

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Children's Liturgy Coordinator	Jenny McGlone	904 7451
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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
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Passionist Family Groups	Jenny & Mark McGlone	904 7451
Justice and Peace	Des Horan	904 8086
Prayer Groups Monday Afternoon	Sandra Bater 905 2774 Billie Watson	902 3868
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# *A Bit of This and a Bit of That*

## How Children Perceive Their Grandparents



My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

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A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods" The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

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My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

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A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colours yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what colour it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colours yourself!"

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When my grandson Billy and I entered our holiday cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

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When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

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A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

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Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

## Sign-up form for small groups Prayer and discernment for our new Parish

We are asking people to join in small groups to pray and discern what the Holy Spirit is calling us to be as a new parish. We need to know how many people will become involved in this process so that we can plan the number of small groups and where they will be held.

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