

Our Lady of Kapiti Build Vision Statement

(Explanatory Note:- this Vision Statement is based on the marvellous work done over the last few years to create our Parish Pastoral Plan of 2014. The Vision Statement defines who we are as a parish, where we are going and how our new Church and parish centre will be an intrinsic part of our faith journey. This document forms part of the brief to potential architects.)



We are a pilgrim people of faith under the inspiration and protection of Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti, centred in the Gospel of Christ and living out our core values of worship, hospitality, community, justice and service.

We commit to being an inclusive, caring, welcoming community of love, understanding and acceptance; we love and support each other in our lives and ministries.

We are called to mission as disciples of Jesus, responding to the needs of all peoples around us, inspired through Eucharist to work for the common good.

We are committed to cultural integrity and sensitivity in the integrated design and use of land across the site. We seek pastoral, social, worship and support services integration between Church and school.

We seek to create a physical and spiritual environment which is a place of warmth and welcome, colour and comfort, style and sacredness, simple yet flexible and versatile in design.

We seek to distinguish spaces by their nature and use – worship, gathering, socialising, hosting/entertaining, meeting and prayer whilst maintaining a holistic approach to design across the site.

We wish our church building to be recognisably Catholic, a witness to our faith within the wider community.

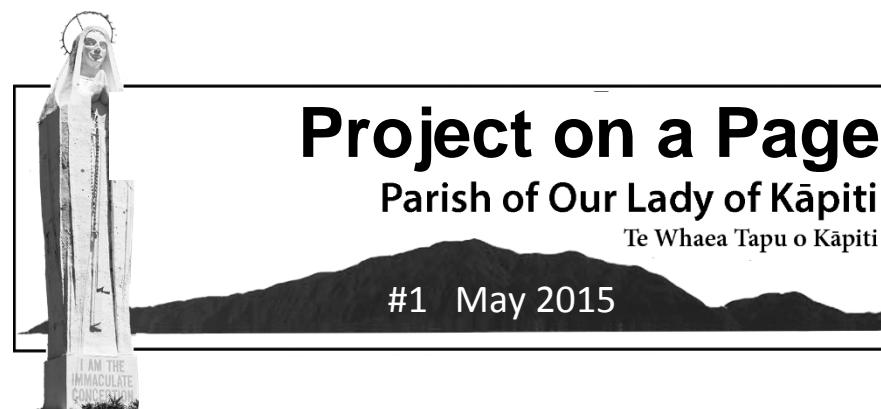
We commit to recognising our rich faith traditions while utilising contemporary design and materials to reflect our new journey as a single parish community.



It's not the building, it's the people, who make Church.

What sort of Church are we building?

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Welcome to this first edition of what will become a regular update on the journey commenced by the parish of Our Lady of Kapiti, Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti.

Project on a Page has the very simple intention of keeping parishioners advised of the progress being made on our project to build our new Church and relocate our school on the site in Milne Drive, Paraparaumu. It will also provide an opportunity for you to ask questions about the project and, wherever possible, to provide speedy and accurate answers.

Please read it, and please feel free to share the information in it with anyone who may have an interest in or connection with this very significant undertaking but who is unlikely to receive a copy at Mass on a weekend.

Justin du Fresne

On behalf of the Communications and Change Management Team.

Your Queries

One of the principle functions of this newsletter is to provide answers (wherever possible) to the questions you may have in connection with this project. You can send your question to ladykapiti@gmail.com. If you don't have internet access then mail it or drop it in to the parish office at 29 Parata Street, Waikanae. We will require contact details so that a reply can be sent directly to you. Questions and answers will then be published in this newsletter and also on the parish website, but names will not be included.

Some answers Two common concerns that featured in our recent parish survey (the vote taken at all Masses at the end of February) were the possibility of some place of worship being retained in Waikanae and the matter of transport to the new church for Waikanae



residents. With regard to the former there is certainly a willingness to consider facilitation of some kind of future focal point in Waikanae. The provision though of a "place of worship" presents significant challenges for ongoing discussions. In respect of transport from Waikanae, parishioners will have noted that a bus was provided on Good Friday. The support it received will be part of the discussions still to come within the groups involved with the project. But, again, it's just too early to be definitive about any permanent transport facility.

Progress Report #1

Much of the work in recent weeks has been in the establishment of the various groups (listed elsewhere in this newsletter) and the processes by which they will operate. Project Managers (one from the Archdiocese, the other local) have commenced their work which includes the appointment of an architect. Several such firms submitted proposals (for the relocated school) and a final decision on that appointment will be made around mid-May. Work has begun on the configuration of the site plan for Milne Drive as a prelude to seeking resource consent.



The sale process of property has begun with the land on Tongariro Street opposite the school being the first going on the market. Specific planning for the Church and Parish Centre cannot begin until the school's exact "footprint" on the land is confirmed.

Introducing People Involved

There are a number of groups involved in the different elements of the project. In the main, the members of these groups are parishioners with particular skills, experiences or interests relevant to the activity that their group will advise on and oversee. Our Lady of Kapiti parish is very blessed with an abundance of talent and an exemplary willingness by so many to share their gifts on a purely voluntary basis.



The Groups are:-

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| ▲ Liturgy and Building Design | ▲ School | ▲ Funding |
| ▲ Sale of Assets | ▲ Prayer | ▲ New Church and Building |
| ▲ Communication and Change Management | ▲ Steering | |

The Steering Group, now meeting every fortnight, is responsible for the overall governance and the critical programme-wide decisions. It will also be the point of escalation for resolution of any issues.

The Steering Group consists of Fr Michael McCabe, *Parish Priest*; John O'Sullivan, *Steering Group Chair*; Justin du Fresne, *Parish Council Chair*; Michael Gaffaney, *Finance Committee Chair*; Wullie Grant, *Programme Coordinator*,

Church Design Lead; David Meyer, *School Project and Design Lead*.

There is also representation from the Archdiocese and, of course, the professional and paid Architectural, Engineering and Planning teams.

In subsequent issues of this newsletter we'll list the people involved with the other groups.

It is anticipated that others may be co-opted as need arises. Do you have skills you'd like to offer? Do you know of anyone who should be involved?

Funding

A project such as this does not come cheaply. As many homeowners will know, there is a substantial (and still increasing) cost ingredient known as "compliance". Even avoiding "extravagances", the development and build costs of a new church and parish centre, together with associated groundwork, parking, etc., are substantial, despite the costs of the school relocation being borne by the Archdiocese and the Education Ministry. We can't yet be specific about construction cost, nor about possible realisation of funds through property sales, but the generosity of parishioners will be called on, just as our existing churches looked to, and found, the goodwill of former congregations. So, please, keep the future of this parish in your minds. 100% of any funds contributed specifically for this project via donation or bequest will be used solely and entirely for this project within the parish and will not be subject to a diocesan levy.



Prayer – The Essential Element

As our parish prayer says, "Glory be to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine".

This project requires prayer – it is the one contribution that every single parishioner can make.

Can we please ask for your prayers? Wherever it is that you pray and whether you pray alone or with others, please pray for the successful outcome of this project and the continuing development of our still relatively new parish.



Some specific requests to pray for:

- † that the process of building the physical church may build the spiritual Church of Kapiti,
- † that the building is an outward sign of a vibrant, faith filled and loving community,
- † that all who enter may feel the love and peace of God,
- † for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on all the groups and individuals tasked with specific aspects of building our new church.