

Fundraising

The committee continues to look for fundraising opportunities which spread the financial burden and will endeavour to structure future activities to cast the net as widely as possible.



Currently underway are:

Monthly Luncheons: These are proving popular, providing an opportunity for the community to be involved on an on-going basis with the fundraising activity while also strengthening Parish social interaction. It is hoped that the current eight groups with ten people in each, will eventually increase to 12.

Contact: Velma Knight Phone: 299 1539

Youth Group Involvement: Do you need to enhance your computer skills? Here's a solution. Jacquie McLaughlin and her youth group are interested in the idea of helping older folk improve their computer/cellphone skills for a small donation. This will be an opportunity for the younger parishioners to be involved in the church project as well as some interaction across the generations.

Contact: Jacquie McLaughlin Mobile: 022 67 57 357

Email: kapiti.youth@gmail.com

Trademe: This fundraising initiative is now fully operational and donated items have been listed and some already sold. We have a continuing need for good quality donated goods to ensure the success of this initiative. Those items that have been lying in the closet or garage all these months past – is it time to bid them farewell? Or talk to your friends about it. You are our best network.

Contact: Claire Reiher Mobile: 021 101 8665

Discovering Ourselves - this will be held on 21 May 2016 at the Waikanae Memorial Hall. A steering group of six people has been formed to spearhead the project. As well, they will canvas the youth of the parish to consider a role they could take in this event. More details later.

Contacts: Kathleen and Tony White 905 7850

Other events for next year at this stage include a golf day at Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club, a Fashion show at Ballantynes on 18th May and film evenings regularly throughout the year as opportunities present themselves. More details will be published nearer the time of each event. Further suggestions and initiatives welcome.

Finally, a big "thank you" once again to the many volunteers who assisted with the dinner/dance and raffle held recently.

Paul Reiher, Convenor, Fundraising Team



Remember, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, direct them to: the website: ladykapiti@gmail.com

OR the Parish Office 29 Parata Street, Waikanae 5036



Progress Report #5 -



Cardinal John Dew signed off on the initial project design and budget in early September.

The Resource Consent application for the school and the new church has been submitted to the KDC; this approval is imminent.

Our school architects (Studio Pacific Architecture) will have final design plans ready for building consent application on November 6th.

Sub-contractors are being engaged via the tender process.

Goodmans start earthworks before Xmas and our main contractors, LT McGuinness, start building works mid-January.

Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish School will open for the beginning of Term 1 2017, at which time St Patrick's School will be vacated. This property is currently on the market but any terms of sale will include timing around the school's final closure date.

Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish School is **totally** financed by Policy One Ministry of Education monies combined with funding from the Archdiocese. The budget is \$5.9m excluding the land cost.

The school is being built for a roll of 250 students encompassed in 3 blocks of 3 classrooms in each (9 classrooms in total).

The property at Milne Drive will have two legal titles, one for the new church and one for the school. This process is underway. The land encompassing the school land and buildings is owned by the Proprietor - in this case, Cardinal John Dew, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Wellington.

For further information refer to the St Patrick's School website or speak with Martin Elms, Principal, St Patrick's School.

*David Meyer, Convenor, School Development Group
taken from report at all masses on school building progress.*

From our Cardinals

Grace

Lord God, you love life.
You clothe the lilies of the field.
You feed the birds of the air.
You sent your own Son that we may have life,
Life in abundance.



We ask you to bless the food we are about to share, food for our physical lives.
We ask also that you bless all gathered in friendship this evening.

Since we have come together to build a church, a house where we will celebrate your gifts of Sacrifice and Sacraments, which will sustain our spiritual lives.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Cardinal Tom Williams
'Let's Build a Church' dinner / dance, Southwards 19th September*

'No one is under any illusions about the magnitude of the project that Our Lady of Kāpiti is embarking upon. However, I believe this project serves the greater good of the Archdiocese as well as the needs of the parishioners for a new church and school. Clearly this is a work of faith and an enormous commitment of faith on the part of all. For this reason prayer is essential to its successful outcome and I encourage you and the parishioners to make this a central part of your continued plan.'

Cardinal John Dew – 23 January 2015

'[The parish] requests approval for fundraising activities to support Stage 3 of the project. I have no hesitation in giving that approval and ask that all parishioners support the project to the extent that they are able, financially but also in prayer and general support of the project activities. I am aware of the huge amount of work that many people are undertaking, voluntarily, and am truly grateful. Please pass on my thanks to them. Please be assured of my ongoing prayers...'



Cardinal John Dew - 9 July 2015

Some theological thoughts on building a church

The Problem of Housing God



(The article speaks of King Solomon as the patron of all religious artists and architects, and then adds:)

Solomon's task can best be described in terms of the quality which Aquinas called the virtue of magnificence. St. Thomas describes that quality as an aspect of fortitude.

Magnificence is the sort of courage one needs to give adequate expression to splendour. Mere lavishness alone will not do, nor will a taste for living expensively. Money and glitter may seem to offer instant magnificence but the tawdriness of that is soon seen.

It takes a particular kind of courage to endure the labour of planning and executing something on a great scale. ...

The glory of one's vision can shine through only after great effort.

Most of us will shirk the arduousness of finding the right medium, the right proportions, the right form of embodying a vision that is worthwhile.

...a building "becomes a sacred place in so far as it is in tune with the whole spectrum of the mysteries of Christ's life as they are lived out in the celebration of the sacramental rites and their liturgies."

... a church building is part of the ritual, and not just the location where the ritual occurs.

(Given to Fr Michael by Cardinal Tom Williams in June 2015.)

Eugene O'Sullivan OP

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Prayer – The Essential Element

Each Sunday, since the beginning of July, parishioners from Our Lady of Kāpiti parish have gathered at 20 Milne Drive to pray together.



No one person has attended every Sunday, but there has been a faithful core that have turned up in a variety of weather conditions. Fr Owen Sinclair has been one of these and he commented "It is good to have foundations of prayer going in for the physical foundations to build on."

As the weather improves, it would be good to see more parishioners joining us to "soak" the site in prayer - both for current parish needs and for the needs of all our future parishioners, and indeed for all who will attend the school and the Church for baptisms, Masses, weddings, funerals, ordinations,

We meet each Sunday at 11.30am and we are "done" by noon.

Peter Ryan, Convenor, Prayer Team