



Concluding Prayer

Martin Elms, School Principal

As we pass the shortest day of the year, we teeter on the brink of a promise,
a promise of hope and light.

The cold winds of winter will soon whisper of spring.

May the beauty of this earth fill us with wonder and awe.

May the love and prayers of our ancestors, Tangata whenua, Presentation Sisters,
parishioners and family, wrap around us like the korowai and the mantle of our patron,
Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti.

May this new year be bursting with possibilities unfurling like the fern fronds.

A new sacred space for sharing Eucharist, worship and prayer.

A new school for nurturing the young and future generations of our church.

A gathering place for the people of the parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti, the church –
from Paekakariki, Waikanae and Paraparaumu.

May our lives be filled with blessings as numerous as the stars in the southern sky,
and may we reach out and be a significant blessing to the community around us.

We ask this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hail Queen of Heaven

Hail Queen of heaven, the ocean star

Guide of the wanderer, here below

Thrown on life's surge, we claim they care

Save us from peril and from woe

Mother of Christ, star of the sea

Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

And while to him, who reigns above,

In Godhead One, in persons three

The source of life, of grace, of love,

Homage we pay on bended knee;

Do thou bright Queen, star of the sea,

Pray for thy children, pray for me.



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Parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti

Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti

Site Blessing Prayers

The Sunday of Blessing

28th June 2015

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And in a sense, this is exactly what a beginning does.

It is an opening for surprises...'

- John O' Donoghue

Welcome

Father Michael

Reading Ephesians 3

Sister Breda Ryan

"Out of your infinite glory may you give us the power, through your Spirit for our
hidden selves to grow strong, so that Christ may live in our hearts through faith and then
planted in love and built on love, we will with all the saints have strength to grasp the
breadth and the length, the height and the depth until knowing the love of Christ which
is beyond all knowledge we are filled with the utter fullness of God.

Glory be to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask
or imagine. Glory be to God from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ
Jesus for ever and ever, Amen."

Prayer of Blessing

led by Tuki and Pauline Takiwa and Aki Taiaki

Mo Maria

Mo Maria ai a nei

O tatou waiata

Kia kaha rata tou

Kia nui te aroha

Tena hoki nga Ahere

E whakahonore ana

Ki to ratou Rehina

Ki a Maria ano ra

Prayer of Blessing

Father Michael

'When the heart is ready for a fresh beginning,
unforeseen things can emerge.
And in a sense, this is exactly what a beginning does.
It is an opening for surprises.
Surrounding the intention and the act of beginning,
there are exciting possibilities.
Beginnings are new horizons, that are wont to be seen.
They are not regressions or repetitions.
Somehow they win clearance
and become fiercely free of the grip of the past.
What is the new horizon in you that wants to be seen?'



- John O'Donoghue

Mihi ki te whenua – Greetings to this land

To the icy June winds that race across the waters
To the Tararua mountains dusted with snow
To the beautiful Kāpiti Coast blessed by Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti
He mihi aroha

Mihi ke nga mate – Greetings to the dead, our whakapapa, our communion of saints
to our ancestors who laid down the path we walk on this sacred land
and to our loved ones whose absence still aches like an open wound
He mihi aroha – May they rest in peace and receive the reward of their faith in Christ
He mihi aroha. Mihi ki a koutou katou.
And warmest greetings to you all
Nau mai haere mai e te whanau tena kotou katou a kia noho te Ariki ke a koutou

May this land, gift of God the creator, shelter the Body of Christ here in Kāpiti.
We dedicate it to Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti - Our Lady of Kāpiti – Mother of God,
Mother of Jesus, Temple of the Holy Spirit, Mother of us all.
Just as Jesus grew beneath her heart so we pray on this land our hearts may be peaceful
under her maternal heart and within her maternal womb – May her spirit nurture us.

She, Te Whaea, Our Lady, is Mother of the church.
May she show herself to be our Mother on this land.
May she continue to nurture us as the body of Christ, the body of her Son Jesus,
so that we may continue to discover the peace the world cannot give in her Son Jesus.
May this land continue to nurture grace and reveal new pathways of grace
and new pathways of courage in Christ.
May this land be a safe place, a place of shelter, understanding and acceptance
where we can be as we are and begin to respond over and again and again
to the call to be disciples of Jesus.
May this land be a place of discovery,

a place of challenge,
a place of healing and a place of partnership,
protection, participation and justice,
for the tangata whenua – the people of this land
and the people who come to belong to this land,
to belong in Christ and to build the Body of Christ
in worship and education,
in faith and service, in hospitality
and compassion to all.

May this land be a place of welcome
A place where dignity and forgiveness prevail
A place where our hidden selves grow strong
On this land may our eyes and our hearts see
That no visitor arrives without a gift
And no guest leaves without a blessing

Mā te karaiti to matou Ariki. Amene



School Children's Prayers

Room 5 – Lord, we thank you for our new school. May it be a place of safety, friendship and joy...Lord hear us.

Room 6 – Lord, we ask you to bless this land and protect it. May our school and church stand strong on this site for years to come. We thank you for this new beginning...Lord hear us.

Room 7 – Lord, we ask you to bless our ancestors. We thank you for those who chose to follow you all those years ago and have passed on their Catholic faith to us. May the experiences that we have at this school stir our own faith for Jesus Christ so that we too, will pass it on to our children in years come...Lord hear us.

Room 4 – Lord, we ask that you bless all of the students who will attend this school, from those who are here when it opens to those who will attend in many decades time. May each of us encounter Jesus during our time here, so that we will be witnesses to God's love and spread the Good News throughout our lifetimes...Lord hear us.

Room 8 – Lord, we pray that you may bless those individuals, religious orders and families who have toiled so much over the years to bring a Catholic education to the Kāpiti Coast. May this new school take what has been the best of our past, and use it as a foundation for an education needed for the 21st Century. Following Nano Nagle's example, may this school be a bright lantern, a beacon of light, that guides those who come in contact with it to a future full of possibilities...Lord hear us.