

# Pastoral Pages

Parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti

Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti

Winter 2016



## ***What's Inside***

Reflections on Mercy and the Holy Spirit

Revised church plans

Reports of exciting events

# EDITORIAL



Welcome to this issue of Pastoral Pages. As always, we hope that you find something within these pages that will inspire or encourage you, maybe make you think a little or just tickle your fancy.

Our response to the Holy Father's call to mercy continues; in this season of Pentecost we ask how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. We also have extensive coverage of the recent presentation to the parish of the latest plans for our new church.

In June Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish turns 3! Happy birthday to us!



Anna, Glen, Margaret, Bill, Ishbel, Judith

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# Reflections

## Year of Mercy

The Catholic Church has traditionally encouraged her children to understand the practice of merciful love by dividing the works of mercy into two kinds: corporal (that is, bodily) and spiritual. Whilst we are no Mother Teresas, we can do something....

Perhaps your first reaction upon reading this traditional list might be, "This list is a bit out of date. After all, when do we ever have the opportunity in the modern world to 'give drink to the thirsty' or to 'clothe the naked'? And who in their right mind would fail to bury their loved ones these days!"

Don't be too hasty, however, in dismissing the usefulness of this old list of the corporal works of mercy. It may be more helpful than you think in challenging us to discern new ways that our merciful Savior is calling us to follow Him.

Moreover, as we shall see, in the practice of each of the corporal works of mercy, there is both a personal and a wider social dimension, and a true disciple of Jesus Christ will not want to neglect either one.

**Corporal Works of Mercy** are those kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs.

### **Feed the Hungry**

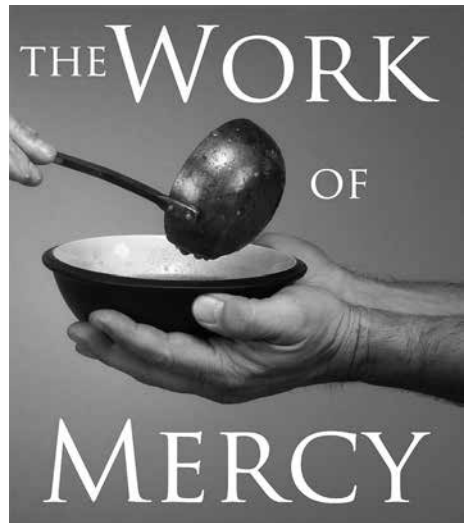
- *The next time you make a recipe that can be easily frozen, make a double batch and donate one*

*to your local food pantry or soup kitchen.*

- *Try not to purchase more food than you are able to eat, eliminating waste and allowing you to donate the savings to those in need.*
- *Instead of dining out, donate that money to a charity.*

### **Give Drink to the Thirsty**

- *We take it for granted that we have access to clean water. Donate to help build wells for water for those in need*
- *Make an effort not to waste water. Remembering to turn off the tap when you are brushing your teeth or washing dishes can help, especially in regions suffering from drought.*
- *Skip the bought coffee and donate that money instead.*



### **Clothe the Naked & Shelter the Homeless**

- Use your vote to support policies at local and national level that lead to the creation of jobs and that provide an adequate "safety net" for the poor and the homeless.
- Support charities such as Habitat for Humanity and Kidscan.

### **Visit the Sick**

- Give blood.
- Spend time volunteering at a nursing home – get creative and make use of your talents (e.g. sing, read, paint, etc.)!
- Take time on a Saturday to stop and visit with an elderly neighbour.
- Offer to assist caregivers of chronically sick family members on a one-time or periodic basis. Give caregivers time off from their caregiving responsibilities so they can rest, complete personal chores or enjoy a relaxing break.
- Next time you make a meal that can be easily frozen, make a double batch and give it to a family in your parish who has a sick loved one.

### **Visit the Imprisoned**

- Volunteer to help out or donate to charities that give Christmas presents to children whose parents are in prison.
- Pray for those in prison and for their families and their victims.

### **Bury the Dead**

- Funerals give us the opportunity to grieve and show others support during difficult times. Through our prayers and actions during these times we show our respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and comfort to those who mourn.
- Send a card to someone who has recently lost a loved one. Make your own card.

- Visit the cemetery and pray for those buried there.

**Spiritual Works of Mercy** are acts of compassion by which we help our neighbours with their emotional and spiritual needs.

Works of mercy can be directed not only toward the needs of the body, but the needs of the soul as well. Indeed, the most serious form of poverty of all can be the *poverty of the spirit*, not only because it drains life of all energy, joy, and sense of purpose, but also because it is the one kind of poverty that can last forever.

Indeed, the human spirit longs for the nourishment of truth, goodness, and beauty if it is to be healthy and strong and if it is to grow in sanctification and be prepared for the life to come.

That's why, in addition to the corporal works or mercy, the Church has outlined the spiritual works of mercy. Look to these works as preventative medicine for poverty of the spirit.

### **Admonish Sinners**

- Gossip, swearing – practise tough love by indicating that these are not OK. In humility we must strive to create a culture that does not accept sin while realizing that we all fall at times.
- "Remove the wooden beam from your eye first then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye" (Mt 7:5).

### **Counsel the Doubtful**

Everyone has moments of doubt in their faith journey. Nevertheless, we should always remember that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and turn to him along our way.

- *Follow Christ with the witness of your life so that others may see God's love revealed in your actions*
- *Accompany a friend who is struggling with believing to join a parish group for service or faith formation, share a book you found useful in dealing with your friend's faith concern, and worship at Sunday Mass*

### **Instruct the Ignorant**

- *Learn about our faith and be open to talking with others about our beliefs - children, grandchildren, friends. Discuss TV programmes and movies and the values they portray. Pray with the family.*
- *Volunteer to help with religious education programmes in our parish*
- *Invite someone to go to mass with you this weekend*
- *Know our faith! Find out more about the Catholic faith and how to live it (through Catholic Enquiry Centre, websites, books) or join a scripture group..*

### **Comfort the Afflicted**

Be open to listening and comforting those who are dealing with grief. Even if we aren't sure of the right words to say, our presence can make a big difference.

- *Lend a listening ear to those going through a tough time.*
- *Make a home cooked meal for a friend who is facing a difficult time.*
- *Write a letter or send a card to someone who is suffering.*
- *A few moments of your day may make a lifetime of difference to someone who is going through a difficult time.*

### **Forgive Offenses**

Forgiving others is difficult at times because we do not have God's limitless

mercy and compassion. But Jesus teaches us that we should forgive as God forgives, relying on him to help us show others the mercy of God.

- *Let go of grudges*
- *Saying sorry is something we learn as kids, but how often do we say it as adults to those we live with?*
- *Go to Reconciliation*



### **Bear Wrongs Patiently**

Do not be bitter about wrongs done against you. Place your hope in God so that you can endure the troubles of this world and face them with a compassionate spirit.

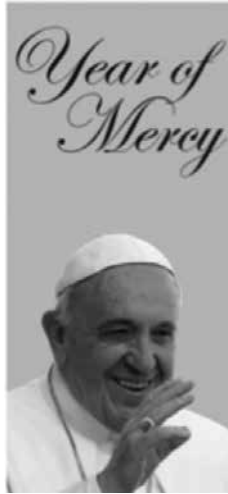
- *Frustrated with someone? Step away from the situation, take a few deep breaths, pray the Our Father, asking God for patience.*

### **Pray for the Living and the Dead**

Prayer is one of the most powerful ways we can support others. Joining together in prayer for the living and the dead entrusts us all into God's care.

- *Request a mass intention for a friend or family member who is going through a tough time.*
- *Request a mass intention for a friend or family member who has passed away.*
- *Keep your own book of prayer intentions, writing down the names of those who you are keeping in your prayers.*
- *Ask a friend or family member if there is anything you can pray for them about.*
- *Through prayer, entrust your cares and concerns for those around you to God.*

Our works of mercy, both corporal and spiritual, will always appear inadequate compared to the needs of the world around us. But our Lord does not ask us to meet every need. We are only asked to do what we can and leave the rest to Him as He works out His loving plan for each human soul. Remember the "five loaves and two fish principle."



How might I observe this Year of Mercy? [www.usccb.org/](http://www.usccb.org/) has more suggestions. Be creative and come up with your own ways.

Have mercy on yourself too! Low self-esteem is not God's plan for you. Let him heal your wounded heart.

Let him correct bad messages that have cut you down. Let him point out your goodness and giftedness. Spend time observing yourself through his eyes. Pay attention to how much he appreciates you. He sees your goodness even when you can't.



## Who is the Holy Spirit for you?

*The editorial team asked some parishioners to reflect on how they experience the Spirit. We hope you will see in them some glimmer of how you experience the Holy Spirit.*

Who or what is the Holy Spirit? The church says the Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity. I read somewhere that the Holy Spirit is the expression of the love between the Father and the Son. Because He is a "spirit", you can't expect to see or touch Him, but you can experience him in a multitude of ways.

At Pentecost, those in the upper room experienced Him like rushing wind and flames on their heads – and they were filled with everything that Jesus had promised them. They were brave, fearless, wise, prophetic and went out to convert the known world. They didn't question what had happened to them; they accepted it and rejoiced that they were

filled with the Spirit of God.

The great thing is that the Holy Spirit is still with us. The church says we are given the Holy Spirit at baptism and that gift is awakened at confirmation. That's all well and good in theology, but what does it mean in practice? How many of us make it reality?

There are as many ways of experiencing the Holy Spirit as there are people in the world, so I can only tell you how I experience Him (to me, He is male – to you, He might have a female nature).

In 1976 I had my first experience of the Holy Spirit during a Parish retreat. My life changed radically – despair became hope, anger became joy. The scriptures came to life and I couldn't get enough of the sacraments. My world was filled with love and loving. Now, 40 years later, I am much older and the first bloom has worn off, but He is still a vital part of my life.



He is the voice whispering in my mind when I ask for wisdom. So often, I have not known what to say to someone and I mentally turn to God for the answer, and into my mind it pops. For someone as tactless as me, it's amazing how the words I have been given at times like that hit the jackpot for the person who needs to hear them.

That's only one small way that I experience the Holy Spirit. Mainly, He is the source of the joy I experience when giving out Holy Communion at Mass. He is the source of the love I have for my fellow parishioners. He is the source of the peace in my heart whenever I have the good sense to turn to God in times of conflict. He makes Jesus real to me. I am a far better person when I remember to listen for the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit in my mind.

Glen McCullough

The Holy Spirit has been a wonderful teacher to me. He has surprised me by correcting me, but leaving me with the choice of obeying Him or not. A real gentleman. I am very grateful for this as He has kept me on the right path. He has also given me a hunger for the Word of God and much enjoyment in reading and understanding Scripture.

Anon — name supplied

The Holy Spirit is a gift of love and parallels our human experience of this emotion. In human terms, when we give love to our biological parents, we naturally expect a like response. If we do not receive a like response then our love is likely to wither and die. The need for reciprocal love fulfils a psychological need which we all share.

And so it is with our spiritual life. If we do not receive acknowledgement of God's



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relationship with us then it is very hard to maintain our passion for the lifestyle he wishes us to follow.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is God's way of telling us that he returns our love and when we accept his gift we are enthused to follow Jesus's teachings.

God chooses contemporary humans to communicate his love for us and when we become fully aware of this we are truly blessed.



Keith Banks

Who is the Holy Spirit for me?

She is the hidden member of the Trinity – the feminine face of our God.

The Holy Spirit has guided me in many important moments in my life, often without my conscious knowledge.

She is the great “Gift Giving” person of the Trinity. I believe that it was the Holy Spirit who led me to meeting the most important person in my life, my wonderful wife. She has always been there when important decisions have had to be made. I have learnt to trust her implicitly.

She brought new life into the church through the Charismatic Movement and will continue to guide and give new life both to us as individuals and to the wider church. We only have to ask for her help and guidance and it will be given.

Michael Cunliffe

The Holy Spirit is the gift Jesus gave to the disciples before He left them, to be their guide, their teacher and their comforter.

The Holy Spirit is my gift from Jesus also. To me she is the feminine face

of God the Father, and like all good mothers she trains me to be the best person I can be. She corrects me in love when I need it and encourages me to reach out in compassion to others.

Ishbel Cunliffe

Holy Spirit - is God's Spirit dwelling in each and every one of us. The Paraclete is our advocate, counselor, comforter, intercessor, helper, a powerful help that God has provided for us. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God living within myself, enabling me to live my life according to my Catholic faith and my relationship with God, empowering me to carry out my mission in building the church and propagating the faith to bring back the glory to God.

Maribel Fernando

For me the Holy Spirit was the forgotten person of the Blessed Trinity. On renewing my knowledge of the Spirit during the Charismatic renewal 1970 to 1980, I found my faith became more personal and my God was close at hand, rather than a distant Father in heaven. The Spirit directs our spiritual journey and gives us opportunities to use the spiritual gifts that we have been given at confirmation. Those gifts manifest themselves the closer you become to God. You can see your journey each day being directed to people around you as the Lord calls you to minister to His flock. I just thank the Lord daily for my faith and the opportunities I have been given to see God's kingdom being established here on earth.

Joyce Haughey



I believe the Holy Spirit guides everybody. However, not everybody is aware or acknowledges His guidance. Although a church goer most of my life and a Catholic since 1964, I was not fully aware of the influence of the Holy Spirit until the early 1990s when I joined a charismatic prayer group. Being an orderly and “no surprises” person, to take part in meetings where prayers were spontaneous and singing was accompanied by clapping and raised hands was a shock to the system. But there was an undeniable joyousness that I found irresistible and a deepening knowledge that I was truly loved by God. Since then I have found that following Him has been challenging but rewarding, painful but comforting, and at all times infinitely worth it.

*Lorraine Gaffney*

Receiving the Holy Spirit is often a palpable experience, both for the recipient and others. The Bible tells us that when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles they were heard to speak in foreign languages, and speaking in tongues is an experience felt by many on this occasion. There is often an overwhelming flood of emotion from deep within which brings tears flooding to the eyes. A sudden awareness of the utter value of truth is another experience felt by some.

*Bill Lambert*

Almost 40 years ago I was guided through a Life in the Spirit Seminar. This was a life changing experience for me. When I welcomed the Holy Spirit into my life I felt a great peace and joy. I knew and accepted God's wonderful forgiveness. That peace and joy have stayed with me and



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sustained me through many ups and downs over the past 40 years of my life. The Holy Spirit, who knows the will of the Father, helps me to pray when I am lost for words. The Holy Spirit leads me to the truths taught by Our Lord Jesus while on earth. He is my strength and my guide, my advocate. Come Holy Spirit.

*Pauline McGlinchey*

I think of the Holy Spirit when decisions, big or small, are to be made. I pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, especially wisdom, enlightenment and understanding, to give me confidence that the decisions are within God's plan. The Holy Spirit descended on us to give us strength and courage to live our faith in the face of adversity.

*Evita McGuire*

The Holy Spirit to me and my family, is the wind beneath our wings. He constantly guides us to the right direction. He binds us together and pushes us to the right path. We have learned to trust Him wherever and whenever He leads us. He is a support we cannot live without.

*Anon — name supplied*

The Holy Spirit to me is my helper, guide and protector who gives me strength, courage and love, and is a big part of my existence.

*Susan Morgan*

How could I live now without the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God?

I know how the Holy Spirit prompts/alerts me to what I could do in many situations. I feel the love of the Spirit washing over me when I am

drawn to connect with a person or situation that I have been given the gifts for; sometimes it is just a hug to let someone know they are loved; sometimes it is a direct prompt to visit someone. At other times the Holy Spirit will give me understanding and helpful words of encouragement if I am with someone who is hurting. And, probably the most important time is in our marriage when things are not so straight forward, to just sit and be still and wait for the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to bring guidance and encouragement to see things as is best. For me the Holy Spirit is my comfort and joy, turning me always, so gently, towards my Lord in whom he dwells.

*Chris Todd*

The Holy Spirit is my refuge & strength and my best friend, who walks and talks with me, guiding me through life's challenges, searching my heart and always interceding on my behalf.

*Mary Velasco*

The first time I felt completely enveloped in the Holy Spirit was the same night that my husband died. I was just a young woman with a child and was bereft and numbed by loss. The Holy Spirit surrounded me and I was awake most of the night awed and joyous in His silent and all-encompassing love. Since that time I feel humbled by His presence on a daily basis. I cannot imagine life without the presence of the Holy Spirit and consider myself blessed indeed. The Lord speaks in silence and it is in silence that He is heard.

*Anonymous, name supplied*

It's like God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit rolled up in a ball, with each being for me as necessary as the other..... I still have lots more to grow in my life with the Holy Spirit.

Lyn

"You only have to ask" That is the promise Jesus gave us to receive the Holy Spirit. This promise is as real today as it was on the first Pentecost experienced by his apostles. He is our lifeline. He guides us in our everyday life as we open our minds and hearts to Him. He gives us wisdom and discernment in matters of importance and in decision making. He also fills us with His power to encourage us to bring Gods message and heal the broken hearts. Come Holy Spirit enkindle us with your love.

Martha Westerbeke

We have no right to expect what we have not prayed for. James 4:2 says we have not because we ask not. Matthew 7:7 tells us to ask and to keep on asking.

How we ask is also important. We cannot ask fearfully and expect to receive. We must come to God's throne boldly. (Hebrews 4:16) Fearless! Confident! Bold! We come in this way because we know with assurance that God is faithful, He is good and He wants to meet our needs.

Ephesians 3:20 (our parish prayer) tells us that God is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above and beyond all that we could ever dare to hope, ask or think.

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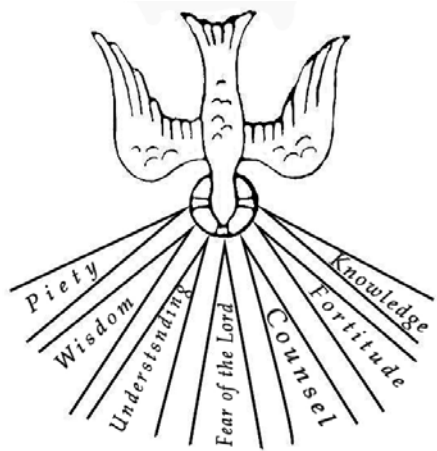
In this Gospel passage, Jesus assures us that we have been given the Holy Spirit to teach us what we need to know and to help us recognize the truth. To better understand how this happens, let's consider the seven sanctifying gifts of the Spirit, given for our personal growth, as listed in Isaiah 11:2-3.

**Wisdom:** The wisdom of God is contrary to the wisdom of the world. The Holy Spirit's gift of wisdom helps us to detach from the world and to cherish only what's heavenly. This wisdom, when used in everyday life, enlivens us in the ways of Christ. We find pleasure in what's holy.

**Understanding:** What don't you like about a Church teaching? What is doubtful about the ways of faith? Ask the Holy Spirit for understanding and you will be enlightened. You will increasingly gain a fuller awareness of the wisdom in Church teachings and a stronger sense about the truths of the faith, of God's love, of his plans for you, and so on.

**Counsel:** Are you uncertain about a decision you need to make? Do you feel hesitant in the choices you're facing? Are you full of doubts about the future? The Holy Spirit wants to guide you and instruct you so that you can make the best decisions. My favorite prayer for this is: "Lord, open doors of opportunities in the way I should go, and close all doors that lead elsewhere." And he does!

**Fortitude:** Are you growing weary from trials? The Holy Spirit gives us supernatural courage to persist and



overcome obstacles and difficulties. From this we learn that we really can trust Jesus and reach a good end despite how bad and lengthy the problems seem to be.

**Knowledge:** The Holy Spirit directs us to the right paths and the right solutions, even supernaturally if necessary. Watch carefully; the Spirit of Truth is pointing out the dangers to avoid and the goals to reach. Listen to the songs, the scriptures and the people that God puts "coincidentally" into your day. If their message seems familiar, because the Holy Spirit has already been speaking it to your heart, trust it and proceed with confidence.

**Piety:** Do you have a desire to embrace a life of holiness and to imitate Christ? This desire comes straight from the Holy Spirit as you learn how to respond to every situation in your everyday life, with holy actions and attitudes.

**Fear of the Lord:** Respect for God feels instinctive, doesn't it? That's because it's purely a gift from the Holy Spirit. Fear of the Lord is a profound respect for his perfect holiness. The more enlivened our relationship with the Spirit is, the more we loathe the idea of offending the Lord whom we love so dearly.

Here's a prayer for increasing these gifts:

*Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth through me.*

*Fill me with Your life and Your grace, that my soul may be sanctified.*

*Increase in me the gift of holy wisdom, that I may use wisely the gifts You have given me.*

*Increase in me the gift of understanding, that I may hear and*

*respond to Your call.*

*Increase in me the gift of Your good counsel, that I may always follow God's will.*

*Increase in me the gift of knowledge, that I may grow in holiness by knowing God and myself more fully.*

*Increase in me the gift of love, that I may serve as Christ's hands and feet and voice, sharing Your love with everyone I meet today.*

*Come, Holy Spirit! Renew the face of the earth through me! Amen.*

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# *Fr Jim's Been Thinking*

## Looking After Priests or Religious



When I retired to Paraparaumu twelve years ago I was initially impressed by the way in which the Prayers of the Faithful during weekday masses were offered, asking God to encourage more people to answer such a call in their lives. It did not take me long to recognise that the Parish at large did nothing about ensuring that such prayers were answered. It seemed there was a general apathy about the topic: "Yes, we need more vocations within the church – but not our children or grandchildren!" I do not know just how many of our young people have considered such a call, or how many have tested the possibility.

During my seminary training in the early 1990s, a lecturer told one class that, if we were to be ordained, most of us would experience what he called the Martyrdom of Apathy. At the time I was unable to comprehend that such a situation could prevail but there have definitely been times when he was proved to be correct.

I have had a growing awareness that a form of apathy, one which expects there can never be any change to the ministry provided by priests, has taken root and is established within our Parish and our Archdiocese. This form of apathy does not allow for any reduction in pastoral service "when I need it!"

This apathy though shows up in other manifestations, one of which was demonstrated on 31 March this year. For some time one of the retired priests living here on the coast had been far from well. Fr Michael regularly produced medical bulletins before Fr Colin Karalus eventually died. Parishioners were well informed of the progress of his illness and that he had been Parish Priest of this parish, had been transferred to Eastbourne before retiring here in Paraparaumu. Thirty priests came from far and wide to pray for their confrere but barely 70 laity attended his Requiem: less than twenty were from this parish. I felt quite let down about it.

If you want priests to provide for your spiritual needs, then you are going to have to look after them in ways that you yourself would like to be nurtured, after all they too are just like all other members of the church. You also need to look to your own families to fill the vacancies that are opening up - not by applying pressure on your children, but by encouraging them to test out God's call.



# *Reports and Updates from Parish Groups*

## **Building Steering Committee**

### **So far**

**June 2013** Parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti formed  
Parish Councils and Finance Committees combined  
Started work on Pastoral Plan

### **2014**

May Pastoral Plan in place  
Development Group formed  
Jun Development Group Terms of Reference agreed  
Oct– Dec Updates and Parish meetings re future directions

### **2015**

Jan Business Case for church & relocated school presented to ADW  
Jun Land purchase at 20 Milne Drive completed  
Design Symposium for Church  
Sept-Oct Conceptual design presented to Parish  
Parish feedback collated into list of 172 items  
Original design redrawn to reflect the list  
Oct School design signed off  
Dec Resource consent granted

### **2016**

Feb Building consent for school granted  
Site blessing  
Construction commenced  
Jan-Apr Further development and refinement of design

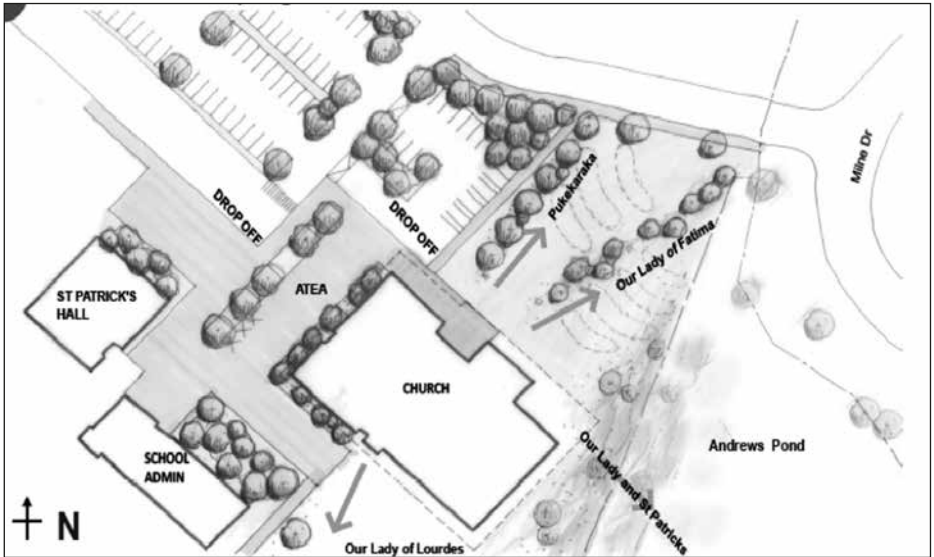


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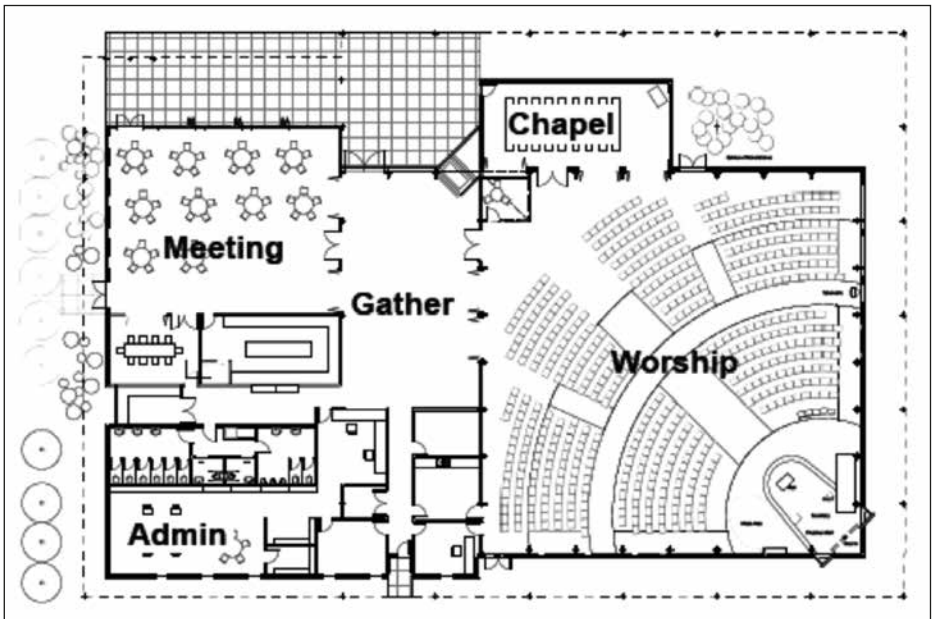
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*The Hall will feature St Patrick's stained glass window – top half in northern wall, bottom panels in southern wall.*

### **Next Steps**

- Incorporate Parish feedback into Preliminary Design
- Prepare proposal to Archdiocese to proceed
- Commence major funding drive (asset sales to date (settlement by Feb 17) will finance purchase of the land, site establishment, parish's ½ share of Hall)

## From the Parish Council

With real regrets, the Parish Pastoral Council has accepted the resignations of two of its members – Sue McGlone and Dermot O'Connor. Both Sue and Dermot have provided great energy and input into the work of Council, both before and since the amalgamation of the two parishes. Sue in particular, worked hard and long to establish a comprehensive Guide to Our Lady of Kāpiti parish as a resource particularly for new parishioners.

On the positive side, Council is delighted to welcome a new member, Carmel Leonard. Carmel, originally from Ireland, has been a Waikanae resident for the last four years. Her background is in Marketing and Brand Management, she's married to Gregory and they have two children.

With the principal focus of the Parish currently being the design

and construction of our new Church and the school relocation, Council is conscious of its profile and purpose being less evident. To that end, we plan a "re-focusing" programme on the Parish Pastoral Plan – a vital process commenced three years ago and one which continues to evolve as new conditions and challenges are encountered. The Pastoral Plan is centered around five core values – Worship, Community, Service, Hospitality and Justice. Stemming from that are the five priority goals which will deliver those values.

While much has already been achieved, there is still work to be done – expect to hear more in respect of our Parish Pastoral Plan as the year continues.

Justin du Fresne, Chair PPC

*In my father's house there are many mansions... (Jesus said)  
I go to prepare a place for you - Saint John 14 vs 2*

John

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## Youth

The Youth Ministry year is well underway as we race through Term 2. Earlier this year our youth joined Caritas Challengers from across the country to do the Caritas 24 Hour Challenge. The experience aimed to raise awareness and money for Cambodians still living with the legacy of the Pol Pot regime in the late 70s. The youth also experienced missing out on the creature comforts of home as they slept on the floor at Grace Hall, served the school community by preparing junior school



On Good Friday our youth led the Stations of the Cross – 36 young people helped those gathered to walk beside Jesus to Calvary, while contemplating His death and their own lives and faith.



resources, gardened around St Patrick's Church and worked together as a team baking goods to sell after Mass to raise funds for Cambodia. A big thank you to our young people, the leaders who supported them and the community that helped us raise over \$630 for the people of Cambodia.

At the end of last term, Isabel Carberry stepped down from her wonderful leadership of Fun Time. We wish her well and thank her for her energy and friendship in leading this group. While she will be greatly missed, Mary-Anne, Martha & Nikki have taken up the reins, bringing their gifts and talents to Fun Time.

God bless & thanks to you all.

Thank you to all those who support Youth Ministry as we endeavour to support our young people on their spiritual journey.

*Jacqui McLaughlin*

## Adult Faith Enrichment

Adult Faith Enrichment is collaborating with the Communications & Change Management Team of the New Church Building Steering Committee to present activities that assist in building our faith community into a more

cohesive whole. To this end, a five-week programme based around our Holy Father's call for a Year of Mercy, will be held commencing on Sunday 12th June. See the advert in this issue, outlining details.

## Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish School

What an amazing journey we have been on these last 12 months. From a dream to already planning our move into the new school to start February 7<sup>th</sup> 2017. So much has happened and so much to celebrate. We are proud to be part of a forward looking and visionary Catholic community.

“First and foremost every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who, in Jesus Christ, reveals his transforming love and truth.”

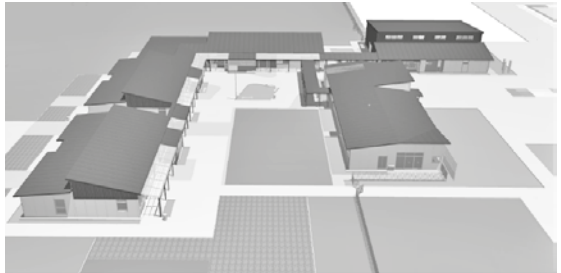
*Pope Benedict XVI 2008*

### **Our mission: Achieving Excellence by embracing Gospel Values.**

The Board of Trustees has received the latest confirmed ERO report. The report celebrates the hard work of our teachers and staff in fulfilling our mission.

Some key statements from the report:

- *The school's special character is encompassed in all aspects of school life.*
- *Students learn in a positive and supportive environment. They work well with peers, demonstrating the competencies and shared value of the school and community.*
- *Relocation to a new school at the beginning of 2017 is a significant change for the students and the community. The principal and trustees are managing this change well. Involvement of all groups in decisions relating to the new premises is ensuring this transition*






*is inclusive. Consideration is given to the history and connections people have to the current school and the future needs of the students in the new location.*

- *The vision and valued outcomes defined by the school for all children are underpinned by the special Catholic character. The school aspires for students to demonstrate self-motivation and self-management, and take their faith, values and love of learning into adulthood.*
- *The school responds well in meeting the learning needs of students and accelerating their achievement.*
- *Students' participation in the school curriculum supports their positive progress, achievement and engagement at school.*
- *Priorities in Religious Education, literacy and mathematics reflect the school community's shared vision for student success. Students participate in a wide range of curriculum experiences. Digital learning is used well and is increasingly more accessible as students in the middle and senior school are able to bring their own device to support learning.*
- *Trustees govern the school effectively. Roles and responsibilities are clear and well documented to support succession. School practices promote the progress and achievement of students.*

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Martin Elms, Principal



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Publicising

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Selling tickets

- I could lend a trailer or truck, assist with moving heavy furniture (trestles, chairs).
- I would like to join the co-ordinating team.
- I think we can direct some/more effort to the following areas:

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# Introducing Parish Groups and People

## Not Your Usual Sunday Readings



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week's readings. We just might help you to see things in a different light and turn your appreciation on its head.



Contact Michele 298 7378 (Wed aft) or Sheila 902 2578 (Thurs evg).

## Monday Afternoon Prayer Group

We are a group of people who meet for prayer and praise every Monday afternoon in the meeting room behind Our Lady of Fatima church. A very diverse group from Kapiti and Otaki, we share both a love of God and the experience of the Holy Spirit working in our lives.

Our roots go back more than 10 years, when men and women who had experienced the Holy Spirit in their lives met in private homes to worship God freely, exercising any gifts of the Holy Spirit they had been given (see 1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

We held Life in the Spirit seminars to introduce parishioners to the Holy Spirit, and eventually our numbers grew and we could no longer accommodate the group in homes, so

we have been using the meeting room behind OLOF with permission.

We are affiliated with the wider charismatic movement in the Archdiocese, and have hosted healing services led by Fr. John Rea sm at OLOF. Come and join us and the Holy Spirit!



Contact Lorraine 905 2402 or Glen 2931747

## Barangay Santa Maris Assumpta - Migration and the Whys of It?

*Ed: In this third and final article on our Filipino community, Judith explores some of the reasons why they have come to call Kāpiti home.*

No consideration of the issues around migration is simple as many push/pull factors influence people who opt to migrate to another country.

1971 records indicate there were only 101 people born in the Philippines living in Aotearoa. Rapid growth occurred in the 80s and 90s and by 2013 figures show the Filipino numbers had grown to around 40,340 people or 1% percent of New Zealand's total population, the third largest ethnic Asian group after Chinese and Indians.

This third article focuses on the migration of the Barangay Santa Maria Assumpta (BSMA) community and considers the following specific questions: 1. Why did you choose New Zealand as a particular country? and 2. Why did you choose Kā piti?

These two basic questions, which include a glimpse of the respondents' cities/regions/islands of origin, have been gathered together using casual anecdotes and sharings from the BSMA members. I thank them for contributing.

### 1. Why did you choose New Zealand?

- I did not choose NZ...it just happened that the man that I chose to be my lifelong partner came from this country. Looking back, when I decided to marry my husband, I did a crash course in geography to*

*locate where this beautiful country is, its culture, its people, its political stance and its history.*

*Best choice (not my husband... hehehhhe... just kidding). - Nida Leckie, Marinduque, Luzon*

- I came to NZ to marry my husband (Roger). - Genie O'Neill, Davao, Mindanao*
- I was on foreign assignment when I met a Kiwi, who was also on foreign assignment. We got married and he brought me home to NZ. - Evita McGuire, Metro Manila, Luzon*
- New Zealand was referred to me by a friend. - Dani Jan Roblete, Roxas City, Capiz, Visayas*
- I chose NZ because this country is one of the most progressive and peaceful countries in the world. - Ana Mitos Pax, Sultan Kudarat, Mindanao*
- I am married to a New Zealander and have lived here for 29 years. - Susan Morgan, Concepcion, Iloilo, Visayas*
- I chose New Zealand because it is the Middle Earth, but seriously because NZ is paradise on earth and it is my sanctuary against the chaos of the world. - Maribel Fernando, Las Pinas City, Luzon*

### 2. Why did you choose Kāpiti?

- We opted to move to the coast to be near the golf club where my husband played. Best decision*



we ever made....the weather is better, the beach is within walking distance; the close-knit community and the lifestyle suited us. - Nida

- *I didn't like living in Kāpiti to begin with but because Rog loves it here I'm here. But no regrets.* - Genie
- *After being Wellington-based for over 20 years, we decided on retirement to live in Kāpiti due to the warmer weather and proximity to Wellington. Moreover, we were familiar with the area as we regularly visited my late father-in-law who lived in Waikanae for 30 years.* - Evita
- *My work is in Kāpiti, so, I have to "go where the job is."* Dani
- *Kāpiti is a nice place and this is where my work place is.* - Ana
- *My husband lives and works in Kāpiti. I like Kāpiti for its beaches, mild climate, and friendly people.* - Susan
- *I did not choose Kāpiti but our Lord brought me to this place through a family friend. Kāpiti became my new home. I found it to be a place with a total tranquillity.* - Maribel.

To sum it up, in general, the respondents' answers (not really the entire BSMA community's), give us the idea that most did not really choose New Zealand, coming here either because of marriage/

relationship or for work. A few chose Kāpiti either because of the climate, beaches, or because of work, too. All of them have expressed that New Zealand is a place conducive to living in - peaceful and quiet being the primary factors - and Kāpiti, because of its access to Wellington, beaches, its warmer temperature, and friendly, closely-knit environment.

Judith Balares Salamat

*Ed: Thank you to the various members of the BSMA community for their contribution of thoughts and experiences over the course of these three articles. We appreciate your willingness to share with your fellow parishioners.*





# Recent Events

## Cardinal John Blesses New School Site



We teeter on the brink of a promise, a promise of hope and light.

May the beauty of this place 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.

The Presentation community has a special place in our hearts for this 'our school'. Soon to become Our Lady of Kāpiti school.

Secure under the loving mantle and patronage of Te Whaea Tapu.

We pray that the spiritual and temporal foundations and values laid down by the founding sisters over the last 62 years remain an integral part of the future of the school.

We will continue to pray that this new school will be bursting with possibilities; unfurling like the fern fronds; nurturing and teaching future generations of our Catholic church.

May our new school be filled with blessings as numerous as the stars in the southern sky, and may it be a significant blessing to the Kāpiti community.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

Sr Breda

*Ed - We are delighted that the street will be named "Presentation Way" in recognition of the hard work and dedication of the Sisters who set up our parish school.*



## Farewell to St Patrick



After an opportunity for students, past pupils, teachers and others, to sign the statue of St Patrick, it has been taken from its long time spot in front of the school and has been buried at the new school site, with GPS co-ordinates. A time capsule will be placed nearby once it is completed at the end of the year, together with a small plaque identifying it.

## Ladies Who Lunch



Eleven ladies gathered for lunch at the home of Margaret McCullough on 11th May. The lunch (quiche, salad, feijoa & ginger cake) was provided by Margaret, and each lady attending contributed \$10 to the Church Building Fund. A different "hostess" volunteers each month. The group lunches monthly and is just one of the many such groups of "Ladies that Lunch", raising funds for the new church.

If you would like to be part of this fundraiser and enjoy some wonderful get togethers, please contact Velma Knight 299 1539



## Fashion Show

The smiles on the faces said it all – fun, laughter, good food, great company and friends who never behave like this at church! Eight parishioners showed they had discovered a new self once they got on that catwalk.

A very heartfelt thanks must go to the organisers of the Fashion Show held at Ballentynes in Paraparaumu Beach. This sold out event raised a total of \$1700 for the new church; but even more importantly was the opportunity for the parish to spend an evening of fun and laughter together.

Who could forget our audience volunteers struggling to clothe a couple of dummies complete with floppy arms



and torsos that split at the waist? Or Sr Barbara looking like a monk hiding under his cowl until she revealed the clothes beneath? Or Rhonda looking stunning in those leathers?

Our wonderful models strutted their stuff as if born to it. Who knew these parishioners had such talent?

There are more photos of this event on the Parish website



Barbara – ‘Did I miss my real vocation?’



Rhonda – ‘Leathers maketh the (bikey) girl.’



Martha showed us another of her many talents.



Catherine was every designer's dream.



Margaret entered into the spirit of it all.



Joan had a ball.



Mary-Louise was as elegant as always.



Lorraine stepped in at the last minute with great aplomb.



Margaret: 'Dressing my kids was never as difficult as dressing this dummy.'



Annie - 'What am I supposed to do with this?'



Velma made us all welcome.

Thanks, everyone, for a wonderful evening.

Anna Ryan



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## Discovering Ourselves



Ian the harp maker



Johannes the icon artist



Valerie the artist

"Discovering Ourselves" was held in the Waikanae Memorial Hall on Saturday 21st May from 10am -4pm. The event was organised by Kathleen White and Jenny Pritchard to both raise funds for the new church and to demonstrate that parishioners were far more than just churchgoers!

34 parishioners paid \$25 each to have a table, and 251 people came in the door for a \$2 donation. From about 11am the floor was crowded and interest at most

tables was strong. Some parishioners and their helpers were selling their wares with proceeds to the building fund, others were simply displaying their love of their hobbies.

Altogether \$5,434 was raised towards the building fund. More importantly, the parish got together and staged a very fruitful event, with fellowship amongst parishioners being very evident. Thank you, everyone.

Glen McCullough

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# Upcoming Events

## Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish Café Evening



# Year of Mercy



An opportunity to *reflect* on the  
**Holy Father's Call to Mercy**  
and what it might mean for YOU through  
*speakers and small group discussions*

### **Plenary Sessions**

#### **OLOF foyer**

Session 1: Introduction

7.30 **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Session 5: How can I respond?

7.30 **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

*Please bring*

- *a small plate for supper*

### **Small Groups**

*in homes – time and day will be  
agreed by the group*

**2. Mercy is one of God's Names**

Week 19<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> June

**3. Mercy is a person**

Week 26<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**4. Mercy is related to God's  
justice**

Week 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July

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Anna Ryan (hm) 902 6330; (wk) 902 6331

Nicola Curtis 299 4300

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# Open morning at Milne Drive

Opportunity for Parish and  
school communities to visit the  
new school site

Saturday 11th June 10.30 - 12 noon

Arrangements have been made with the contractor  
LT McGuinness for the site to be open for visitors to be  
taken around the building site by school staff.

Parking will be offsite.

People will need to assemble at the main gate  
where they will be signed in  
and be taken for a tour in groups.

The site is not suitable for those needing disabled access or  
those with limited mobility.

Stout fully enclosed shoes will be a requirement.

Tours will begin at 10.30, 11.00 and 11.30.

Please register your interest, name and preferred time slot  
by ringing or emailing the school office:

042986780 office@stpatspara.school.nz



# Obituaries

## Father Colin Karalus 1928 - 2016

The Requiem Mass for Father Colin Cyril Karalus was celebrated on May 13 in St Patrick's Church where he had served as parish priest from 1985 to 1987.

He was born in Inglewood on May 15 1928 to Martin and Lena Karalus and grew up in a family with seven brothers and sisters, all of whom have pre-deceased him.

On July 23rd 1956 he was ordained as a priest in New Plymouth By Bishop John Kavanagh and served in 11 parishes in the Archdiocese of Wellington. These parishes were Ohakune, Danevirke, Picton, Gonville, Castlecliff, Taihape, Newtown, Nelson, Paraparaumu and Eastbourne. He came to Paraparaumu in 1985. He went overseas in 1987, returned to Paraparaumu and then went to Eastbourne in 1993. In 1993 he retired to Coastal Villas where he lived until his death.

Fr Michael McCabe, in his homily, said the Parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti had been blessed to have Colin in our midst for many years.

"We have been blessed by his gift of prayer and hospitality, his deep love of his brother priests, his loyalty to the parish and by his ministry as a compassionate confessor to many.

"We have been blessed by his gift of laughter and joy.

"We have been especially blessed during Lent to witness the way Colin

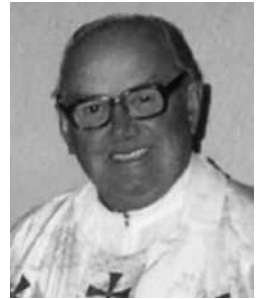
embraced the Lord in his suffering and in his dying. To be with him as he made his final journey of faith, to witness the further softening of his

heart in Christ has been a privilege. To all of you, family, friends, parishioners or priests, can we say thank you for the ways you have reminded Colin – and ourselves – that our lives are shaped and reshaped by those who have loved us in Christ.

Rest in peace Colin and pray for us that we may continue to look after each other."

Father Colin is remembered with love by his nieces and nephews and has been laid to rest in Waikanae Cemetery.

Margaret Irvine



Dear GOD

The bad people laughed at Noah - 'You made an ark on dry land you fool.' But he was smart, he stuck with You. That's what I would do.

Eddie

Dear GOD

I didnt think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool! - DJ

# Parish Directory February 2016

This directory is as accurate as we are able to make it.  
Please let us know if there are any errors or omissions on these pages.

## Our Lady of Kapiti Parish Administration

Parish Priest & Presbytery	Fr Michael McCabe	902 5815
Parish Office and Secretary	Carol Lamain/Maureen Jones	902 5815
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Finance Committee Chair	Michael Gaffaney	905 2402
Pastoral Council Chair	Justin du Fresne	299 6087
Website (www.kapiti-catholic.org.nz)	Lafaele Vaeluaga	(04) 238 2454

## Church Worship Support

Liturgy Committee	Prm	Maureen Borkin	904 7464
	Wae	Sr. Barbara Henley	904 6112
Altar Brass & Linen (Prm)		Nan Lewin	905 6388
Altar Servers (Prm)		Maureen Borkin	904 7464
Anointing Masses		Colleen King	905 5913
Baptisms & Bereavements		Merle Whiteman	904 1855
Bereavement Mass		Maureen Borkin	904 7464
Children's Liturgy		Jenny McGlone	(06) 364 3908
Church Flowers	Prm	Velma Knight	299 1539
Communion to the Sick	Prm	Eddie Doran	902 1074
	Wae	Pat Fouhy	293 1140
Liturgy Rosters		Parish Office	902 5815
Music - Prm		Bill Borkin	904 7464
	Wae Organists	Judith Wheeler 293 1129	Maria Vink 905 9190
		Doreen Hoffmann 904 3276	Patricia Beasley 293 7964
	Guitars	Wullie Grant	904 8702
Sacramental Programme		Parish Office	902 5815

## Other Parish Groups

Adult Faith Enrichment	Anna Ryan	902 6330
Bereavement Support	Annette Corban	298 8596
Catholic Women's League	Fay Doyle	902 3017
Cenacle Sisters		293 8344 & 905 7213

Family Ministry	June Brunton	298 6266
Justice and Peace	Wullie Grant	293 8702
Living Aloners	Jan Dowd 905 4633	Zelda Masterton 905 9248
Maori Mission	Wai Stewart	902 4909
Men's Group	Nick Maher 298 8475	Pat Haughey 905 4467
Mission Circle	Jean Beaumont	902 4146
Mission Gala Convenor	Sr Breda Ryan	905 3420
New Parishioners and Home Visits	Joyce Haughey	905 4467
Old Ducks Prayer & Scripture Group	Chris Todd 298 8984	June Brunton 298 6266
Passionist Family Groups	Prm John & Corrie McCardle	904 1823
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Pastoral Pages	Editor: Anna Ryan	office@ryanpublications.co.nz 902 6330
Prayer Chain	Gill Doran 902 1074	Nan Lewin 905 6388
Prayer Groups (Wae)	Monday Afternoon	Lorraine Gaffaney 905 2402
	Christian Meditation (Tuesdays)	Wanda Sager 293 2441
Presentation Sisters		905 3420
Presentation Associates	Margaret Bevin	299 6825
RCIA	Fr Michael 902 5815	Eddie Doran 902 1074
Scripture Study Groups	Wae Clare Borst 293 6262 or Pat Belgrave	902 3995
Not Your Usual Sunday Readings	Wed Aft Michele 298 7378	Thurs Eve Sheila 902 2578
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