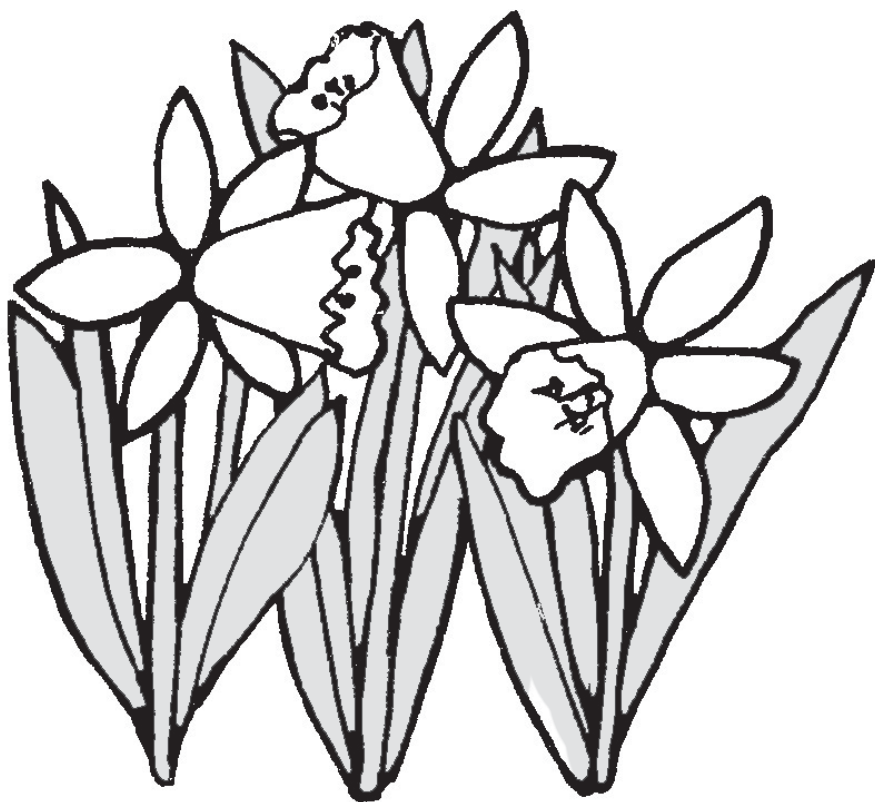


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Parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti

Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti

Spring 2017



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EDITORIAL



As usual we have lots to report on and lots of events coming up. Remember to let me know if your group would like to report on a recent event or highlight an upcoming one.

This is the 100th year after Our Lady appeared to the children at Fatima. Given our parish church bears her name, it is good to reflect on the background and history of how that name came about. The Synod is

getting closer and so we asked our delegates to reflect on some of the questions Cardinal John has posed. There are short reflections on all the 'important' days coming up in the next three months as well as our usual round up of events. We hope there is something of interest for everyone.

May we ALL remember to pray for our building programme – that the Holy Spirit guide the thinking of all those involved and that what we end up with will be exactly what we need to follow God's will for our parish in the years ahead.

May God bless you all.

Anna, Glen, Margaret, Ishbel, Judith

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Copy for next issue closes 8th November. Keep those reports and photos coming in so we can tell the rest of the parish what they have missed out on!

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Reflections

Synod

Synod 2017; GO YOU ARE SENT

The word “Synod” means journeying together. Cardinal John has called a Synod for the Archdiocese of Wellington in 2017 to enable us to consider the challenges that Pope Francis is placing before us. We are at a significant time in the Archdiocese with many challenges and opportunities facing us, not as individuals or as individual parishes but for the Archdiocese as a whole.

In the Pastoral letter “*Go, you are sent*” (May 2017), Cardinal John states that “*The Church has a mission to serve the community beyond itself. We must never confine ourselves to self-service or self-preservation*”. The Synod calls us to abandon complacent action i.e. we have always done it this way. It calls us to be bold and creative in rethinking our way forward in evangelisation and service to the world through our Archdiocese and its many communities.

In the decree invoking the Synod, Cardinal John informs us that “*It is our duty to discern carefully together what the Spirit is saying to the Church in Wellington and agree on common directions and actions for the future*”. Discernment being the process of making decisions or arriving at answers in a prayerful way. We are asked to TRUST in God, to say

YES when needed. We are called to be co-workers - the purpose of our being sent. We are reminded that being Catholic is not just about attending Mass and praying, it is about applying the Gospel in the transformation of society to build a better world, **GO YOU ARE SENT.**

Our delegates reflect on some of the topics:

Go you are sent.....to fellow Christians

Pope Francis has said "That when we journey together toward full communion, we can begin already to develop many forms of cooperation in order to favour the spread of the Gospel, and walking together, we become aware that we are already united in the name of the Lord"

We share liturgies with the Anglican Church on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday which is a beginning towards ecumenism. But what about the other Christian denominations?

In our Rest Home services we reach out to all, which is a powerful example of sharing and caring for all. We should be open, be a friend...walk together, pray with and for each other, and do works of charity together where we can, such as operating our Foodbanks together... This is Ecumenism.

Lynare Lower

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Yes, I agree, maybe not the best way to start enticing/embracing more families into our parish, but we do need innovative ideas to focus not only on how we bring this about but also having a format for them wanting to stay, especially the youth.

The developing Kāpiti Parish in Paraparaumu could be a good starting point; still only a building, but with more modern facilities, sound systems and spaces to get younger people back.

Even in our Waikanae "branch" of the parish, with an older community, I know people are genuinely happy to receive all walks of life into their community. I myself have been divorced and re-married but feel at home here.

Christopher Moss

Go you are sent.....as members of the one Body of Christ

Ethnic diversity in the Wellington Archdiocese has accelerated in the last 10 years and will continue to be so in the next 20 years. I agree with the Synod paper that "our challenge is to come to know one another, make room for one another and appreciate and

use the many gifts people bring to the Archdiocese." I can take great pride that our parish is a very welcoming place for the migrant community. However, I believe that there is a need for the parish to understand this gift of diversity better. Get to know more about the migrant's country of origin; their culture; their custom and tradition; and their society, to name a few. God has given our parish an opportunity to grow rich in faith with the diverse gifts that the migrant community brings. And, it may well be that the migrant community has found their promised land in the parish. We are many members into the one body of Christ given to each other for the profit of all.

Bernie Velasco

Go you are sent.....to the peripheries

"Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock." 1 Peter 5:2-3.

The most basic human need is to be loved and sadly so many don't know the one who is love. We, as disciples of Jesus, have been given the responsibility and privilege of sharing Him with others. There are many within our own Parish community who no longer come to Mass. There are many reasons. Perhaps they have left because they have been hurt, lonely, not acknowledged and that loneliness has gone unrecognised. They are the bereaved. They are people who are

divorced or separated who feel judged and not welcome. There are others who may want to return to the Church and are looking for a way back. People are looking for acceptance and to be loved and cared about, to belong – basic human needs. We are not a social club. We are so much more. We are Christ's Church, a place where one should expect to find acceptance, kindness, understanding and to come to know how much Jesus loves them.

Jesus said treat others the way you would want them to treat you. It is the personal touch, the building of relationships and bridges with others, the one to one approach that is most effective. We have been given everything through Christ and now we must give Him to others. He has no one else. We are His voice, His hands and feet.

“Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.” 1 Cor 13:7

Clare Borst

Go you are sent.....

When I was invited to attend the Synod I felt very reluctant. There were many thoughts running through my head such as; I'm not ready, I'm not there yet with my faith journey and there are much more deserving people to attend. When I attended the workshop I realised through the discussions that I was purposely sent. There is no right or ready time and the time is now to take ownership of my journey. I have been over reliant on the priest and ticking the Sunday mass box thinking yes I've showed up and that's it. Now I feel more empowered to own and lead my own journey. Leadership can be exercised in many ways in our Parish and outside of it. Connecting, doing, giving, seeking out and not being afraid to admit where I am at. We are all sent.

Carmel Leonard



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Our Lady of Fatima

One hundred years ago, on the 13th May, 1917, Our Lady appeared to Lucia (10), Francisco (9), her cousin and Jacinta (7), Francisco's sister. They lived in Fatima, a little village not far from Lisbon, Portugal's capital city. They were shepherds and spent most days out in the fields tending their sheep.



The children immortalised at Fatima

Actually, the year before, an angel had appeared three times to these 3 children and asked them to pray and make sacrifices.

On the second visit the angel said, Pray, pray very much. Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High.

Lucia asked, "How are we to make sacrifices?" The angel replied, "Make of everything you can a sacrifice and offer it to God as an act of reparation for sins and in supplication for the conversion of sinners."

These words were indelibly impressed upon the minds of the three children who fervently put them into practice

Our Lady asked them to come to the same spot for 6 months in succession on the 13th day at the same time. She asked if they were willing to offer themselves to God to bear all the sufferings He would send them as an

act of reparation for sins and to save sinners. She also asked them to pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war.

The children decided not to say anything to anyone, but Jacinta couldn't refrain from telling her mother. No one believed them and they had much to suffer through ridicule, endless questioning and entreaties from family, priests and the Administrator of the town, to confess that they were lying.

On the 13th June, Our Lady promised to take Francisco and Jacinta to heaven very soon but Lucia was to stay here for some time longer. "Jesus wishes to use you to make me known and loved. He wants to establish a world devotion to my Immaculate Heart."

On the 13th July, Our Lady encouraged them again to pray the rosary every day for peace in the world and to end the war. She promised to work a miracle in October so that people would see and believe. Our Lady opened her hands giving the children a vision of hell which terrified them. Our Lady said that praying the rosary, and devotion to her Immaculate Heart, would save souls from going to hell.

She also gave them this prayer to say after each decade of the rosary:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fire of hell. Bring all souls to heaven, especially those who most need thy mercy.

On the 13th August, the Administrator of the town tricked the children

into going with him to the town hall where they were subjected to severe questioning and threatened with torture and a terrible death in a cauldron of boiling oil so that they would confess that they were lying about the apparitions. The children refused to be intimidated. On the 15th August they were taken back home, terribly upset that they had failed to keep the appointment with Our Lady. However, on the 19th August Our Lady appeared in a different place. Again she promised that she would perform a miracle in October and repeated, "Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; many souls go to hell because there are none to sacrifice themselves and to pray for them. By now more and more were beginning to believe and on 13th September, the fifth apparition, about 25,000 people came to the Cova where Our Lady appeared. Again Our Lady asked for the rosary to be prayed every day to end the war.

On 12th October, Lucia's mother said to Lucia, "We had all better go to confession today as we will all probably die tomorrow when people find out that you were telling lies. If the Lady does not perform the miracle the people will kill us." Lucia calmly said, "Mother if you want to go to Confession I'll go too but not for that reason. I'm not afraid. I'm absolutely certain that the Lady will do everything she has promised."

On the 13th October, there were about 70,000 people gathered at the Cova in the pouring rain. Besides believers

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there were sceptics, atheists and reporters from all over, many ready for a showdown to prove that all was a hoax.

At the appointed time, Our Lady appeared, shining more brightly than the sun.

Suddenly Lucia cried out, "Look at the sun". The sun trembled, making sudden incredible movements outside all cosmic laws – it danced. Then it seemed to fall on the crowd. Many thought they were all going to die and fell to their knees, confessing their sins out loud. Finally, the sun stood still in its usual place and all those people, drenched by the rain, were suddenly completely dry. The miracle had taken place.

Francisco died in 1919 after a painful illness, all offered to Jesus. Jacinta died in 1920, suffering from bronchial pneumonia and a very painful abscess. She offered her sufferings to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the conversion of sinners.

Lucia entered the convent of the Dorothean Sisters and later, Carmel. She lived until she was 97, dying in 2005. She was present at Francisco's and Jacinta's beatifications by Pope John Paul II in 2000. On the hundredth anniversary of the first apparition, both Francisco and Jacinta were



Blessed Virgin Mary in Our Lady of Fatima Church

canonised by Pope Francis in Fatima. The case for Lucia's beatification has begun.

The message of Fatima

There were basically three requests Our Lady made during her apparitions at Fatima: Penance, Prayer and Devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

Penance

In the Gospels, the word penance means a conversion of one's life, a turning away from sin and a turning back to God. As Our Lady at Fatima said, "People must amend their lives, and ask pardon for their sins. They must no longer offend Our Lord, Who is so much offended."

Jacinta, shortly before her death, remarked, "If people only knew what eternity is, they would make all possible efforts to amend their lives. Sacrifice gives great pleasure to Our Lord."

Lucia said that at one time the Lord said to her, "The sacrifice required of every person is the fulfilment of their duties in life and the observance of my law."

The three children were so acutely aware of the pain that sin causes both Our Lord and Our Lady that they were intent on finding a variety of ways to offer sacrifices to console the hearts of both Jesus and Mary.

You might wonder how the Hearts of Jesus and Mary can be hurt now they are in heaven. We know there is no time with in eternity. It is all "now". I read recently about Padre Pio when he was praying for someone who had

died. He knew this person had gone to heaven so a friend asked him why he was praying for this person now. Padre Pio replied that it was this prayer that got him to heaven.

Prayer

The rosary is so central to the Fatima message that Our Lady identified herself as “The Lady of the Rosary”. In all six apparitions she asked for the daily rosary, especially as an instrument of world peace.

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Our Lady asked for this devotion during her second apparition. She said, “Jesus wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart throughout the world.”

She spoke about this devotion many times in succeeding apparitions and a deep love for the Hearts of Jesus and Mary began to burn in the hearts of the children, especially Jacinta's. She said to Lucia not long before her death, “Tell everybody that God grants graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask for peace through her Immaculate Heart. God has placed it in her hands.”

After Sr Lucia entered the convent, Our Lady and the Child Jesus appeared to her. The Blessed Mother held a heart surrounded by sharp thorns. The Divine Child told Lucia, “Have pity on the Heart of your most Holy Mother. It is covered with thorns with which ungrateful people pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to remove them with an act of reparation.”

These messages of Our Lady simply reiterate the Gospels. The first message is sacrifices and penance. Matthew, Mark and Luke all record Jesus saying to his disciples, “If anyone would come after me he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” Mt 16: 24; Mk 8 34; Lk 9: 23.

The bible is full of instances of the second message - the power of prayer.

2 Chronicles 7: 14 “If my people will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Eph.6:18 “Pray in the spirit on all possible occasions.”

James 5: 13 “If one of you is in trouble he should pray.”

The third, Devotion to Our Lady, are Jesus' words from the Cross to John who represents all of us: Son, “Here is your Mother” and to Mary, “Here is your son.” Jesus gives his own mother to us to honour and revere as He did.

Mary's words to the servants at the wedding feast at Cana were, “Do whatever he tells you”. He is telling us to honour His/our Mother.

I find it useful to pray the Morning Offering as a way to offer the events of everyday life as a sacrifice.

Our Lady is our true Mother, reminding us not to be so immersed in this world as to forget where our destiny lies.

Sr Marie Gore rsm



Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish



**women's
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Day of Reflection

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The Next Three Months in the Liturgical Year

The Exultation of the Holy Cross - 14th September

This feast glorifies the cross on which Jesus was crucified. On Good Friday we adore the Cross. On this day we hold it up for all to worship. After all, without the cross there would be no crucifixion, without the crucifixion Jesus would not have risen from the dead, and with no resurrection our lives would be without the hope of the resurrection. So praise God for the Cross today!

St Francis of Assisi – 4th October

St Francis is probably our best known saint, especially as our Pope has taken his name. Assisi has plenty of reminders of him, but a little-known one is on the plain below – St Francesco di Rivotorto church.



St Francis went there on retreat, and the church has been built around two little stone huts he used (one for sleep, one for prayer). The hut's simplicity and lack of comfort gives a whole new meaning to the poverty and piety that St Francis represents.

All Saints/All Souls – 1st & 2nd - November

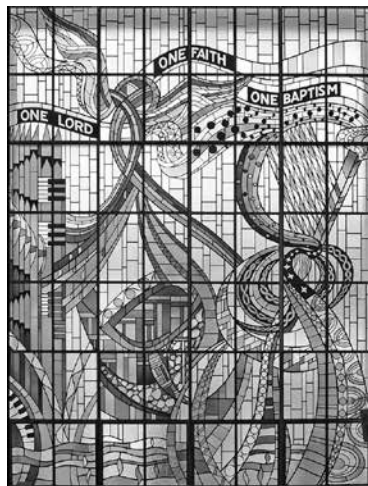
On 1st November we honour the saints already in Heaven. They were for the most part ordinary people like you and me who became faithful disciples of

Jesus and lived the beatitudes. They lived extraordinary lives following the call of Jesus. Then on 2nd September we remember all the faithful departed. We pray that all those we love, who have gone before us, are safely in the arms of Jesus. I want to be in Heaven, giving glory to God for eternity, but if I don't quite make it, I want my loved ones praying for me so that I will make it eventually.

Dedication of St John Lateran – 9th - November

St John Lateran is the Pope's church in Rome, steeped in history. There is some form of memorial of every Pope except those who ruled in Avignon, and, as I wandered the church, it hit me that we have an unbroken line of authority in the Church from Peter to the then Pope Benedict, and now, Pope Francis. Hasn't God blessed us with his "rocks"?

St Cecilia – 22nd November



I first became aware of St Cecilia when I visited a church by that name in Balgowlah, North Sydney. There is a giant stained glass window beside the sanctuary that can only be seen by the celebrant and a few of the congregation in the front left pews. It is beautiful, full of musical symbols and the words “One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism”. How she is associated with music is vague, but she is held up as a perfect example of a Christian woman, who embraced virginity and suffered martyrdom for the love of Christ.

Christ the King – 26th November

This is the last Sunday before Advent, a fitting time to celebrate that Jesus Christ is King! “My kingdom is not of this world” he said (John 18:36), and today’s Gospel tells what will happen when he takes the throne of glory. But I prefer to think of Him as King of my spiritual life now, and love to sing the song “Majesty” with enthusiasm. How about you?

Glen McCullough



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Fr Jim's Been Thinking

Anxiety



Our society is anxious. Look at the faces of people hurrying to work. You see it even more as they travel home, tired but without having solved life's problems. Their faces are weary, puzzled, living with the unanswerable question as to what it all means. They set higher and higher goals for themselves and for others, then worry all day and all year about whether they will reach them. If they do, they will set new ones. If they don't, they will feel they've failed. Was this really how we were supposed to live?

Luke 12:22-34 concentrates on this type of behaviour, indicating that much of the world, at least during recorded human history, has faced the same problem. Of course, there are differences which are based on the varying levels at which anxiety strikes.

None of Jesus' listeners were worrying about funding smart cars and foreign holidays. Most in the crowds he addressed, lived at subsistent levels, facing the constant possibility that one day they wouldn't have even that. They would be fortunate to have even one spare garment. One disaster—the family breadwinner being sick or injured—could have resulted in instant destitution. It was to people like that, that Jesus gave his clear and striking commands about not worrying over food and clothing.

Anxiety itself can be a killer. Stress and worry can cause disease, or contribute to it—producing the enchanting prospect of people worrying about worrying, a downward spiral that perhaps only a good sense of humour can break. Jesus' warnings and commands go right down to the roots of the problem he faced in confronting his contemporaries with the message of God's kingdom. His wasn't just good advice on how to live a happy, carefree life but a challenge to the very core of his world.¹

How do we face his challenge?

¹ Tom Wright, *Luke for Everyone* (London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 2004), 151–154.

Reports and Updates from Parish Groups

Youth



In Term 2 eight young women and three leaders came together for a weekend at the beginning of June where they explored what it meant to be a young Catholic woman in today's modern, secular world. It was an amazing weekend where we all learned how beloved we are by God and what an amazing gift our lives are!

Term 3 has started with a hiss and a roar – Youth groups have begun again and, at the beginning of August, our parish hosted a Diocesan Youth Event, the Amazing Race, followed by the Diocesan M3 Young Church Mass in St Patrick's Hall. Over 40 youth and young adults gathered from across the Diocese and braved the weather to get into teams, search for locations and complete challenges and race to the finish line. It was a great opportunity to meet up with old friends and make new ones.

Following the Race, our youth then had the privilege of leading a Diocesan Youth Mass celebrated by Cardinal John Dew. Worshipers from

across the Diocese joined our youth who sang, read and served. What a wonderful experience.

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

Jacqui McLaughlin



High Tea with St Patrick

Saturday 9th September 2017
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The view from the microphone at the Jazz concert (page 25)



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Learning Scrum Secrets of the Front Row (page 24)



Should she give up her day job? (page 24)



Waiting for the strawberries (page 19)



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The school and grounds continue to delight. Daffodils (donated by a parishioner) planted by the junior students are starting to break ground. Strawberry plants, recently planted by juniors under the watchful eye of Greg Ashcroft (our parish grounds person) are well established and being watched very closely, and not just by the pukekos!!!



The Bodhi Vincent painting, donated to the school as part of the 50th Jubilee, has been

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Mrs Michelle Hedge has been appointed to the permanent fulltime staff, replacing Mrs Kristy Brown, who has left fulltime teaching to concentrate on bringing up her daughter.

Last month Mrs Martha Stuart-Berrisford retired from the Board. Martha worked tirelessly for the school and parish during the design, build and commissioning of the school. Her prayerful determination and input ensured we obtained the best possible outcomes for our school. Her knowledge and experience will be missed and we sincerely thank her for the significant time she gave to the school and Board of Trustees.

Isabel Carberry has taken over the chair and Mrs Deborah Geyde, appointed by the Cardinal, replaces

Martha as a proprietor's representative. She joins Fr Michael, Mr Red Bacani and Mrs Marie Lemmon in that role. Their role on the Board is to ensure the Catholic character of our school remains strong and continues to grow and develop.

We really enjoy connecting with so many of you during the week and appreciate your ongoing prayerful support.

We would appreciate your ongoing prayers as we discuss with the Presentation Associates ways we can work together with the children and the school community to keep the mission and legacy of the Presentations Sisters alive in Kāpiti.

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- Over 600 visits to the sick and others in need;
- food and financial assistance to families in temporary need;
- furniture to help people set up households;
- food to school children in some State Schools in the Kāpiti area;
- financial assistance to families to purchase school uniforms and shoes at the beginning of the school year;
- food and cooking skills to the occupants of Mary's Guest House (the former Presentation Sisters' convent) in Paraparaumu.



We have so much support from the Kāpiti community that we have been able to provide support to the north and south of Our Lady of Kāpiti parish, in particular the Mother Theresa sisters in Porirua.

Last year we set up complete households in Porirua for two refugee families from Syria. This year we have a project under way to set up more households later in the year.

John Reardon, President



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L'Arche Houses Open

"Home is the place where our hearts are"

With these words, L'Arche Community Leader Candice Wilson summed up the journey to the two newly built homes, named *Arawhata* and *Rangimarie*, officially opened and blessed on June 10.

The ceremonies and thanksgivings took place at the building once known to us as Grace Hall and were followed by blessings and welcomes across the road at the two homes to be shared by adults with disabilities and their assistants.

Candice took her speech inspiration from the story of Dorothy in Oz, saying that no matter where the journey takes us, we will always find home where we love and are loved.



Pauline Takiwai calls Fr Michael into one of the L'Arche homes for the blessing

*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

Graham

Rodney

Merryn & Andrew Malcolm

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There in Times of Need

Following her speech the board chairman outlined the logistical and financial journey, acknowledging the generosity of many people and business firms in the supply of labour and materials to the seven-bedroom houses.

Stephen Williams, a core member, and board member, Michele Ness, lit a candle and led the gathering in prayer followed by reflections on the history and background of L'Arche in Kāpiti led by Fr Rod Milne, one of the driving forces who brought L'Arche to Kāpiti.

Gifts of artworks were presented - one for each home - and a quilt was presented to Angela Capes, the

founding community leader for L'Arche Kāpiti.

Following those ceremonies, the gathering shifted across Tongariro Street, where they were called onsite by Pauline Takiwa. Blessings by Tuki Takiwa and Fr Michael followed, before the rite of house blessing where Father entered each house and blessed it room by room. Visitors were then invited to enter and add their own blessings.

The community asks the people of Our Lady of Kāpiti to keep L'Arche faithfully in their prayers.

Margaret Irvine

Men's Retreat

The Kāpiti Catholic Men's Group sponsored a day retreat at Our Lady of Fatima Church on 22nd July for the men of the parish. The retreat was fruitfully led by Fr. Brian Cummings sm, from the Marist Spirituality Centre at Pa Maria, Wellington.

43 men attended the retreat, enjoying great fellowship between Fr. Brian's sessions as well as a great catered lunch thanks to Anna Upton and friends.

Fr Brian focused the separate sessions on three questions the men could ask themselves on their spiritual and prayer journeys:

1. Who do you say Jesus is?
(Matt 16:15)
2. Do you know what Jesus has done to you? (John 13:12)
3. Who are you looking for?
(Psalm 37:4)

After input on each question from Fr. Brian, the men reflected individually on their own journeys before being called back for follow-up input aimed at helping them put their prayer reflections into perspective for the rest of their life journey.

As MC, I found it to be a very moving day as I saw the men, scattered about the church and foyer, being so still and prayerful for as long as an hour at a time. I think we made God very happy that day.

Glen McCullough

We must thank Our Lady of Kāpiti Men's Group for organising such an excellent day.

Excellent is a very powerful word. So why was it "excellent"? It was a day for Catholic men to LISTEN, THINK and PRAY. We weren't subjected to reading

to out loud, standing and having to say something, nor having to join a discussion group.

It was a retreat ably lead by Fr Brian, who explained so clearly what each session was about, then having our own time for reflection.

Time went so quickly and I came away feeling enlightened and very grateful for the opportunity to be there.

Incidentally, ladies of the parish provided a much appreciated, warm and tasteful lunch.

So, thank you Father Brian, Our Lady of Kāpiti Men's Group and particularly Glen McCullough, for providing such an excellent day.

May we all have the opportunity to attend another next year.

A Grateful Parishioner

Fundraising Events

Fashion Parade

On Wednesday 10th May almost 100 ladies gathered at Ballentynes Fashion Central, Paraparaumu, for a night of fun and laughter.

The evening commenced with drinks and a great variety of nibbles thanks to the many ladies who assisted with the food.

A fantastic evening then proceeded, with our seven models entertaining us with four changes of clothes each. Sister Barbara stole the show with her great modelling flair!! We had a great night, and the feedback was that some people who had not been to a fashion show would like to come again. We raised over \$2,000 so a great way to raise funds.

If you would like to see the new Spring/Summer collection, have a fun evening, a chance to win some awesome raffle prizes and a discount on purchases for the week after the show, then book the 18th October in your diary now so that you don't miss out.

Goodman's Scrum Secrets of the

Front Row was a fundraising dinner and auction that was held as the first entertainment function in St. Patrick's Hall at our Lady of Kāpiti School.

The venue worked superbly, with 200 people being fed in fine style by PartyPerfect, while being entertained by local flautist, Michelle Scullion. The atmosphere was just so comfortable.

It was obvious that people had attended to enjoy themselves.

A number of local businesses were represented - Goodmans, who were the naming sponsor; NZME, another great supporter; New World Waikanae, just to name a few.

The celebrity speakers were Phil Gifford and ex-All Black Graham Purvis. Both had the audience rolling in the aisles, as they told many tales of past exploits both factual and, often, fictional.

The speakers performed magnificently, and their performances were punctuated by a fundraising auction with all proceeds going toward a new Our Lady of Kāpiti catholic church.

Auctioneer Bob Houston had a great variety of items including a local artist Lee Russell painting, *Rugby Pride*, commissioned for the occasion, plus a couple of limited edition prints. A few original cartoons and two PartyPerfect dinner parties sold briskly, along with other items.

The total raised from the night was just over \$24,000 which was a magnificent result, for what was hailed as a fantastic event. The generosity of the people who attended was astounding, and we thank so many.

The work done in putting the function together by Richard and Kathy Campbell, as well as Glen McCullough, is invaluable. Simply, without them these functions wouldn't happen. Many thanks are also due to Martin Elms and Our Lady of Kāpiti School for their wonderful co-operation.

Bob Houston

Jazz Meets Mumbai



Another sell out fundraising event took place at the Senior Citizens Hall, Paraparaumu Beach. Bridget and Liam O'Shanassy's "The Band" wowed the enthusiastic audience with a professional rendering of a medley of well-known songs.

An Indian curry meal, served by members of the Filipino community, followed and the evening continued with another selection of jazz provided by "The Band". Altogether a delightful mix of food, wine, and music.

A repeat of "From Jazz to Mumbai" has already been requested for next year – so watch these pages!



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Other Fundraising

Lunch Club:

Four of our \$10 Clubs are meeting monthly and doing their bit to add to the coffers of the Building Fund. Others have decided to support our second produce stall held weekly after the 10 am Mass at Waikanae and run by Mike and Marlene Smith.

Produce Stall:

Matalena Vaeluaga generously supplies hot scones for the stalls at BOTH the 8.30 Paraparaumu mass and 10.00 Waikanae Mass. Of course the stall holders at both masses always warmly welcome donations of baking and produce.

Movie Night:

The last film shown at Downtown Cinemas proved very popular and was a sellout. It helped that many parishioners had read "The Shack" – also the title of the film. A profit of \$1500 was raised that evening.



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but His retirement plan is out of this world!*

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*The Importance of
Punctuation!*



Spotted in a safari park:

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Obituary

Michael Donovan

Michael Donovan was born in Skibereen, County Cork, Ireland on the 26 April 1936 and left Ireland in 1972 for Australia - as an assisted immigrant. It is not known when he arrived in New Zealand but he lived for many years on the Kapiti Coast latterly on the Main Highway and then in 4 Martin Street where he died on 16 May 2017.

He was a very caring man, gave generously to many charities and cared for people less fortunate than himself.

He is survived by one sister in London, one brother in London and three brothers in Ireland .

Michael was an excellent caretaker/ cleaner for Our Lady of Fatima Church, and no matter what, always made

sure the Church was opened in the mornings and closed at night, ensured the lawn was mowed and the heaters turned on(when required) for mass.

Trees and shrubs were regularly attended to as was the waterblasting of the outside of the church.

He will be sadly missed



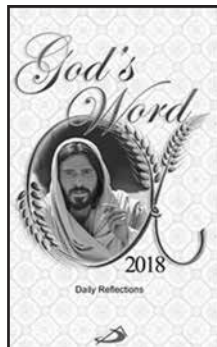
Book Review

God's Word 2018

God's Word 2018 is a gem. The readings for every day of the year are provided in full and the psalm number is also included. Each day also has a reflection on the readings together with some space to jot down your own thoughts on the readings – journaling in miniature – or to note diary entries. A few extra

prayers are added at the back e.g. Pro-Life Prayer, Serenity Prayer, Prayer for Divine Guidance, to name but a few.

Published by St Paul's Publications, this is an Australasian edition that features saints and feast days for the



Pacific region, including Mary McKillop and St Peter Chanel.

I use this at OLD DUCKS and some members of our scripture group also have a copy – it's great to have all reading from the same translation at times.

At only \$21 (same price as last year) this A5 hardcover book is invaluable for

those who wish to follow the daily readings. Orders are now being taken and delivery is late November/early December. A Christmas present perhaps?

To order phone Anna 9026330.

A Bit of This and a Bit of That

Christ in the Cupboard

In the 20 years I have been attending Our Lady of Fatima church, the odd addition, just to the left of the front door, with its narrow, gothic, stained-glass window, has intrigued me.

One weekday this year I called in to the church. Apart from the Sacrament, it was empty, with that mix of smells – candlewax, mid-week flowers getting past their best, polish and a hint of incense – which transports me to my childhood.

Time to take a chance I thought. Time to live on the edge. Feeling mildly anxious that I would be suspected of felonious intent, I went to the rear of the original building, by the noticeboards, mismatched furniture, and general detritus which graces the back of every parish church in the Western world. I rolled the noticeboard aside and faced the strange door to the extension, which looks like a dinghy standing on its transom. Was it locked? I tried it tentatively. It swung open.

It was a storeroom for stacked chairs. Initial disappointment. But the chairs were bathed in coloured light, coming from that narrow window whose



subject can't be deciphered from outside the church. The late afternoon sun was shining through Martin Roostenburg's 1953 depiction, in stained glass, of Christ's baptism by John. Of course! The extension is the original baptistery, which housed the font before the church was extended in the 1980s.

Christ's light shining on stacked, empty chairs, waiting for a congregation - I'm sure Father Michael would see a homily there.

But I think there might be a simpler, even profound, message in this very short story. Speaking only for myself, rather than walk past wondering for 20 years, perhaps I should take a risk and open a door, or several. There just might be something good, a small revelation, and even grounds for growth, behind them.



Michael Wintringham

Recall Notice

The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been identified as "Subsequential Internal Non-morality," more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include:

1. Loss of direction
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7. Fearfulness
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1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self control

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DANGER:

The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention!

GOD

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you may contact the Father any time by 'Knee mail'!

Parish Directory August 2017

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.

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B.O.T. meets at School 4th Wednesday monthly



**"Pray as though everything depended on God.
Work as though everything depended on you."**



These words have been attributed to St Augustine. I believe that they strongly apply to our parish as we plan and fundraise to build our new parish church. Are we depending on God for our plans and our fundraising? The planning and fund-raising are visible and public and we can see that they are taking place. But what about the hidden element of prayer?

I have co-ordinated some public prayer, in my delegated role of prayer support for the new build, but I would love some fresh ideas so that we can become a parish of prayer for our new parish church, as well as a parish of fundraising. As St Augustine wrote centuries ago, "this is not an either ... or; it is a both ...and."

If you would like to suggest formats for communal and public prayer, please email the editor at office@ryanpublications.co.nz.

Please make a habit of praying, both personally and within any parish groups you belong to, for the building of a parish church that will serve us well for generations to come. EVERYBODY needs to contribute so that we can 'build it right' both by building a physical building and by building a vibrant and caring parish community.

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