

Pastoral Pages

Parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti

Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti

Winter 2018

St. James

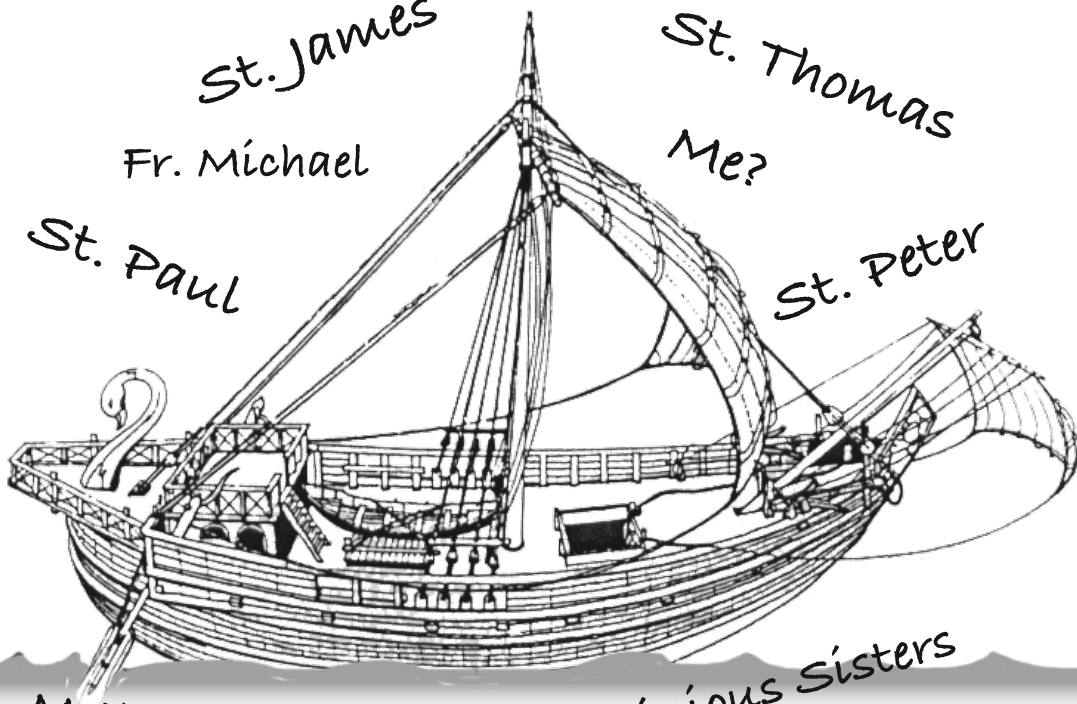
Fr. Michael

St. Thomas

Me?

St. Paul

St. Peter



Mother Aubert

St. Bartholomew

Our Religious Sisters

St. Barnabas

What's Inside

Reflection on Apostleship - How Do I Fit In?

Lots of news and things you need to know

EDITORIAL



Over the next three months a number of Apostle's feast days occur. What could be more timely, then, but to feature these apostles and to consider what their example means for us in Kāpiti in 2018. How does each one of us respond to our call to be apostles in the modern world? We're probably not being called to the ends of the earth to be missionaries, but each of us is being called to use our gifts and talents to further God's kingdom. Events such as the men's breakfasts and the

recent women's retreat are examples of parishioners answering the call and Bernie Velasco shares how he ministers to God's people.

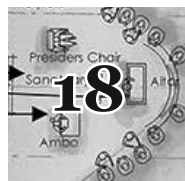
As usual we have plenty of things on offer for you to read and ponder, as well as opportunities to answer the call in our various parish groups (see Directory pp 35 & 35).

Our thanks to those who have contributed to this edition through writing articles and providing photos. If you would like to offer your creative skills we'd love to hear from you. We are often on the lookout for writers to develop out themes or to report on parish events.

May God bless you and yours over these colder months.

Anna, Glen, Margaret, Ishbel, Judith

Contents



- 3 Reflection on Apostleship
- 10 Next 3 Months of the Liturgical Year
- 12 Spirituality in the Phillipines
- 13 Living by Grace Serving God
- 19 Introducing
- 15 Fr Jim's been Thinking
- 16 Reports & Updates
- 18,19 Concept Drawing of our new Church
- 28 Introducing
- 30 Upcoming Events
- 34 Parish Directory

Contributions to: office@ryanpublications.co.nz or phone 04 902 6330.

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

Reflections

Apostleship

In reading the Gospel stories about the apostles, I am struck by a number of common themes in their lives – they are called by name; they walk with Jesus; they are witnesses of his ministry of healing and the proclaiming of God's kingdom. They are also delightfully human – they argue and fight and disagree; they get frightened and run away during Our Lord's passion and death and, even after witnessing the Risen Lord, they remained frightened and reclusive, at least for a time. After Pentecost they are transformed into fearless preachers and witnesses for Jesus. Again and again we are struck by how their 'hidden selves have grown strong' as they disperse and found a number of fledgling churches in the Mediterranean and beyond.

We share in the ministry of the apostles – we are called by name in Baptism. Gradually, on our own faith journeys, as they also did, we soften and we allow the grace of the Holy Spirit to transform our own stubborn hearts and wills. We begin to use our gifts generously and generatively, for the greater good, and the Body of Christ, here in our Parish, is transformed into something alive and visibly welcoming for all.



In June our Parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti is five years old – the first of the Parishes in the Archdiocese of Wellington to accept Cardinal John Dew's invitation to do so, in order to 'build a future full of hope'. In a spirit of prayer

and charity we have embraced this challenge and learnt much about ourselves and our mission in Christ along the way.

This week we have gathered three times to hear our Architects, Ian and Glenn from DLA Limited, present their concept designs for our new Parish Church and Parish Centre. As John O'Sullivan reminded us all in his introduction, our 'Church and Parish centre must be affordable, buildable, maintainable, modest and welcoming.' That has always been our goal.

The feedback from these meetings has been very positive and affirming. We have stepped out in faith and we are beginning to see the fruits of that courage. It is a very exciting time to continue building upon the work of the Apostles here in Kāpiti. Thank you for your wonderful and generous support in this journey of faith.

Michael McCabe
Parish Priest

St Barnabas Feastday 11th June

In the Acts of the Apostles and in church teaching, Barnabas was one of those nominated to take the place of Judas, after the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Barnabas, originally named Joseph, was a Cypriot Jew living in Jerusalem. On hearing the Spirit-filled teachings of the apostles he sold his field, took the money and gave it to them, becoming a member of the early group of believers and an inspired teacher.

When Saul, persecutor of Christians, was converted on the road to Damascus, his hope to be accepted by Christ's apostles was rejected and they sent him away. Barnabas sought him out, introduced him to the apostles and pleaded for his acceptance.

Barnabas and Paul were part of a group living and teaching in Antioch. Their mission became clear when they were praying and fasting and the Holy Spirit said to the gathering to separate Paul and Barnabas "to do the work for which I have called them".

Their mission took them to Cyprus and they took one of Barnabas's kinsmen, John Mark. There was a thriving Jewish community and Paul and Barnabas preached in synagogues and performed miracles as well as bringing the word of Christ to the Gentiles.

Barnabas and Paul returned to Antioch and preached from town to town

throughout the region, frequently being stoned and chased away. In Lystra, Paul healed a man who was lame and the people declared Barnabas and Paul to be gods, frustrating Paul and enraging the Jewish community.

Later Barnabas and Paul argued about the role of John Mark in their work, Paul believing he had abandoned the mission earlier, and so Barnabas returned to Cyprus.

It is believed that Barnabas was martyred at Salamis, Cyprus, in 61 AD. He is traditionally identified as the founder of the Cypriot Orthodox Church. The feast day of Barnabas is celebrated on June 11.

Margaret Irvine

St Peter the Rock 29th June

Together with 'Doubting Thomas', Peter is perhaps the apostle we can identify most closely with. He was a rough and ready, ordinary sort of chap that made mistakes and could not be totally relied upon, and yet he was the rock on which Jesus based his church.

Simon and Andrew were brothers who owned a boat on the Lake of Galilee. Early in his ministry Jesus called them to follow Him and become Fishers of Men. (Matt. 4:18 – 19)

For three years they lived with Jesus, saw the miracles, heard His teachings, and were present on special occasions,

such as the healing of Jairus' daughter, and on the Mount of Transfiguration.

When Jesus asked his disciples "Who do men say I am?" Simon replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Jesus replied, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus took Peter, James and John apart and asked them to "Watch and pray" but they fell asleep. When Judas came with soldiers, all the disciples ran away. Later that night, Peter came to Caiaphas the High Priest's house and stayed by the fire in the courtyard. Three times he was recognised by servants as a friend of Jesus, and three times he strongly denied knowing him. Then a rooster crowed and Peter

remembered that Jesus had said "Before the rooster crows you will disown me three times." And Peter broke down and wept. (Mark 14 :72)

After Jesus had risen, Peter said "I am going fishing." He caught nothing. Jesus appeared on the shore, and said "Come and eat" and after eating, he asks Peter "Do you love me?" Three times Jesus asks this and three times Peter answers "You know I do."

"Feed my lambs, feed my sheep" Jesus tells Peter.

Peter was healed and restored by Jesus and spoke with authority on Pentecost Day when 3000 were baptised.

Peter was chosen as one of the very first disciples. He proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah and became the leader

restore
therapeutic massage

- Therapeutic
- Relaxation
- Foot massage
- Mobile

Phone 04 293 2635
021 874 901
lois.kunac@gmail.com

10%
of each massage
donated to the
church building
fund

of the church. He was martyred by crucifixion. Tradition says he was buried on Vatican Hill in Rome.

Ishbel Cunniffe

St Paul Apostle to the Gentiles **29th June**

Saul, (Paul's Jewish birth name) was born in Tarsus – a Roman “Free City” in Cilicia. This gave him Roman citizenship. He is 30 years old when we first meet him in Acts 8, a zealous Pharisee leading the first wave of persecution of the early church in Jerusalem. He is present at, and approves of, Stephen's martyrdom. But while on his way to Damascus, to continue the attack on Christian believers there, he is struck down and blinded by a light from heaven. He hears the voice of Jesus and becomes a changed man. Three days later, filled with the Holy Spirit, his sight is restored and he is baptised. His ministry of spreading the gospel is ready to begin.

However, the early Christians find it hard to trust him because of his past record and the orthodox Jews hate him and plot to kill him. For his safety, the disciples send him to Tarsus, his home town, 450 miles to the north. Six years pass before he takes up the role for which Jesus had chosen him. He starts the first of his three missionary journeys to take the Gospel to the wider world.

He visits Cyprus, where the Roman Governor is converted. He sails on

to Asia Minor and, at Antioch, Paul preached the first sermon of which we have a record (Acts 13:16 – 41).

Many converts to the Christian faith are made in this, the shortest of Paul's missions.

His second missionary journey is much longer and covers Asia Minor, Macedonia and present-day Greece. Many new churches are established; Paul pays for his own needs as he travels by working at his trade as a sail and tent maker.

On his third missionary journey, he revisits and strengthens the churches he had previously visited, staying much longer with some, such as the church at Ephesus. During the three missions Paul and his companions have travelled over 15,000 kilometres, mostly on foot; journeys fraught with danger and hardship. During his third mission, a collection is taken up for the support the church in Jerusalem. Paul returns there with this.

The Jewish leaders in Jerusalem arrest Paul on false charges of defiling the Temple. He narrowly escapes being killed by the crowd by surrendering to a passing group of Roman soldiers. He remains a Roman prisoner in Caesarea for two years before travelling to Rome for trial before Caesar. He lives there under house arrest for two years. No more is written of him in Acts. Tradition has it the Paul was martyred by the Emperor Nero.

Of the 27 books in the New Testament,

13 are attributed to Paul. These epistles are his letters to the various churches and congregations he founded.

Approximately half of the Acts of the Apostles describes his mission and his travels.

His teachings continue to greatly influence the development of our faith.

Mike Cunniffe

St Thomas the Doubter 3rd July

Although the apostle Thomas may have come to believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ a week after the other apostles, he went on to become one of the greatest cross-cultural missionaries of the first century.

After leaving Palestine, Thomas first preached the gospel in Syria, then left Roman territory to preach the gospel in

the Parthian Empire (modern Iraq and Iran). Determined to press the gospel to the ends of the earth, Thomas proceeded to sail to the Malabar Coast of southwestern India, planting churches which remain to the present day. It is believed there was a Jewish population existing in India and he preached to them and to adherents of the Hindu religion.

According to Indian tradition, Saint Thomas came by sea and first landed at Cranganore about the year 52 AD. He converted high caste Hindu families in Cranganore, Palayur and Quilon (settlements in Kerala) visited the Coromandel coast, making conversions and crossed over to China, preaching the Gospel there before returning to India and organizing the Christians of Malabar.

Maher Chartered Accountants Ltd

**CHARTERED
ACCOUNTANTS**



As Chartered Accountants we stick to our knitting, advising on:

- Business structures and profitability
- Family Trust formation and their operation
- Income Tax

We also prepare:

- Financial Statements
- and all manner of Tax Returns.

Nick Maher (902 6148)

**Maher Chartered Accountants Limited
112 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu**



**The Fasting & Prayer
Conference includes
meals.**

Thomas continued on around the southern tip of India, preaching the gospel in Hindu cities along India's eastern coast until he was at last stoned to death near the city of Chennai (Madras). A monument remains to this day, on a hill outside Chennai, to mark the site of Thomas' martyrdom, some 5,027 km (3,124 miles) from Jerusalem.

The Saint Thomas Christians, also called Syrian Christians of India, are a community of Syriac Christians from Kerala, India, who trace their origins to the evangelistic activity of Thomas the Apostle in the 1st century and, as an Eastern Orthodox church, are in full communion with the Holy See.

Margaret Irvine

St James the Greater 25th July

There were two apostles called James – James the son of Zebedee, called James the Greater, and James, son of Alphaeus, James the Lesser. There was also James, the brother of Jesus, James the Just, who possibly wrote the Letter of James.

James was nicknamed Son of Thunder because of his 'fiery' character.

Fiery can be defined as passionate, intense, ardent, powerful, blazing burning and that described James. It's no surprise that once he and his friends were roused into action by Jesus and challenged to preach the Good News, that James' energy and enthusiasm took him as far away as Spain!

He travelled the dusty, dangerous and difficult roads of Galacia with limited success! In a vision, Mary asked him to build a church in Zaragaoza, where many conversions took place.

James returned to Palestine, continuing his ministry of preaching, for which he was martyred by Herod Agrippá 1. His faithful followers placed his body in a boat, a tribute to his early life as a fisherman, drifted off and, landing in Spain, buried him in a field where many years later a bright star lead to the discovery of his tomb! A small church was built - a sacred place where pilgrims came for healing. Over the years that church was rebuilt and upgraded and now it's the impressive Cathedral of Santiago de Compostella, the ultimate destination of countless pilgrims throughout the ages, from all around the world!

I was privileged to be one of them.



I prayed and sang as I walked along, soaking in the history and traditions surrounding the exquisite churches, devoted communities and ancient monuments found on the Camino.

Although I didn't want the journey to end, it was with relief and satisfaction

that Anne and I finally arrived in Compostella after walking 800 kms from the French city of St Jean Pied de Port.

We entered the Cathedral and gave thanks to this dynamic Apostle whose image and symbols we had followed for 30 days. I am so grateful for my wonderful Camino pilgrimage.

St James kept us physically safe, mentally alert and spiritually blazing!

Barbara Henley rndm

St Bartholomew 24th August

Very little is known of Saint Bartholomew, although he is widely venerated in both the Catholic and Anglican churches, as well as the Eastern rites and even by the

Muslims. He is mentioned in the three synoptic gospels as one of the twelve apostles, but in the Gospel of John he is identified as Nathaniel who was introduced to Jesus by Philip, who also became an apostle. His feast day is on August 24th in Western churches and on June 11th in Eastern Christianity. He is identified in Acts 1: 4, 12, 13 as one of the witnesses of the Ascension. Tradition has it that after the Ascension, Bartholomew went on a missionary tour to India, where he left behind a copy of the Gospel of Matthew. Other traditions record him serving as a missionary in Ethiopia, Mesopotamia, Parthia and Lycaonia. One tradition has it that Bartholomew suffered martyrdom at Albanapolis in Armenia where, it was

**WE'VE DONE THE
HOMEWORK ON
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

With over 25 years of expertise and a reputation for getting results, we'll help you secure the best care and the best return on your property.





Quinovic Kapiti-Mana
2 Seaview Road, Paraparaumu Beach
P: 04 905 5203
E: enquiries@quinovic-kapiti.co.nz

www.quinovic.co.nz



said, he was flayed alive and beheaded. He is said to have been martyred for having converted Polymius, king of Armenia, to Christianity. Enraged by the monarch's conversion, the king's brother, Prince Astyatus, ordered the execution. Another tradition has him crucified up-side-down like St Peter. Various assumed relics of the saint are venerated at monasteries and cathedrals. The 6th century writer in Constantinople, Theodorus Lestor, maintained that about 507 the Byzantine emperor, Anastasius Dicorus, gave the body of the saint

to the city of Dura-Europos which he had founded. A large piece of his skin and some bones were said to have miraculously washed up on the Island of Lipari on the coast of Sicily and were kept in the Cathedral of Bartholomew. The saint's alleged skull ended up in Frankfurt Cathedral, while an arm was venerated in Canterbury Cathedral.

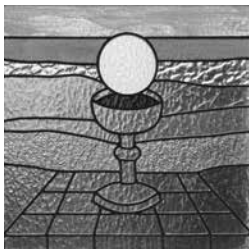
Great saint and apostle though Bartholomew undoubtedly was, we really only have myths and traditions to preserve his memory.

Bill Lambert

The Next Three Months in the Liturgical Year

Apart from celebrating the apostles, there are four major feasts in the next three months.

On **3rd June** we celebrate **Corpus Christi, or the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ.**



As a lover of the Eucharist, I couldn't go past this window from Star of the Sea Church, King Island, Australia. Its focus on the chalice and host and use of textured glass to represent the altar, land, sea and sky talks about the centrality of the Eucharist. The longer I look at it, the larger the chalice and host become, reflecting perhaps the growing importance of the Eucharist as I grow older. I hope you see it the same way.

On **8th June** we celebrate the **Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

when we take Jesus' physical heart as the representation of his divine love for humanity. Almost every Catholic church has a statue of Jesus showing his Sacred Heart and most stained glass of the Sacred Heart replicate the statues. This window in the Catholic Cathedral, Suva is completely different, showing Jesus' heart bleeding into a kava bowl, encircled by the crown of thorns. How better to demonstrate the love of Jesus for humanity?



After there being no major feasts in July, we celebrate **the Transfiguration** on **6th August.** We all know what



happened on the mountain – Jesus appeared God-like and God the Father acknowledged Him as His Son. This window, from Old St Paul's, Wellington, shows the scene. But imagine how you would have felt if you had been with Jesus. Awestruck? Confused? Frightened? Privileged?

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin is celebrated on **22nd August**. On the

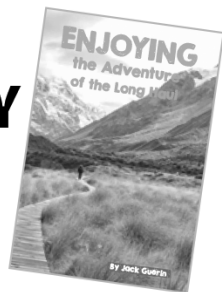
day of her Assumption, Mary our Mother was solemnly crowned by Christ and received

by the whole court of Heaven as Queen. This window from St Mark's, Drummoyne, Sydney, is a dramatic portrayal. In 1954, Pope Pius XII established the Feast to be celebrated throughout the world, and commanded that on that day each year, the world should renew its consecration to her. Have you consecrated yourself to Mary?



Glen McCullough

PRINT YOUR FAMILY HISTORY MEMOIRS STORIES



**We will help you create a beautiful
professional publication
your family and friends will love.**

PRECISE PRINT & DESIGN

For all your printing requirements

7 Manchester Street, Paraparaumu, 04 902 5252

www.preciseprint.co.nz

This article provides a brief historical background and explanation of why Filipinos become very involved in Church activities anywhere in the world. A typical example of this is the Barangay Santa Maria Assumpta's involvement in Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish.

The Philippines is considered to be the “fourth largest Christian country on the earth,” the “only Christian country in Asia,” and the “third largest Catholic country in the world”. Why is this country and culture so steeped in the Christian/Catholic faith?

Before the Hispanic invasion, the belief system of Filipinos consisted of gods, spirits and creatures and was highly anchored in nature - streams, fields, trees, mountains, forests and houses. Generally, the early Filipinos believed in Bathala (the Supreme Being), and they offered sacrifices and prayers.

The coming of Spanish missionaries, including nuns and priests, in 1521 changed that. Ferdinand Magellan's expedition of 1521 included Catholic priests and missionaries among the crew. In fact, some Catholic missionaries became explorers of the native lands while converting the Filipinos to Christianity.

Cebu, an island province located in the Central Visayas region, was one of the major areas that absorbed Christianity, followed by northern parts of Luzon (the north island). The Southern part,



Mindanao, resisted the ‘invasion’ of the missionaries and therefore, their conversion towards Christianity. Interestingly, this southern part of the islands is where Islam has become the major religion.

Feast days are celebrated in almost every barangay (basic social unit after families) throughout the year, but most especially in May. Filipinos celebrate these feasts in honour of various saints as well as Jesus, the Christ child (Sto. Nino, for instance), the dead Christ, the resurrected Christ and the Virgin Mary under many names. Christian/Catholic festivities also manifest in long Christmas celebrations, novenas, the Lenten season, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day in November.

In recent years, the Philippines has produced two saints - San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod; two ordinary Filipino men who were martyred for their Catholic faith.

This profound sense of Catholic spirituality does not discount the faith of the other 14% of Filipinos who are non-Catholics. Filipinos have been blessed with the spiritual heritage inherited from Spanish colonialism, but need to also remember that the pre-Hispanic faith in their God and closeness to

and reverence of nature already existed before the coming of the Spaniards. Filipinos have taken this blend seriously in the modern, global context and endeavour to share the blessings with others.

Judith Balares Salamat

<https://asiasociety.org/education/religion-philippines>

Living by Grace Serving God

In the last quarter of 2013 we received a call from God to embark on a teaching ministry as a couple. Out of obedience to God we got married in January 2014 and started our missionary work in Edinburgh, Scotland. We reached out to the Filipino community

and started a Bible study group of mostly single mothers. Later on we accepted an invitation for a teaching and preaching

ministry in a small mission church whose congregation was mostly Filipino families. This went on for 4 years where we served both the London and Edinburgh churches.

Work commitments saw us moving to New Zealand in January 2008.

We continued our Bible teaching ministry reaching out to the Filipino community in Wellington in 2008 and then in Upper Hutt in 2009. We took a sabbatical from ministry work in 2010

when we moved to Paraparaumu. We picked up our ministry work when the Filipino community of Barangay Sta Maria Assumpta was formed in 2011. We joined St Patrick's church in 2012. To this day, we are serving both the parish and the Filipino communities.

Situation Vacant

Lifelong employment.
No experience necessary.
New and limitless opportunities.
Use all your natural gifts and talents.
Apply within.

What drives us is our desire to please God with our lives. By grace we are saved – given a new life. By grace we live to fulfil our calling.

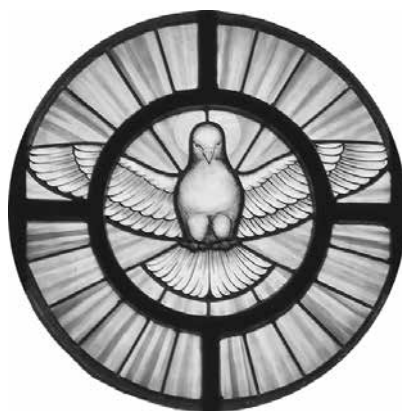
As God continually renews our spirit in the Holy Eucharist, we also continue reaching out to share the gospel with the people that God brings in our midst. We nurture the relationships we've build through the years with the love that we are receiving from God.

We are enriched by the love that we are receiving from both the Filipino and parish communities. Indeed, it is a real community of God.

Bernie and Mary Velasco

It was my last day in Jerusalem. I'd been round all the sights and holy places. I'd visited the Holy Sepulchre twice, and each time it'd done nothing for me. In fact, the crowds, the pushing in, the favours offered friends or those who pay to 'jump the queue', were off-putting. But for some reason I felt drawn back one last time. I arrived early in the morning. I went to Mass, celebrated in the actual Sepulchre, then the doors were shut, and a young monk let someone in. I thought "here we go, another favour". She left. Then an Ethiopian monk arrived with an older woman and a girl of about 12, mentally and physically disabled. The monk let them into the Sepulchre, shutting the doors. I sat for about five minutes reflecting.

Then the doors burst open! The young girl came flying up out of the Holy Sepulchre, arms and legs wind-milling, the monk trying to catch up with her. She threw herself at me, hugged me, then sat beside me hugging my arm and stroking my shoulder. I indicated to the monk that all was OK. The older lady sat beside me. After about ten minutes the child let me go. And I wrote in my journal: "This is what it's about, Christ comes when we least expect it". I cried!



I imagine the disciples had a similar experience at Pentecost. Closeted away, and then that wondrous, eye-opening, mind-blowing experience. Totally unexpected.

Pope Francis puts it this way; "God infinitely transcends us; he is full of surprises. We are not the ones to determine when and how we will encounter him; the exact times and places of that encounter are not up to us."

He also reminds us that as lay people, our role is to take those encounters and be salt and light to the world.

Surprise someone! Do something Spirit-filled! Enrich creation with light and flavour, just as that young girl did for me.

Joe Green

Our advertisers

THIS PUBLICATION COMES TO YOU **FREE**. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS WHENEVER YOU CAN BECAUSE THEY MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.

Fr. Jim's Been Thinking

Remain in Me!



Recently I substituted as the Celebrant for a couple of the weekend's Eucharists. The Gospel passage was John 15:1-9 and, with insufficient time to prepare my homily, I improvised and merely suggested that we must remain in God to fulfil our destiny with Him. Since then I have been thinking about John's imagery and its relevance to the New Zealand we live in and tried to appreciate John's metaphor of the vine.

I am not a gardener but my father did teach me to prune roses. Although I have not used this skill for many years, I still know how to prune and, importantly, why! A rose bush needs to be shaped by removing old growth to enable new growth to thrive and produce not just a crop of ordinary blooms but a smaller number of impressive ones. Pruning gives the new growth the room and access to light the bush needs to flourish. It seems to me that this is akin to the grape vines of John 15:1-9.

Equally, I do not know how to grow grape vines, but I know that pruning encourages the production of better quality grapes. Like roses, vines grow toward the light: superfluous growth is cut away to boost the crop.

Within Jewish tradition, the vine was a picture of Israel. God brought a vine out of Egypt and planted it in the promised land (Psalm 80:8-18). It had to be protected. Isaiah (Ch 5) averred that the vineyard of Israel had begun to bear wild grapes rather than proper ones. Because of its relevance, other prophets adopted this figure of speech.



John teaches that Jesus is the 'true vine', the true Israel and God's purposes flourish in him. His disciples are members of God's chosen people provided they remain 'in' him. The 'vine' is not some clever image from gardening but a description of who Jesus and his people are and what their destiny is!

Reports and Updates from Parish Groups

OLOK Parish Build Project

As we go to press, meetings have just been held in the parish with the architects presenting the latest designs. We hope you were able to take the opportunity to go along and see. Our middle pages show the new church design as it is currently mooted. Generally, parishioners seem to be very pleased with the design, with only minor changes and adaptations suggested.

Youth

The Youth Ministry year is well underway as we race through Term 2.

Last term we trialled new times for J-Team and Gravitate with J-Team running at the earlier time of 3.30 – 5pm and Gravitate 5.30 – 7.30pm. The time suits most of our young people as they race to fit their many varied activities in during the week.

We have an exciting term ahead as we start to explore what our teens want to know about our faith. These are some the questions our young people have asked:

- *Is there a difference between Catholics & Christians?*
- *Why is Jesus called God because I thought God was Jesus' Dad?*
- *Is Jesus God's form on earth or a separate person?*
- *Jesus is Jewish. If we are followers of Jesus, why are we Catholic instead of Jewish?*
- *Why do we do the sign of the cross before we pray?*



Our faith is not one moment in time but a life-long journey. What a privilege it is to be part of the curiosity and questioning of our young people and to have the opportunity to search for and discuss what it means to be a Catholic, to claim our faith and strive to live up to the expectations of our baptisms.

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

Jacqui McLaughlin

Our Parish School

At the end of Term 1 we welcomed our new principal, Ms Viv Conroy, as well as farewelled Mr Martin Elms, our 'old' principal. Viv was introduced to the parish in our last edition of Pastoral Pages.

Welcome Powhiri for Ms Conroy



Annabelle Green, Lorna Barber, Izzy Winter (students), Isabel Carberry (BOT chair), Martin Elms & Viv Conroy



Receiving the Nano Nagle lantern with Sr Regina (Presentation Sister), Martin, and Maria Higgison (DP)



With Martin Hett (principal of Kapiti Primary School, Viv's old school)

Senior student:

Our Lady of Kapiti School was started by the Presentation nuns over 60 years ago. Nano Nagel started the order 300 years ago and it was her vision to bring Catholic education to the poor and marginalised. She also visited the sick and poor at night lighting her way with a lantern. She became known as the lady of with the lamp.

We use a lamp to remind us of Nano Nagel's vision and our own mission as a Catholic school; providing a Catholic

education and bringing the light of Jesus to the world around us.

Mr Elms and Sister Regina, from the Presentation Order, present Ms Conroy with the school lantern as a symbol of the responsibility the Principal has to be the light of Christ when nurturing and leading our school.

Board Chair: As the new Principal of Our Lady of Kāpiti school, our school and parish community promises to treasure you, treat you with respect, pray for you and support you to be the best school leader you can be.

Staff member: We look forward to you leading our school and working with you to ensure we provide our students with an excellent Catholic education.

(Continued Page 20)

***This could
be built by
the end of
2019 with
your help!***

**Working
Sacristy**

Sanctuary

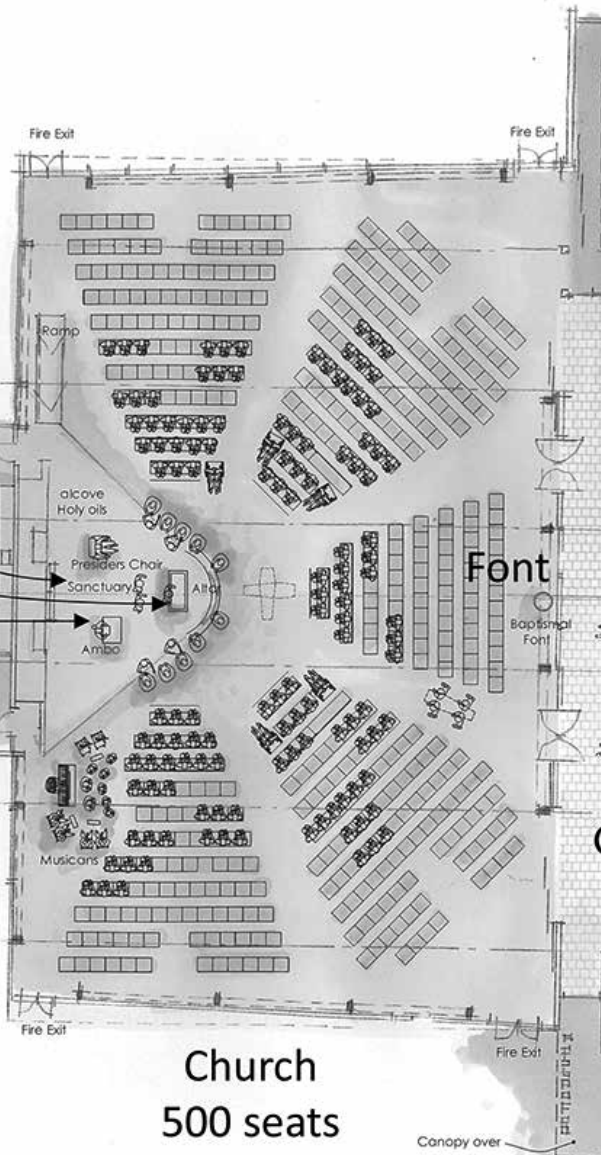
Altar

Ambo

Music AV

Working Sacristy

AV and Music





Student: We pray for God's blessing on you and ask that his Holy Spirit give you wisdom each day to lead our school community on new and exciting journeys.

All: We are pleased you have come to our school to be part of Our Lady of Kāpiti school community and we will do all we can to help your time with us to be the best it can be.

Blessing Song:

Walk tall, walk well, walk safe, walk free; And may harm, never come to thee.

Chorus: *Hamba Gahle! Hamba Gahle! Hamba Gahle! Go well, my friend, and walk in the light of faith!*

Walk tall, walk well, walk safe, walk free; And may harm, never come to thee.
Walk wise, walk good, walk proud, walk true; And may the sun smile on you.

Chorus

Walk prayer, walk hope, walk faith, walk light; And may peace always guide you right.

Walk joy, walk brave, walk love, walk strong; And may life always give you song.

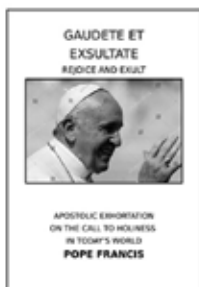
Chorus

Walk in God, Walk in God, Walk with God, walk for God; And may you dance in the hearts of all you meet. **Chorus**

Goodbye Mr Elms

In 2006 Martin Elms joined the family of St Patrick's School and Parish as principal of the school.

On the occasion of his retirement Martin was farewelled at a thanksgiving Mass on April 12th, in the presence of school pupils and friends and supporters



**Gaudete et Exsultate:
Rejoice and Exult**

New Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis.
Practical ways that we can live a life of Holiness
in today's world, despite the challenges.

\$14.50*

**Bulk discounts available when you order 2+ copies.*

Pleroma
Christian Supplies

Freephone 0508 988 988 Email: order@pleroma.org.nz
Visit Us: 38 Higginson Street, Otane, Hawke's Bay 35km's south of Hastings.
www.christiansupplies.co.nz

of the school. This was followed in the evening with a social function and surprise “This is Your Life” presentation.

Through the transition of the parish merger and the relocation, rebuilding and renaming of the school to Our Lady of Kāpiti School, Martin’s was a steady hand, acknowledged by speakers at the Mass.

Jenny Gordon, Vicar for Education in the Archdiocese and representative of Cardinal Dew who was away in Papua New Guinea, honoured Martin on the Cardinal’s behalf and the team at Catholic Schools Education Services.

“Martin, you have made a long and significant contribution over the years. You have met the demands and challenges of Catholic leadership in quiet dignity, always of service, always generous and going the extra mile often at your own personal cost. This is truly evident with the relocation of the school, now Our Lady of Kāpiti. Your vision, drive, enthusiasm, collaborative teamwork and enduring commitment have helped shape this fine school that we see today – definitely a significant part of your legacy.”

She added that the Catholic Character review of the school identified Martin as “a principal who is a deeply spiritual and reflective person... (who) leads by example and Gospel witness.”

Bob Houston, chair of the Parish Council, spoke of the legacy passed

to the school by the Presentation Sisters and the forebears of present parishioners and the responsibility for those who will follow. In the process of rebuilding the school it was “that fella there.. someone who was in the twilight of their teaching career, who could have easily kicked for touch. Did he do that? No.. he led”.

Bob presented Martin and Heather with a painting by local artist Lee Russell.

“It represents Kapiti, your beloved sea, the wind, freedom and leadership.”

Another gift came from Isabel Carberry, chair of the Board of Trustees, who had baked and decorated the celebration cake.

Noting his dislike of being in the spotlight, Isabel said, “Martin, today is not only about you but it is also about us. You have been a part of our family since 2006 and it is only fitting that we do make today about you.

“Thank you for the incredible job you have done. I know at times it has been very testing and stressful but also incredibly rewarding.

We will all miss you.”

Martin Elms – This is your Life.

“This is Your Life” depicted Martin’s life through word and pictures, from his origin in England to his commitment to service in the Royal and Merchant Navies and his marriage to Heather before they migrated to New Zealand in 1973.



EVERY DAY A NEW WORLD

Your local Supermarket.

Waikanae New World

5 Parata Street, Waikanae 5036, Kapiti Coast
04-2933400

A number of people were interviewed in the course of the evening and among them was Geoff Mettrick, Director of Religious Study at Our Lady of Kapiti School. Prior to becoming a teacher, Geoff said he had a dim view of principals "having had the odd experience of the Principal's office during my school days," but he now calls Martin a "great guy with a wealth of experience." He said he would especially miss school camps and the

real laughs they had enjoyed.

Geoff summed up Martin's retirement in the form of Heather's "bucket list" - a bucket for collecting the leaves, a bucket for washing the house, a bucket for carrying concrete for the back fence. "He will be just fine."

Margaret Irvine

- with thanks to Jenny Gordon, Isabel Carberry, Bob Houston and Geoff Mettrick who generously gave us their speeches to filch from!

Martin's Parting Thoughts

Martin penned these thoughts soon after announcing his retirement in November 2017:

After 30+ years of Principal and school leadership, I have decided the time has come for me to step aside and hand the school on to the next generation of Catholic school leaders.

Unbeknown to me at the time, my journey to our parish school began in the late seventies when my wife, Heather, and I shared our Christian faith journey with parishioners from

St Patrick's. We loosely maintained that connection during many years teaching in the Tararua district and Palmerston North. When our Christian faith journey led us to become members of the Catholic church it was only a matter of time before this led to becoming a Catholic school principal. Being appointed Principal of St Patrick's over 12 years ago closed the circle.

It's been an amazing journey full of ups and downs, my guiding principle



From this.....to.....this!



Cardinal John blesses the new church while Martin looks on together with Presentation Sisters Regina, Breda (obscured) and Theresa, Jenny Gordon and Martha Stuart-Berrisford (obscured)



Martin with wife Heather at the farewell



Dress-ups with the grandchildren



The Cake

has been to ask God for wisdom every day. I feel extremely satisfied with my time as Principal and immensely proud to have been able to lead the development, transition and establishment of the new school. The school has become a significant part of

the parish and a place that continues to promote and treasure our Catholic faith, aiming to help children have a personal encounter with Jesus while they have an 'excellent' education.

Introducing

Catholic Women's League

Despite a relatively small membership, we continue to offer a variety of meetings and services in the parish as well as to raise money for needs at home and away. We would like to thank parishioners for their continued support. So far this year we have forwarded \$1000 to our PNG mission where three young women make their professions this year. A guitar donated by a parishioner is also on its way there - thank you.

League's 'at home' mission this year is for the Motor Neuron Disease Association and is tagged to support the many volunteers in the field. Our purpose is also to raise awareness of the charitable organizations we support each year and the work they do in our communities.

As we continue our 'Faith and Service' we would love to welcome more members - watch the parish newsletter or contact Moreen, ph 2987728.

Recent Events

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer—March 2018

SURINAME

All God's Creation is Very Good!



The World Day of Prayer is a long-standing ecumenical event, hosted each year by a different local church, and prepared each year by a different country. People from all churches come together to learn, to sing, but above all, to PRAY.

This year we learnt a great deal about Suriname, a small South American country, once called Dutch Guiana. It is multiracial and women of each race contributed to the preparation of this service over a period of 4 years.

Here are three facts:-

- this year's service was prepared by the women of Suriname.
- in Waikanae this year the service was hosted by the Presbyterian church.
- there were exactly 3 members of the Catholic church present!

Let us resolve, each one of us, in the future, on the first Friday of March, to attend and to take this wonderful opportunity to pray with our fellow-Christians for peace in all the world.

Woman's Retreat

Women of the parish in the Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter of their lives gathered at El Rancho on Friday May 11th for *Seasons – A Life Journey*, a two-day retreat.

"I know your face and now I know your name," was a common theme as strangers came together on Friday night and left on Sunday afternoon as friends. It was notable that there were mothers and daughters among the group and the very youngest participants will have a bevy of godmothers when they put in an appearance.

In prayer and song we praised God, taking to heart the theme of Sunday's psalm to heart.... "clap your hands for joy all peoples. Praise God with loud songs."



From each of the seasons we heard homilies and testimonies. Some were searingly painful and some were delivered with a light

touch and a clear flair for comedy, but all were witness to the power of prayer and God's loving response.

Throughout the two days there were workshop opportunities for personal growth and self-help in mind and body and in different prayer and meditation styles.

There was an opportunity for silent prayer in the Real Presence of the Lord in a room set apart with the monstrance on a table set with a beautiful cloth and candles. This quiet space was a refuge for many through the weekend.

*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

Diane

Kapiti Coast Funeral Home

9-11 Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

Phone 04 298 5168

www.kapiticoastfuneralhome.co.nz

There in Times of Need

On Saturday afternoon Fr Michael said Mass at the retreat and we thank him for his time and forbearance.

The organising team had done an excellent job of preparation and the retreat ran smoothly and to time - even to a film screening with all the attendant rituals of consumption of ice-cream, chocs and Jaffas.

Thanks go to everyone who had a hand in organising and running the retreat, and to all who answered God's call to come along.

And, as Anna Ryan pointed out at in the last session, the "coming together" does not end there. Scripture study groups, prayer groups, ministries to the elderly and social groups abound within the parish and all would welcome new members. Respond to the invitations in the weekly newsletter and continue to grow the faith in Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish.

Margaret Irvine



Judy Bailey doing what she does so very well



Spring presenters Carmel and Anna Sherrington



**BREADEN
McCARDLE**

L A W Y E R S

**TRUSTS
PROPERTY
SUCCESSION PLANNING
CORPORATE & BUSINESS
WILLS & ESTATE PLANNING**

T 04 296 1105

info@bmc-law.co.nz

44C Ihakara Street, Paraparaumu

www.bmc-law.co.nz



Above: The Retreat organizing team: Anne Lovell, Anna Ryan, Sharyn Pearce, Marcella Gregan, Nicola Curtis, Michele Ness. Absent Renee Vaz, Lynare Lower



Left: Winter testimonies were given by Marie-Louise Blockley and Martha Westerbeke.

**25% OFF
1 PAIR
FOR OVER 60s***

When you select 1 pair of glasses from the \$169 range or above.



Paraparaumu - Coastlands Shoppingtown
Ph: 297 1138

Specsavers®

*Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer including 2 pairs for 1 low price. Price correct at time of print. Frames available while stocks last.



300 Kapiti Road,
Paraparaumu

Ph: 04 298 4888



Simon



Brad



Ruth



Locally Owned Funeral Directors
Caring in our Community

harbourcityfunerals.co.nz

Parish Garden Party

What could be nicer than strolling around a peaceful garden chatting to new friends and old on a lovely sunny afternoon? On Sunday March 11th the Passionist Family Groups of Our Lady of Kāpiti hosted just such an event at the home of Jenny and Mark McGlone in Te Horo. The garden party has been held before but this year was extra special. All parishioners were invited with special mention to the Larche and Filipino communities, new parishioners and young families with children being encouraged to attend. Jenny and Mark's granddaughter Juliette was given the special mission of counting heads and she gave up at 90. Fantastic!

There was a competition for the best garden hat which was won by Peter Solia who was well disguised as a Rastafarian.

Afternoon tea was provided by the members of the PFG and a plant exchange was available.

It was wonderful to see so many people relax and enjoy each other's company; several remarked that they spoke to people they hadn't really met before and isn't this what it's all about?

People chatting, children playing, flowers blooming, trees shading; way to go Our Lady of Kāpiti!

Jenny McGlone



What a party!

Upcoming Events

Day Retreat for Men

Sponsored by the Kāpiti Catholic Men's Group
Designed to give the men of the Parish time out to reflect
on their lives and how God loves them.

Led by Fr Brian Cummings sm



Our Lady of Fatima Church
Parata St, Waikanae

Saturday 21st July 10am-4pm

Lunch provided

Contact Patrick 905 4467 or Glen 293 1747

*"I invite all Christians everywhere, at this very
moment, to a renewed personal encounter with
Jesus Christ - Pope Francis*

Life in the Spirit Seminar

God is inviting YOU to experience a life-
changing seminar!

St Patrick's Hall, Paraparaumu

1st August - 12th September 7:30 - 9:00pm
(7 consecutive Wednesdays)

Please register by 25th July

For enquiries & registration

Email Lorraine: lorgaff@gmail.com

Phone 905 2402

Organised by the Monday Afternoon Prayer Group



Topics:

God's Love
Salvation
New Life

Receiving God's Gift
Baptism in the Spirit
Growth
Transformation



A book is written in Volumes 3
The PAST, the PRESENT
and YET TO BE.

The PAST we have read
and put away.

The PRESENT we are reading
day by day.

But last of all is Volume 3,
It's locked away.
God holds the key.

*Pamela Watson shared this
at the Retreat*

CompServ Computer Service

Pukerua Bay - Kapiti - Waikanae - Otaki

Pickup - Repair and House Call Service

Computer Repairs, Virus & Spyware
Removal, System Recovery and
General Servicing.

New Computer Sales

Internet setup / Repairs -
E-mail setup / Repairs

Mobile Computer Service

**Phone 04 9020081 or
021 0371943**

www.compserv.co.nz
service@compserv.co.nz


GOODMANS

Civil Engineering Contractors

Bulk Earthworks
Roading
Subdivision
Drainage

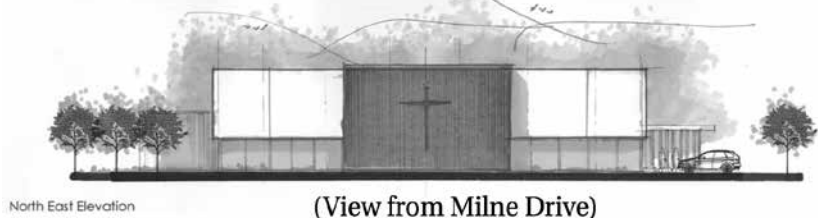
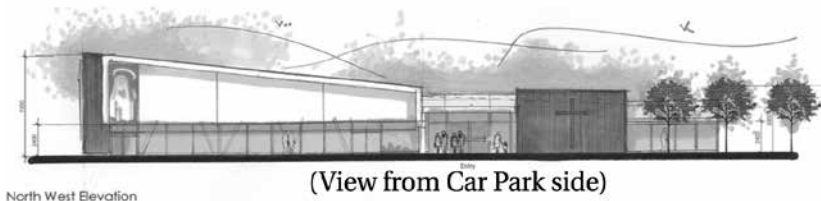
GOOD people
doing GOOD
work

www.goodmans.nz

IT'S ALL GOOD.

 **GOODMANS**

More Of What Our New Church Could Look Like



W
WAIKANAE
FUNERAL HOME

celebrating the life of those we have loved

17 Parata Street
 PO Box 300, Waikanae 5230
 info@waikanaefuneralhome.co.nz
 Incorporating Waikanae Memorials

Loris & Graeme
Rolston

Tel: 04 - 2936844



A Bit of This and a Bit of That

In Celebration of Mother's Day

How do You Tell a Real Mother?

Real Mothers don't eat quiche; they don't have time to make it.

Real Mothers know that their kitchen utensils are probably in the sandbox.

Real Mothers often have sticky floors, filthy ovens and happy kids.

Real Mothers know that dried play dough doesn't come out of carpets.

Real Mothers don't want to know what the vacuum just sucked up.

Real Mothers sometimes ask 'Why me?'

And get their answer when a little voice says, 'Because I love you best.'

Real Mothers know that a child's growth is not measured by height or years or grade...It is marked by the progression of Mummy to Mum to Mother...

The Images of Mother

4 YEARS OF AGE - My Mummy can do anything!

8 YEARS OF AGE - My Mum knows a lot! A whole lot!

12 YEARS OF AGE - My Mother doesn't know everything!

14 YEARS OF AGE - My Mother? She wouldn't have a clue.

16 YEARS OF AGE - Mother? She's so five minutes ago.

18 YEARS OF AGE - That old woman? She's way out of date!

25 YEARS OF AGE - Well, she might know a little bit about it!

35 YEARS OF AGE - Before we decide, let's get Mum's opinion.

45 YEARS OF AGE - Wonder what Mum would have thought about it?

65 YEARS OF AGE - Wish I could talk it over with Mum.



And a little about Beauty

The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, the figure she carries, or the way she combs her hair.

The beauty of a woman must be seen from in her eyes, because that is the doorway to her heart, the place where love resides.

The beauty of a woman is not in a facial mole, but true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul.

It is the caring that she lovingly gives, the passion that she shows, and the beauty of a woman with passing years only grows!

Parish Directory May 2018

*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	Marie Lemmon/Maureen Jones	902 5815
29 Parata St, Waikanae Mon-Fri 9am-12.30pm kapitiparishoffice@gmail.com		
Finance Committee Chair	Michael Gaffaney	905 2402
Parish Finance Secretary	Karen Scott	902 5815
Pastoral Council Chair	Bob Houston	293 3390
Website (www.kapiti-catholic.org.nz)	Lafaele Vaeluaga	238 2454

Church Worship Support

Liturgy Committee	Maureen Borkin	904 7464
	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 & Funeral Preparation	Merle Whiteman	904 1855
Children's Liturgy	Jenny McGlone	(06) 364 3908
Church Flowers	Velma Knight	299 1539
Communion to the Sick	Prm Pauline McGlinchey	904 0243
	Wae Pat Fouhy	293 1140
Liturgy Rosters	Parish Office	902 5815
Music - Guitars	Bill Borkin 904 7464	Wullie Grant 293 8702
Organists	Maria Vink 905 9190	Kathy Hutchison 297 3097
	Doreen Hoffmann 904 3276	Patricia Beasley 293 7964
Sacramental Programme	Parish Office	902 5815

Other Parish Groups

Adult Faith Enrichment	Anna Ryan	902 6330
Bereavement Support	Annette Corban	021 264 4567
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
Kapiti Carers	Marie-Louise Blockley	298 3810
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
		Glen McCullough 293 1747
New Parishioners and Home Visits	Joyce Haughey	905 4467
Not Your Usual Sunday Readings	Wed aft Michele 298 7378	Thurs evg Josephine 974 0629
OLD DUCKS Prayer & Scripture Group	Lyn Jarden	905 2588
Meets 10am Tuesdays	or Vicki Devane	902 2688
Passionist Family Groups	John & Corrie McCardle	904 1823
	Jenny & Mark McGlone	(06) 364 3908
Pastoral Pages	Editor: Anna Ryan	office@ryanpublications.co.nz 902 6330
Prayer Chain	Gill Doran 902 1074	Nan Lewin 905 6388
	Gillian Ratcliffe (after 6pm) 298 4000	Ann Scanlan 904 2042
Prayer Groups	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
St Vincent de Paul	John Reardon	293 6079
Waikanae Rest Home Liturgy Services	Catherine Englert	293 2978
Widowed, Separated, Divorced	Annette Corban	021 264 4567
Women's Guild	Sharyn Pearce	902 2571
Youth Co-ordinator	Jacqui McLaughlin	0226757357
Trust	John McCardle	904 1823

Our Lady of Kāpiti School

Office	Kate Bertham	298 6780
Principal	Ms Viv Conroy	298 6780
Board of Trustees Chair	Isabel Carberry	021 620 516

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

Yup, I'm rich!



*Silver in the Hair
Gold in the Teeth
Stones in the Kidneys
Sugar in the Blood.
Lead in the Feet
Iron in the Arteries*



And an inexhaustible supply of Natural Gas.

*I never thought I'd accumulate
such wealth.*

Ray White.

Dianne Collier-Brake

Licensee Salesperson

*For all your Real Estate
Needs - Ask for Dianne*

M 021 141-1829 T 0800 111-114

E dianne.collier-brake@raywhite.com

40 Main Road, Waikanae 5036

PO Box 262, Waikanae 5250

Northside Realty Limited (Licensed REAA 2008)

www.rwwaikanae.co.nz

