

Pastoral Pages

Parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti

Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti

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Reflections on Lent, Easter & the Year of Mercy

Updates, News and Obituaries

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EDITORIAL



Pope Francis' big theme for this year is MERCY and so we too spend some time focusing on this very important aspect of our faith journey. Indeed, MERCY should influence and permeate every aspect of our lives whether we're with strangers, members of our families, or just ourselves.

The Church uses signs and symbols in her liturgy to speak to believers directly to the heart and so our second theme which considers the Liturgical season of Lent, includes a look at the symbols associated with the Easter Vigil Liturgy from different sources.

We also continue giving information on the new build and in particular we thank the people doing all the hard work on our behalf.

And finally I'd like to ask every parishioner: Are you contributing to our 'new church' by building the 'building' of community? How are you responding to our bishop's call to create a new parish?

Church = a physical building.

Church = the people of God making up a community that is the body of Christ.

Are you contributing to our new church in both senses of the word? We are not only building a new building to be our home but we are also building a new parish church in the hearts of our parishioners. Are you helping to build up the human part of our church while supporting those who are building the physical part?

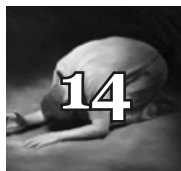
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Reflections

Ash Wednesday

OUT OF THE ASHES

Fire in the forest leaves us ashes.
Ashes lie smoking on the ground.
All the old and dead wood lies in ashes.
But don't be sad, don't let it bring you down.

For in the ashes new seeds are sown.
From the ashes new life will grow.
Leave the past in ashes
Let the old things give way.
Start a fresh new life right here today,
In the ashes, from the ashes, out of ashes.

Now we leave our failings far behind us,
Leave them in the forest fire to burn.
All that's left behind is cold grey ashes,
And in the ashes now to God we turn.

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Good Friday – Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross shown are in the Chapel at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay. They are backlit and made of handmade coloured float glass.



1. Jesus is Condemned to Death

Jesus, you knew why you went up to Jerusalem that final time. You asked your Father to “take the cup away” but accepted it anyway. During the long trial you stood, infuriating the temple establishment with your silent assertion that you were the Son of God. Pilate wanted to avoid condemning you, but they left him no choice. Then the Jews punished you physically in any way they could. Yet you stubbornly accepted your fate, condemned to death in order to set the world free from sin.

Lord, help me to stay just as firmly on the path you lead me on in life.

2. Jesus Takes up His Cross

Jesus, with your cross came the sins of the world. I can't conceive of a greater load. Yet you bore it gladly, just as you bore your crown of thorns and your back ripped open by the scourge. What a heavy burden to carry up the hill to your certain death.

You said “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.” That should make me afraid because my cross is heavy, loaded down with cares and woes. But you also said “For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Lord, help me carry my cross as well as you carried yours.



Discovering Ourselves

A display of work and interests by the parishioners of Our Lady of Kāpiti will be held on **Saturday 21 May 2016** in the **Waikanae Memorial Hall**

All profits for our new church.

We need expressions of interest from parishioners with hobbies and interests to display.

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3. Jesus Falls for the First Time

The day is taking its toll on you, Lord, and the burden of our sin is too heavy, so you fall. But you pick yourself up as the soldiers prod you with their spears.

I fall, too. I have a sinful nature and there are so many temptations in my way - consumer advertising, internet, easy access to anything and everything that is not good for me. But you had the courage to get up in spite of the pain, so should I be able to with your help and example behind me.

Lord, give me the courage to do what is right.

4. Jesus Meets His Mother

Mary looks on as you tread your weary way up the hill. What must she have been thinking and suffering, knowing that you were to die? Was she numb with shock; bewildered at what was happening? No mother wants to bury her child. But you comforted her when you met. Did she understand that you were dying to set the world free from sin, and not to worry because you would rise in three days?

Lord, help me to comfort those in need as you comforted your Mother.



5. Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus Carry His Cross

No one wanted to help you carry your Cross. So the soldiers forced Simon of Cyrene to help you, just so that you kept moving on up the hill. Your followers had deserted you, your twelve disciples too afraid to show their faces. But you gladly accepted help from a stranger plucked out of the crowd.

Lord, there have been times when I have not helped a friend in need and refused the offer of help from a stranger. Forgive me for those times and lead me to every opportunity to help others and accept help when it is offered.



6 Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

Jesus, it must have touched your heart when your friend Veronica came forward and wiped your face free of blood from the thorns, dirt and sweat, temporarily relieving your agony. How would she have felt, holding a cloth with a bloodied imprint of your face?

That makes me conscious of the times I have seen someone in agony and been able to help in a simple way. And also of the times I have been unable or unwilling to step forward and give them comfort.

Lord, help me to comfort the needy.

7. Jesus Falls a Second Time

Jesus, on your knees in the dust, no one to help you. Tired, in agony, with still so far to carry this dreadful cross before the final agony.

Then I think of my own walk and the times I have fallen. Being tired, under all sorts of modern pressures, and with no resistance to temptation, it is so easy to fall into old habits and even despair. Yet you picked yourself up again and so can I, with your help.

Jesus, help me resist the temptations of this life.



8. Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

Jesus, when you saw your women followers weeping for you, you told them not to weep for you but for themselves and their children, because you foresaw the destruction of Jerusalem which had finally refused the invitation of God. If they were doing this to you, who was innocent, what would they do to the guilty?

The women cared about your suffering. How often have I sat back in my comfortable, safe country and not cared about suffering in other less safe parts of the world?

Lord, help me care about the suffering of others.



9. Jesus Falls the Third Time

Stumble and fall. Stumble and fall. Stumble and fall.
How often has that happened to me?

But I didn't have the weight of the cross on my back, a huge hill to climb, crown of thorns on my head, whip marks all over my back, and my cross didn't weigh the weight of the world's sin. And I didn't have the people I came to save jeering and cheering the soldiers on as they prodded me. Yet you got up again.

Lord, teach me that my burden is light and help me to get up again and again and again.

10. Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

Jesus, you were laid bare for all the world to see, just as the scriptures foretold. This is the final humiliation. But to you it didn't matter, because you had reached the end of your long walk with the cross. It was important that scripture be fulfilled, and you had nothing to hide any more. You were ready.

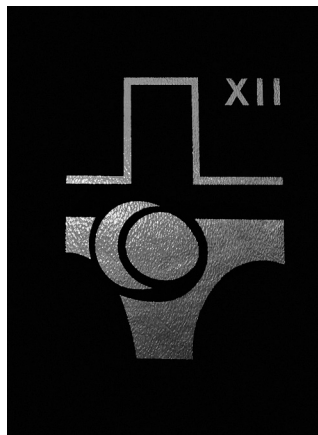
Lord, let me always be ready to be stripped bare and have nothing to hide from you.



11. Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

Jesus, the images of you on our crucifixes show three nails. The pain of having the nails driven through your hands (or wrists) couldn't have been as bad because there were no bones, but having one rough nail driven through both insteps must have been terrible. If every hammer blow represented one of my sins, there weren't enough hammer blows. Yet you have already forgiven the ones I have confessed. That leaves the ones I have not confessed.

Jesus, forgive my sins that drove in the nails.



12. Jesus Dies on the Cross

Jesus, I am thinking of your last words on the cross. You forgave the repentant thief. You gave Mary and John into each other's care, and in so doing we understand you gave the church into her motherly care. You asked your Father why He had abandoned you. Then you were able to say all was accomplished and you died. Darkness fell over the land, the temple veil was torn in two. With one single sacrifice, all sin was torn aside.

Lord, help me to understand how much love you had for me that you should die for me on that terrible cross.

13. Jesus is Taken Down From the Cross

When I think about you being taken down from the Cross, Lord, my mind goes back to the first time I entered St Peter's in Rome and saw the "Pieta". I stood there and wept for Mary and myself, just as I want to weep now with a mixture of gratitude for your sacrifice and sharing in your Blessed Mother's grief. But we know that your resurrection gave us new hope of eternal life.

Lord, help us to weep for the grieving, and to give them hope that their loved ones are with You in paradise.



14. Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

Jesus, when I think of you being placed in the tomb, all I can think of is the desolation in the hearts of your followers. You are gone without fulfilling their hopes. What are they going to do now? Three years they have been following you - for what? Their hope is gone.

For parts of my life I have been following you too, and have felt the desolation of those I love being placed in the grave. But we know that you rose again to give us hope of life after death.

Thank you, Jesus, for your sacrifice of love.

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Symbols of the Easter Vigil

New Fire

The symbol here is a strong fire, a primal force that signifies purging, zeal, power and awe - a skittish little flame is not what the ceremony envisions! From it are lit both the



Paschal candle and the charcoal for the thurible. This rite takes place outside the church and is followed by a true procession (a "holy parade") into the sanctuary. The prayer here beseeches:

Make this new fire holy and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light.

Paschal Candle

Of course the primary visual symbol at the Easter Vigil is the Paschal candle, the symbol of Christ himself, risen triumphantly from the dead, shining as the True Light to the nations. The tradition of a large candle made of beeswax is entirely noble - this symbol of purity has the added advantage of appealing to our sense of smell. There are many rituals associated with the preparation of this candle. A cross is incised into the candle wax with a stylus, marking this pillar of victory with the sign of the gruesome instrument of



death's hollow threat. Above and below the cross are marked an Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet – the beginning and the end. In the quadrants defined by the cross are marked the four numerals of the current year. In Christ's journey from eternity to eternity, we are privileged each year to rejoice again at his supreme miracle of redemption and resurrection. Finally, five grains of incense are inserted at the center and arms of the inscribed cross and held in place by wax nails, honoring Christ's five wounds. Sacrifice and pain is a reality, even in glory.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

After this proclamation, the Paschal candle leads the faithful into the church for prayer, readings, initiation and eucharist. Three times the deacon acclaims Christ as our Light, to which we respond, "Thanks be to God!" The highpoint of this Service of Light at the beginning of the Vigil is the Easter Proclamation (often called Exsultet from its first word in Latin meaning 'hymn of praise'). This is a glorious poetic text.

Incense

Smoking incense is used here, generated from the charcoal lit by the new fire. The burning of incense signifies zeal and fervor, its sweet fragrance represents virtue and the rising smoke symbolizes our prayer, acceptable in the sight of God. The hanging vessel in which incense is

burned is called the thurible. The celebrant places grains of incense on the hot coals, perhaps with the words: "Be blessed by Him in whose honour you are to be burned." Honour is paid here (and throughout Mass) to the Paschal candle, to the Book of Gospels, to the altar and gifts, to the cross, to the celebrant and people and to the Eucharist.



May this incense, blessed by you, arise in your sight, O Lord, and may your mercy descend upon us.

*Adapted from Gary D. Penkala:
www.canticanova.com/articles/easter/art631.htm*

The climax of the Triduum is the Easter Vigil, the 'night of nights'. The Christian

community gathers on this night to 'remember, celebrate and believe' the dying and rising of Jesus – the paschal mystery in which we share through baptism and Eucharist.

The celebration begins outside the church in darkness. With great solemnity the light is kindled, the darkness vanishes and the resurrection is proclaimed: it is Easter, Passover.

We process into the church and hear readings from scripture interspersed with psalm responses. The next movement is to the baptismal font for the initiation of the elect and the renewal of our baptismal promises. Finally the climax – the Easter banquet – as bread is broken and wine is poured out.

There is a wonderful flow and rhythm to the Easter Vigil.



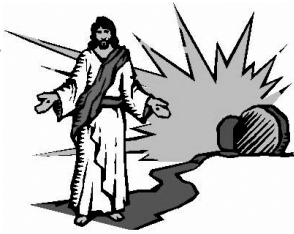
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Word

The liturgy of the word for the Easter Vigil includes stories that make this night what it is – stories about creation, Abraham and Isaac, the escape of the Israelites through the parted waters, the prophet's vision of the union of earth and heaven, the empty tomb. Parishes might be tempted to cut back on the nine readings given in the ritual, but on this night we need to hear again the pivotal stories of our rich salvation history.



womb, so to speak, to be reborn to new life in the Spirit. Immersion also symbolises our entering the tomb with Christ so as to die to sin and rise with him to new life. Everyone is touched, literally, by

the baptismal water through the ritual gesture of sprinkling or signing with water.

Table

The culmination of the initiation process is the moment when, for the first time, the newly initiated approach the table of the Eucharist. Here the central symbols are bread that is broken for all to eat and wine that is poured out for all to drink.

Through all of these symbols, we enter into the celebration of the paschal mystery, a joyful celebration which continues for the entire 50 days of the Easter season.

Water

Central to the Easter Vigil is the initiation of new members into the community through the waters of baptism. The practice of full immersion speaks powerfully of rebirth and of death and resurrection. Immersed in the waters of the font, the candidate goes back to the

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

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There in Times of Need

Easter Expressions

1. So they left the tomb quickly with ... great joy, and ran to tell his disciples (Mt 28:8).

Risen One, Bringer of Joy, plant the seeds of great gladness deep in the soil of my being. May I enjoy life, begin each day with enthusiasm, and become ever more aware of you.

2. And they (the women) came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him (Mt 28:9).

Risen One, Beloved, draw me ever nearer to you. I offer you my love and devotion. I embrace you and bow to your beauty. May I commit my entire life ever more fully to you.

3. She (Mary Magdalene) went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that he

was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it (Mk 16:10-11).
Risen One, Truth-Bringer, open my heart to hear your voice. May I listen deeply even when tears of sorrow moisten my heart. Erase my resistance to the surprising ways you choose to enter my life.

4. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb ... (Luke 24:2).
Risen One, Tomb-Opener, you are the power I need. Roll away the stones of unloving. Push back the rocks of discontent. Shove aside the boulders of worry. Untomb me and set me free.

5. "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over

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to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words ... (Lk 24:5-8).

Risen One, Carrier of Memories, you have revealed many things to me through events and people, in the pages of scripture, and in the quiet of my heart. Carry me back in memory to savor your revelation.

6. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened (Lk 24:12).

Risen One, Source of Amazement, I run to the tomb of life, I hurry to see for myself. When I look with eyes of faith, I am amazed at what I find. That which seems dead and forsaken fills with wisdom and teachings for my life.

7. Jesus himself came near and went with them. . . . And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" (Lk 24:15-17).

Risen One, Full of Compassion, you are with me as I walk the continuing road of sorrow and joy. You listen to my longing. You fill me with the strength of your loving nearness.

8. He walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us" So he went in to stay with them (Lk 24:28-29).

Risen One, Trusted Companion, I desire to be with you. Stay with me.

*Your presence nourishes my hunger.
Your love feeds my desire for goodness
Stay with me. Stay with me.*

9. Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread (Lk 24:35).



Risen One, Sacred Teacher, you send me forth with blessing. You bid me tell the powerful story of your risen life. May I tell this story again and again through the witness of my life, by the quality of my love, and by the courage of my words.

10. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers (Acts 1 :14).

*Risen One, Core of Community
whenever we gather, you are with us.
Whenever we gather, the ancestors are near.
Whenever we gather, you make of our hearts, one heart. Risen One, we welcome you into our midst.*

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PLEASE PRAY: As the more practical steps are being taken to bring our new parish church into reality, ALL parishioners are asked to pray for guidance and discernment from the Holy Spirit and that parishioners will be willing to use their God-given talents to help in developing a parish we can all be proud to be part of.

The Year of Mercy

'The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.'

Evangelii Gaudium, 2013 (The Joy of the Gospel)



EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY
DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



The Year of Mercy, which began on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8 December last year, expresses the kindly, forgiving spirit of the reign of Pope Francis.

It is seen by the church as a time for the remission of sins and universal pardon focusing on God's forgiveness and mercy.

The 2016 Jubilee was declared in the Pope's April 15, 2015 papal bull,

Misericordiae Vultus "The Face of Mercy" and extends to the feast of Christ the King on November 20 this year.

During this time the Church will offer special opportunities for forgiveness. During Lent this year special 24-hour penance services will be celebrated.

To mark the Year of Mercy the holy doors of the great basilicas of Rome and of cathedrals and great churches round the world will be opened. In

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**"If you want a
kitten, start out by
asking for a horse."
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the bull, Pope Francis says "the Holy Door will become a door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instils hope".

of the closing of the Second Vatican Council, underlining the wish to keep alive the spirit of the Council.

This will be the 27th Holy Year in the history of the Church, and a special logo has been created showing Jesus, personification of mercy; on his shoulders he carries one who is lost, out of the darkness of sin.

Bill Lambert

The opening day of the year of Mercy marks the fiftieth anniversary of the

Pope Francis' Year of Mercy Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:

"If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and

glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:

Let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;

You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

Year of Mercy Prayer adapted by the youth at the 2015 G.U.Y.S. Camp

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

You show sinners blinded by their selfish riches, to see past material things like money and care more for life. Help people reconcile their sins and give people who have done wrong,

another chance. Let's listen to Jesus as he speaks to the Samaritan woman "if you knew the gift of God" – we too will see the works of God in us.

Let us be the face of the Risen Lord in the world today You willed that we should be humble so that we can walk with the people who do not know You.

When we meet these people may they feel loved and forgiven by God.

Send the Holy Spirit and bless us so that the celebration of Mercy may be a year of joy and encouragement from the Lord, and we, with new excitement will bring good news to the poor, shout freedom to prisoners and people that are put down, and let blind people see.

We ask this, through Mary, the Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen

Cardinal John's Invitation

Pope Francis has invited us all to a Jubilee Year of Mercy...

Pope Francis returns constantly to the "gaze of God" which we see and



experience in the person of Jesus, the face of God's mercy. Jesus looks with love on the rich young man (Mark 10:21); he looks intently at Matthew and calls him to follow him (Matt 9:9-13); he looks with compassion on the crowd who were like sheep without a shepherd (Mark 6:34); he looks mercy on the widow who grieves the loss of her son (Luke 7:13). Each of us could write our own story of such an encounter.


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I would like to invite each one of you to experience once more that loving and compassionate gaze of Jesus. Take time to reflect back on your life - when did I first know that gaze of Jesus, filled with mercy and love, choosing me to be a disciple and friend? From this will come the desire to show mercy because we have known mercy.

+ John A Cardinal Dew,
Archbishop of Wellington, Advent 2015

About the Logo

The logo and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto, "Merciful Like the Father" (Luke 6:36), serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure. It presents an image of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul, his eyes merged with those of the soul he carries. Christ sees with our eyes and we see with the eyes of Christ.



The scene is captured within a mandorla (the shape of an almond), calling to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colours progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker colour suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

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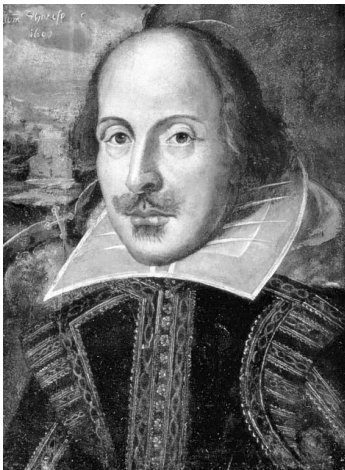
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The Quality of Mercy

Prior to the July 2015 Board meeting of the Catholic Women's League of Aotearoa New Zealand (CWLANZ), Board members were invited to read specific passages from *Misericordiae Vultus* in preparation for an interactive session on MERCY prepared by our National Chaplain, Sister John Bosco Kendall rsj. This is how she began: "In his announcement of the **Jubilee Year of Mercy**, Pope Francis says: At times we are called to gaze more attentively on **mercy** so that we may become a more effective sign of God's action in our lives.'

There is no more beautiful description of mercy than that given us by Shakespeare in that familiar Ode from *The Merchant of Venice* that begins: 'The quality of mercy is not strained.....'



His poetic words are an echo of what Scripture says to us so let us listen to both **Shakespeare** and *Scripture* with **mercy** as our focus:

**The quality of mercy is not strained;
it droppeth as the gentle rain from
heaven upon the place beneath.**

*Scripture says: O how fair a thing is
mercy in the midst of anguish;
It is like a cloud of rain that comes in
the time of drought*

**It is twice blessed; it blesseth him who
gives, and him who takes:**

*Scripture says: Blessed are the merciful
for they will be shown mercy.*

**'Tis mightiest in the mightiest: it
becomes the throned monarch better
than his crown**

*Scripture says: The one who pursues
mercy, shall find life and honour, too.*

It is an attribute of God himself;

*Scripture says: The Lord our God is
merciful and forgiving.*

**And earthly power doth then show
liketh God's, when mercy seasons
justice.**

*Scripture says: In all your justice
remember mercy*

**Therefore, though justice be thy plea,
consider this, that, in the course
of justice, none of us should see
salvation: we do pray for mercy;**

*Scripture says: Forgive us our sins as
we forgive those who sin against us.*

**And that same prayer doth teach us
all to render the deeds of mercy.**

*Scripture says: What does the Lord God
ask of us? To act justly, to love mercy
and to walk humbly with our God.*

Shared by Kay Blackburn
National President CWLANZ

Mercy Personified

There's a song that goes -
 'Mercy came running
 Like a prisoner set free
 Past all my failures
 To the point of my need
 When the sin that I carried
 Was all I could see
 When I could not reach Mercy
 Mercy came running to me'
 Phillips, Craig and Dean

Having worked in a men's prison as a counsellor, I am particularly aware of the need for mercy, both for others and myself. To see beyond the sin to the person God created. To know that when I turn away from God, as the Prodigal Son did with his father, I have only to turn back to Him and He will run towards me. Whilst mercy does not negate the consequences of my actions, I can face them knowing love and mercy has been given to me.

Being a mother, I know that my love for my children is unchanged when they "stuff up". I don't like what they do but I still love them - just like God. They need love, not a lecture, as love and mercy gives those that are lost a sense of belonging.

During a Life in the Spirit seminar 23 years ago, I wrote a poem about mercy I would like to share with you. It's titled - God's work of art

*Walking down paths
Lost and forlorn
Path underfoot
Rugged and worn
Many the soul
Who's walked it before
Many the souls
Totally unsure
Of where they are going
Or why things have changed
Or how their lives
Got so re-arranged
Someone is watching
Who won't let you go
And just when you've no-one
And nowhere to go
He'll pick you up gently
Hold you close to His Heart
Forgiving the past
And from there you will start
To feel so much better
To feel loved and a part
Of life's great big jigsaw
God's work of art.*

Nicola Curtis

"Today I ask you in the name of Christ and the Church, never tire of being merciful." - Pope Francis
"Being with" Christ does not mean isolating ourselves from others. Rather, it is a "being with" in order to go forth and encounter others." - Pope Francis

These are just two quotations from among the countless quotations of Pope Francis for this Jubilee Year, which

we can easily remember and apply as we go about our daily life, embarking on this special journey of faith. The Year of Mercy is an extraordinary opportunity to experience the power of the love of the Father that excludes no one, through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

By these works of mercy, each of us can bring and show the act of mercy to those people we encounter – a stranger,

in our community, in the work place, at school, in the church, in our own family and within ourselves.

It is by our actions in reaching out to those who are in need (the corporal works of mercy), by sharing our self or what we have, that we are able to share the love of Christ with others, especially to strangers and the abandoned. This selfless act not only enriches those people that we are able to reach but it also manifests the love of God within us.

Let us all open our souls and make the Gospel come alive through the works of mercy, starting with our own selves.


Forgiveness is one of the spiritual works of mercy. Many of us are imprisoned by lack of forgiveness. Being able to forgive will set us free and renew our relationship with our Father. It is through forgiveness that the Father was able to show His love and mercy to us by giving us the greatest gift – the life of His Son. Let us do the same.

As we commence the Lenten season, let us reflect more on and engage more with the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

We are living in an era where technology and social media reign supreme, where every minute counts. It is probably time to go back to the very core of our being, of our humanity, of being a Christian, of being the sons and daughters of God, and reawaken our conscience – what really is important to me, what is my priority in life, what is my real purpose on Earth, how am I going to live and give mercy?

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” – Luke 6:36.

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O God

Enlighten me so that

When I am enjoying food, I remember the hungry;

When I am enjoying activity, I remember the unemployed;

When I am at home, I remember the homeless;

In my freedom, I remember the imprisoned;

When I am in pain, I remember the suffering;

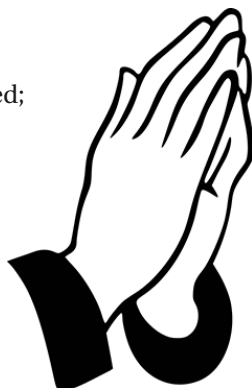
In knowing I am loved, I remember the unloved;

In my enjoyment of life, I remember the dying.

And may this remembering, free me of complacency

Bestir my compassion,

And move me to live a life that reflects God's love. Amen



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Fr Jim's Been Thinking

Make 2016 a Year of Mercy



Just last week Pope Francis reminded us that Sacred Scripture presents God as infinite mercy, but also as perfect justice before asking *How can the two be reconciled?* His remarks show we face a real dichotomy as we struggle towards personal reconciliation.

The human response to disputes so often seeks retribution through legal channels; this might imply that we view mercy and justice as being inconsistent. In fact, our legal approach, under which we punish the guilty and seek retribution, can never achieve true justice. It is an attitude that embraces the principle by which people get what they deserve even as we ignore their need for forgiveness and our need to show mercy. Francis remarks that this tactic cannot conquer evil but merely suppress it. Only when we respond to it with good can we truly overcome evil: this teaching is to be found throughout the bible.

An analysis of the NRSV translation reveals that forgive and forgiveness are used some eighty-one time in the Old Testament and seventy-four times in the New Testament: of these one hundred and fifty-five references only seventeen are concerned with the forgiveness of sin(s). Thus by far the largest number of these terms focus on the needs concerned with human relationships. If we think about it, this is a most interesting perspective. We only have to look at the conflicts within our own families to realise that the only viable solutions are found in the love we have for one another. We may not like what others (and ourselves) have done but it does (should) not modify our love for each other. This love is the way in which conflict is resolved, guilt is acknowledged and offences are forgiven. This love helps overcome evil so that true justice will prevail.

This, then, is the way by which God treats us! His/her way is one of love, mercy, forgiveness and true justice. His/her attitude demonstrates a one-way track.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities (Ps 103:10).

God continuously

- offers forgiveness;
- welcomes us;
- helps us become aware of our evil that we might become free of it;
- seeks our salvation;
- encourages us to open our hearts to him/her;



- shows us the heart of a parent;
- wants us to live fully and happily; and
- goes beyond our concepts of retribution.

This is what Pope Francis has asked me (and all other priests) to show when you are offered the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are called to

- help you to more fully understand yourself and your relationship with the Creator;
- help you change your life;
- help you find the strength to carry on; and
- absolve you in the name of God.

In this Holy Year I have offered to help anyone looking for mercy but I believe this to be such an important matter for all of us that it cannot be dealt with in just a few minutes! This is why I am inviting you to ring me for an appointment, that you may more deeply explore your rapport with your God.

Fr Jim, 63/17 Redwood Close, Prm. 04 905 9137 or 027 4399137

The Corporal Works of Mercy Rap

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Shelter the homeless
5. Visit the sick
6. Visit the imprisoned
7. Bury the dead

We learnt about the corporal works of Mercy
Of feeding the hungry and water to the thirsty.
Giving homeless a bed and burying the dead
Visiting the unwell and sinners in the cell.
Don't be mistaken just because they are naked
So be the cool guy and learn to be kind
Give up some of your time just say hi,
And everything is gonna be alright.

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Reports and Updates from Parish Groups

Parish Council

The advice and discussion evening around the euthanasia issue was a real success (December 1st). Our thanks to Sue McGlone and Dermot O'Connor (Council members) for their facilitation of this event. Around 75 people attended – with a more diverse demographic than one might imagine. Understandings of the issue were certainly enhanced and, anecdotally, resulted in many making submissions to the Parliamentary committee. Our thanks to Peter Ryan for spearheading this follow-up.

The final council meeting for 2016 was attended by Stasia Kennedy. Stasia is a parishioner of St Joseph's and St Mary's and is Cardinal John's official representative for the combined Kapiti and Horowhenua areas. She outlined her role on the Archdiocesan Parish Council and expressed her hope for a growing connection between the two adjacent parishes.

Council's first meeting in 2017 included a request from Lynare Lower on behalf of the Ecumenical Ministry to rest homes. Several church communities in Waikanae provide services on a regular basis to rest homes in that area and Lynare was seeking input in respect of a greater participation from the Catholic Church community. Fr Michael explained that much is already being done – through the whole parish – to care for those in rest homes and our resources were limited. The issue will be further discussed at Council's next meeting.

And with real regret, the Parish Council has accepted the retirement from Council of Sue McGlone. Sue has been a "tour de force" on Council both before, and since, the amalgamation of the two parishes. Her availability, willingness and analytical thinking has been invaluable.

Justin du Fresne, chair, PPC

Justice & Peace

We are a very small group (6 in number - always looking for more members) which tries to keep abreast of, as well as raise parishioners' awareness of, global and local initiatives to address social justice issues. Currently we are involved in :

Laudato si - we are studying and reflecting on Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment and have been joined in this endeavour by a number

of members of the Kapiti Quakers Society.

Caritas Lenten Programme - each year we organise the reflection groups which follow the programme provided by Caritas - 78 parishioners have signed up this year.

Euthanasia - members of our group were part of the parish effort to encourage submissions to the Health Committee against assisted suicide.

Kapiti against Violence - we attend the meetings of the Kapiti against Violence group and continue to use resources provided through this group.

Food Collections - along with SVDP, we organise the distribution of food collected at mass each weekend at Waikanae.

Refugees - we are actively engaged in the SVDP effort to prepare for refugee

families coming to Porirua in late February.

In addition, as part of the Wellington Archdiocese Justice, Peace and Development network, we receive a Justice e-newsletter each month which keeps us in touch with initiatives, both local and global which may be of interest to us.

Wullie Grant

Youth

Every year we run a 42 hour end of year youth camp for Year 8 and college age youth at Palm Grove, Paraparaumu. This camp allows youth the opportunity to get to know each other in an environment that encourages them to learn more about their faith and being a Catholic while enjoying the company of their peers. (NB Campers don't need to be Catholic to attend.)

This year's theme took its lead from Pope Francis who has declared 2016 to be the Year of Mercy. We focussed on the Corporal Works of Mercy and how these works build the Body of Christ.

Camp is not limited to sessions but also gives the youth a chance to be youth and have fun. Bench ball and the waterslide are favourites for youth & leaders alike.

At every camp, our youth are given the opportunity to do service – this year we helped fellow parishioners learn how to use their tablets, mobiles & MP4s. It was a great community builder as our tech savvy youth cheerfully shared their knowledge of aps, emails & photos with those in the community. The camp is intended to be part of a life journey where the campers take the experiences, discussions and thoughts back with them to their homes and communities. They have the opportunity to make a difference 1 step at a time!

Jacqui McLaughlin

(See more from our youth under the Year of Mercy Reflections, on pp 15 & 23)



Adult Faith Exploration

Watch out for the series of 6 reflection evenings on the Year of Mercy, starting on Pentecost Sunday.

Our Parish School

I apologise for no report – the school is preparing for ERO's visit but the school has started extremely well and everyone is looking forward to having Cardinal John come and bless the new site at **11am Friday 26th February 2016 (weather permitting)**.

Martin Elms, Principal

St Vincent de Paul - The Beginning of a New Life

In early February, Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish answered the call to support the resettlement of refugees into the Wellington region. A call from Saint Vincent de Paul for household items, or money to purchase them, has been emphatically answered with a wonderful and humbling response from parishioners and others in the community.

The Parish was asked by Red Cross to provide a list of house hold items for two families. This request has been fulfilled. In conjunction with Catholic Social Services your gifts have enabled us to extend your offerings to two prescribed housewarming packages and two food starter packs. After all this we still have more of your gifts to



offer to others if needed or to store for the next refugee group or to meet other calls for help.

I have always wondered at the feeding of the multitudes in the story of the loaves and fishes. We have seen this biblical story come to life in our Parish. All our little and large offerings have manifested into something far greater. A new start for others and left overs for more. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Eddie Dickson, Secretary

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Introducing Parish Groups and People

Living Aloners

You may have seen the Living Aloners advertising their activities in the newsletters and been intrigued. Anyone who is living alone, or is just feeling lonely, can come along and meet with old friends and make new ones in a similar position. This group

meets once a month on the third Thursday of the month for morning tea at a local cafe and also for lunch or dinner two or three times a year. Enquiries to

Jan 9054633
or Zelda 9059248.

Steering Committee Building Our New Church

Thank you very much.

The building of the new church has certainly been a learning experience for us as a parish. This has come in many forms - from how we build a new community out of the many different Catholic groups present on the Coast, through to the practical requirements related to creating a new home (church) for that community which is affordable, practical and will last.

This last has certainly been creating its own challenges lately!

As a result it has meant that there has been a great deal of demand on the time and patience of the group responsible for working directly with the builders and architects on our behalf. As you will know, this group, including Father Michael, has been strongly engaged in assisting the architects and builders to develop an option that we as a parish want and can afford.

This has not always been an easy process and one that has required both commitment and strong negotiation



skills. This has meant less time for families and the other parts of their lives.

We are VERY grateful to each and every one of them and ask you to hold them in your prayers. Be patient as they, individually and as a group, strive to get our new church built.



Barangay Santa Maris Assumpta - What Motivates Them to Work Towards BSMA's Vision, Mission and Goals?

Ed: We are blessed to have such a diversity of cultures within our parish. The largest non-European grouping is the Filipino community and it behoves us to learn about them. Here is the second of our articles from Barangay Santa Maria Assumpta .



The first series of this article (PPNewsletter Summer Issue 2015) focused on the nature, scope, activities and updates of Barangay Santa Maria Assumpta, briefly called, BSMA.

This second part of a series focuses on the motivating factor/factors behind the core-group's and members' efforts toward the Barangay's vision, mission and goals. In gist, the Barangay's VMG centres on spirituality, assistance to fellow Filipinos, the Chaplaincy and Parish activities and goals, and of course, to accomplish the sub-goals of its four ministries: Worship/Liturgy, Education/Formation, Outreach Service and Music.

To be able to answer the above-mentioned question, I tried to reach out to the core group and a few members. Aside from summarising their answers for the readers, I supplement a little background to their answers. I focus the answers to the question on both social/cultural and spiritual dimensions. The social/cultural component inevitably brings us back to the word "*Barangay*" which I mentioned in the first article. To quote, I wrote, "The word *barangay* actually comes from the basic unit of the Philippine society... it comprises a

group of people formed with common goals and aspirations." However, from the Philippine perspective, this *Barangay* will always be associated and directly linked with the word, "*bayan*." "*Bayan*," which means "*country*", becomes the root word of the words, "*maka-bayan*," connoting someone who dearly loves his/her country, "*ani*" - which means to harvest, and "*bayani*," a hero. In every circumstance, there's always a chance of helping out, a chance of sharing some kind of heroism to others.

Bayan+Ani+han - Bayanihan. All these components that comprise the entire word, "*bayanihan*," connote the concept of helping each other towards a collective goal. In the 70s, one could still see a picture of 8-10 males carrying a whole native house (*nipa*-thatched house) being transported from one place to another. These men would voluntarily help the owners of the house - no payment necessary - only offering their time, brawn and efforts towards this '*labour of love*.'

One Filipino writer (<http://illustrado-life-magazine.blogspot.co.nz/2015/01/the-grandest-of-them-all-bayanihan-and.html>) aptly describes this

“bayanihan” as already inherent in the Filipinos to help each other, especially when they are in other countries. Also, a few papers and articles deal with the Filipinos’ strong sense of sacrifice and suffering that undeniably provides them with a strong sense of empathy towards fellow Filipinos and other nationalities who, in one way or another, have experienced the same: sense of detachment, sense of loss, nostalgia/ homesickness, among others. In short, Filipinos who live in other countries - New Zealand in general and Kāpiti in particular being an example here - need to belong, need to identify themselves with others, and need to re-discover themselves as Filipinos while they are assimilating themselves with the adoptive culture. Then, of course, their sense of spirituality back home is what pushes them to feel empathy with and for others and drives them to help each other and extend help to the other members of the Church.

Therefore, in the context of “Bayan/ bayanihan,” “Barangay” (BSMA) embodies its values of spirituality and their quest for identity and sense of belonging. Being spiritual and being “makabayan” inevitably go together and manifest in every undertaking they have. Let me focus on the particular



answers of the BSMA core group and other members to bring out both these socio-cultural and spiritual dimensions I have raised earlier. In summary, here's what they said:

“When I committed myself to my covenant with the Lord in 2014, I promised that ‘if He takes away my sinful nature, I will serve Him for the rest of my life.’”

“The people around me are my motivation.... When I see the motivation from everyone, I see myself in them and with them. Not all people are willing to be leaders, so I’m motivated to commit to that leadership for them. I know that we just “hold each other” in anything that we do for the Church and for our goals.”

“To live a Christian life and follow God’s example is my motivation. I want to help everyone follow God’s example and serve God. I know that God is always guiding us in every endeavour that we have. I am committed to applying what the Scriptures tell us - especially sharing the gifts or blessings that the Lord has blessed us with.

“This is a borrowed quotation but defines my purpose and motivation in my journey of faith and in serving our Father: ‘Our purpose on earth is not to get lost in the dark in our journey through life...but to be a beacon of light so that others may find their way through the grace of the Holy Spirit.’”

“Being part of the work of Brgy Sta Maria Assumpta allows me to live up to my goal and mission as a Paulinian. The phrase below is a part of the mission song of the school I attended

from elementary to high school, a song we sang every day before classes would start. It is also the song that keeps me going when times do get rough in the ministry.

"I'm a Paulinian committed to Jesus Christ, my Lord, to love and serve one another, till in Him we unite." *It is the love of Christ that compels me. As St. Paul says, "Caritas Christi Urget Nos" (2 Cor 5:14).*

"To uphold the Filipino values, culture, traditions without undermining other cultures".

Overall, these quoted statements that answer the question on motivation factor, lead us to both the members'

Filipinos' socio-cultural and spiritual upbringing. They will serve the Church, offer their time, energy and efforts, not necessarily for their self-identification and survival but their manifestation of "bayanihan" attitude, strong spirituality and other-centredness.

With these general motivations, the article gears towards another related and interesting issue which is Migration, the third part in this series, which attempts at showing the general scenario of Filipino migration in Kapiti, if not, New Zealand in general .

Judith Balares Salamat

Recent Events

Annual Pilgrimage

Approximately 120 people from the Archdiocese made the pilgrimage up the hill to Our Lady of Kāpiti on 7th February, led by Fr Michael.

Everything was perfect – perfect weather, perfect cool breeze, perfect singing, and Our Lady stood looking perfect after her renovation.

We sang *Mo Maria Aiane*, said the five Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, sang *Salve Regina*, Joan Ashcroft led a reflection on Pope Francis' intentions

for the year, we sang *Immaculate Mother*, Michael Redman led the litany of prayers to Our Lady of Lourdes, we sang *Ka Waiata ki a Maria*, and finally Fr Michael led the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary before releasing us back to the church for Benediction.

For those who remained, the Men's Group provided a sausage and salad light lunch in an idyllic picnic atmosphere.

Glen McCullough



Part of the gathering at Our Lady's Statue

Pasionist Family Group Leaders Celebrate

On Sunday 29th November the Passionist Family Group Movement leaders of Our Lady of Kapiti Parish met for a shared lunch hosted by Peter & Isabel Delaney at their lovely home on the banks of the Waikanae River. In glorious weather we shared our experiences & ideas followed by team games of petanque & croquet. There are currently 12 PFM groups in the parish. Through monthly

gatherings, simple & low or no cost, the group members meet to get to know one another & so be able to love & support & care for one another in all aspects of parish community life.

If you would like to join a group you can contact Jenny & Mark McGlone, Corrie & John McCardle or the parish office.

Corrie McCardle
with photos by Martin Manning



Joe Green Graduates

On 23 November 2015 The Catholic Institute's graduation event was held at the cathedral. Cardinal John Dew presented awards to graduates, including three who graduated with the Diploma in Pastoral Leadership. One of those three was Joe Green.

At the same time Cardinal John presented Joe with a formal endorsement confirming that he had 'completed the academic, spiritual, theological and pastoral requirements of the Archdiocesan formation programme for Lay Pastoral Leaders'.



Joe expresses his deepest appreciation to Fr Michael and the parishioners of Our Lady of Kapiti, Otaki and St Anne's, Newtown for their support, which has included prayers and participation in various workshops as part of meeting the requirements of the formation programme.

(Ed: Congratulations on your appointment as the Lay Pastoral Leader for the new Parish of Wellington South, Joe. We are proud of you and pleased to have played a part in your formation for this role.)

Upcoming Events

We are Building a Church - Fundraising Events for your Diaries

The monthly luncheon groups are enjoying their regular social gatherings while contributing to our building funds. Enquiries to Velma Knight, Telephone: 299 1539



Trade to Build is being well supported with income from Trade Me sales currently in excess of \$4000. You can help by donating items for sale, purchasing listed items, and encouraging your contacts to do so. Details of this project, including Donor Forms, are available on the parish web site (www.kapiti-catholic.org.nz) under "Trade to Build", or contact Claire Reiher 904 6956.



A Produce stall is being held after Saturday/Sunday Masses in the foyers of both churches. Donated goods are to be wrapped and priced either \$5 or \$2. Suggestions: vegetables, fruit, flowers, plants, preserves baking, etc.

One-off events to note in your diary

Fashion Show at Ballentynes, Paraparaumu Beach on Wednesday 18 May 2016. Discount vouchers will be given out at the event entitling you to 20% discount off items purchased within the following week. Great opportunity to revisit your winter wardrobe, ladies. Watch out for further details closer to the time.



Golf tournament planned for 14th April. We will be inviting people to form teams of four players to enjoy the facilities at the Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club. Further details will be published shortly.

Discovering Ourselves – on Saturday 21st May, Community Hall, Waikanae – a display and sale of work and interests by parishioners and the wider community. A day to showcase and celebrate each other's gifts and talents.

Contacts: Kathleen 905 7850, or Jenny 904 6971.



Film evening – this is planned for early March. Date and film title are to be confirmed.

Obituaries

Sister Celine Prendergast 10.05.1925 - 14.01.2016

At the beginning of Sister Celine's Requiem Mass a lantern was placed on the altar, symbolising the lantern of Nano Nagle, founder of the order of Presentation Sisters.

"Just as a lantern only gives enough light to make a few steps at a time so a lifetime of walking with the lantern of the word of God and the sacraments gives enough light to make a heroic journey," Father Michael said in his homily.

Sister Celine's "heroic journey" was honoured by sisters of the Presentation Order and associates, priests formerly of St Patrick's parish and parishioners some of whom had been her pupils.

She was born into the Prendergast family in Ireland in 1925, one of nine children.

Three other sisters would also become nuns.

In 1953 Sister Celine was one of the seven Presentation sisters who came to Paraparaumu to establish a school for the education of Catholic children in Kapiti. She was the last surviving member of that pioneering

group and on January 2 she and the other sisters celebrated 62 years of Presentation presence on the Kapiti Coast.



Over that time she had some trips back to Ireland, but in later years when she was unable to travel, she was visited by some of the next generation of family members.

Her last official function was to be present at the blessing for the site of the new parish church and school.

"Her work was done. She had lived for the life of St Patrick's School. She was happy to hand the school over to the care and beautiful name of Our Lady of Kapiti," Sr Breda said, in her telling of Sr Celine's history.

"Celine was our matriarch, the last of our elderly sisters. She was wise, gracious and generous, hospitable and inspiring."

She is survived by her brother John in Ireland.



Virginia Turner 10.11.30 – 23.01.16

Philanthropist and poet, artist and sportswoman, mother, grandmother and friend.

The many-faceted life of Virginia Turner was honoured at her funeral service at St Patrick's Church.

Virginia Mary Turner was born on November 10th 1930 in Wellington to Rita [nee Edmonds, of the baking powder family] and Desmond Todd.

She was homeschooled until she was over nine, then attended St Mary's College, Thorndon, until going to Wellington Polytechnic at 17 and studying art for a year.

Virginia and Trevor Turner were married in April 1952 at St Mary of the Angels and would have seven children. Trevor died just five years after the birth of their youngest child, Kim Marie.

The family grew up in Wesley Road, Wellington. Later Virginia moved to Kapiti, first to Rosetta Rd then a home in Metlife Village and ultimately to the care facility.

It was in Paraparaumu that she fully immersed herself in philanthropy.

In 1990 she started her own Foundation, supporting many causes including the creation of Kim's Place, YouthQuest and Kapiti Kids Motivational Trust. She was patron of Kapiti Boating Club for many years and supported a variety of other causes. She was a great supporter of the arts including being a patron of the Festival of the Arts.



Her favoured way to give to disaster relief was through World Vision and she sponsored many children.

She started the Special Olympics in New Zealand with Grant Quinn and was patron and a substantial financial contributor for many years.

Her sporting interests, at which she excelled, included surfboard riding, golf, waterskiing.

Virginia was the first female steward of a metropolitan racing club in Australasia, the Wellington Racing Club. She raced horses including Sir Desmond and Lady Marguerita named after her father and mother.

Two of Virginia's children have predeceased her - Debra died in childhood and Jeffrey died last year.

She is survived by Rebecca, Grace, Andrew, Mark and Kim Marie, her 15 grand-children and her 14 great grand-children.

A remarkable woman.

Book Reviews

The Poverty and Justice Bible

How presumptuous of me to review the Holy Bible – how arrogant!

And yet I am compelled to do so because I am still meeting Church people who do not know about it.

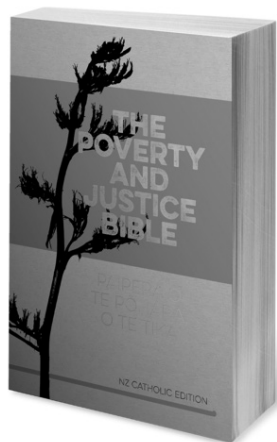
There are three really good reasons to buy this new edition, THE POVERTY AND JUSTICE BIBLE.

1 All texts emphasising social justice - we must love our neighbours, even our enemies, we must forgive, we must feed the hungry, etc. – are underlined in bright orange.

2 The publication is a joint project sponsored by Caritas (the Catholic agency) and The New Zealand Bible Society. What a splendid idea!

3 For every copy bought (price \$35) another is given free to someone in need.

It seems to me it is our privilege to buy a copy of THE POVERTY AND JUSTICE BIBLE, and, of course, to read it.

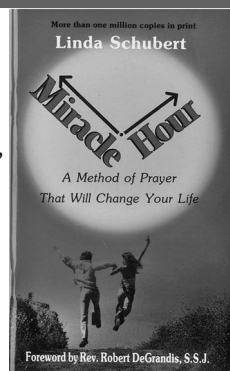


A Parishioner

The Miracle Hour by Linda Schubert



Praying each five minute slice of the hour with a different kind of prayer including praise, singing, surrender, forgiveness, repentance, intercession, thanksgiving, and scripture.



Are you, like me, getting a bit stuck in your prayer life? This little booklet was recommended to me and I found it VERY helpful in kick starting things again.

If I don't have the full hour to 'spare' in one sitting I find I can crib 5 minutes here and there throughout the day until I suddenly find I've covered all 12 segments.

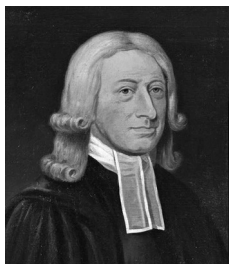
\$7 from Pleroma or \$3 in digital format

Anna Ryan

A Bit of This and a Bit of That

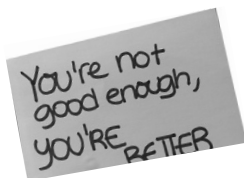
Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as you ever can.

John Wesley



The Good Enough Principle

Don't wait until you are perfect at doing something.
God is happy with good enough until you get better.



Joe Green on the Camino

On 18 October 2015 I began my Camino, stepping out at St Jean Pied de Port on the beginning of the 780 km walk to Santiago de Compostela – 29 days later on 15 November I arrived at Santiago. As I walked I reflected on being a pilgrim. I see them as lessons from the Way.

- A pilgrim is always moving, or is always ready to move. As Pope Francis said, 'our life is a journey, and when we stop moving, things go wrong'.
- A pilgrim is going somewhere, does not wander aimlessly.
- The journey is as important as the destination.
- The pilgrim is focused on themselves (self-care, development, fitness, well-being), yet is part of a wider community. Pope Francis put it this way to a group of young people in 2013, 'it is terrible to walk alone, terrible and tedious. Walking in community, with friends, with those who love us: this helps us, it helps us to arrive precisely at the destination where we must arrive!'



Statue of St James as a pilgrim in San Marco, Leon

- The pilgrim is never alone; the prayers and thoughts of loved ones are with them. The pilgrim thinks often of them and is appreciative.
- The pilgrim reflects deeply on all aspects of life.
- A pilgrimage can happen without leaving home.
- Pilgrimage can be painful, lonely, fun filled, social, spiritual and all of those at once (just like life).
- The pilgrim does not necessarily know the Way. Where the Way goes, they go!
- Pilgrims come in all shapes and sizes, nationalities, ethnicities, religions, or none. They all have seemingly different, yet strikingly similar motivations.
- The pilgrimage continues despite weather, pain, tedium, blisters, chaffing, and things out of the pilgrim's control.
- The pilgrim savours moments, relationships, contacts, then let's them go.
- Saints like Francis of Assisi; popes like Benedict and John Paul II walked this Way, as well as many sinners. They all felt the same passion, joys, experiences, pain. The heat, rain and stones of the Way impacts on all.
- Every pilgrim is on their own pilgrimage, and when it (life) ends, they have completed their pilgrimage.
- The people one meets on the Camino are the real blessing. If one asks ten minutes from you, give them twenty, they probably need it, and you bless them with your time, as they bless you.

These thoughts come out of a pilgrimage experience that is deeply personal and difficult to explain. Of having tendonitis, with every painful downhill step of a 600 meter descent a prayer for my daughter who had a heart operation that day. I cannot put in words the feeling of having someone go down on their knees at a hostel, prepared to dress my smelly and blistered left foot – I got a glimpse of how St Peter felt! Or the young woman's heartfelt request 'do you have time to spend with me?' - she was distraught because she had taken the bus due to swollen and raw feet and just wanted to talk about it. Of receiving a photo of my granddaughter tracking my Camino as I checked in on Face Book each day. Or the joy of singing Ka Waiata and He Honore to a Spanish dahn with only the cows and the crows to hear!



In front of Burgos cathedral

Joe Green

Parish Directory February 2016

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

Our Lady of Kapiti Parish Administration

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

Church Worship Support and Other Parish Groups

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

Other Parish Groups

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

Family Ministry	June Brunton	298 6266
Indoor Bowls	Stan Furze	298 2015
Justice and Peace	Wullie Grant	293 8702
Living Aloners	Jan Dowd 905 4633	Zelda Masterton 905 9248
Maori Mission	Wai Stewart	902 4909
Men's Group	Nick Maher 298 8475	Pat Haughey 905 4467
Mission Circle		Glen McCullough 293 1747
Mission Gala Convenor	Jean Beaumont	902 4146
New Parishioners and Home Visits	Sr Breda Ryan	905 3420
Old Ducks Prayer & Scripture Group	Joyce Haughey	905 4467
Passionist Family Groups	Chris Todd 298 8984	June Brunton 298 6266
	Prm John & Corrie McCardle	904 1823
	Wae 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
Prayer Groups (Wae)	Monday Afternoon	Lorraine Gaffaney 905 2402
	Christian Meditation (Tuesdays)	Wanda Sager 293 2441
Presentation Sisters		905 3420
Presentation Associates	Margaret Bevin	299 6825
RCIA	Fr Michael 902 5815	Eddie Doran 902 1074
Scripture Study Groups	Wae Clare Borst 293 6262 or Pat Belgrave	902 3995
Not Your Usual Sunday Readings	Wed Aft Michele 298 7378	Thurs Eve Sheila 902 2578
St Vincent de Paul	John Reardon	293 6079
Used Clothing	Child (enquire Parish Office)	Adult Joy Woodham 298 7802
Waikanae Rest Home Liturgy Services	Catherine Englert	293 2978
Widowed, Separated, Divorced	Annette Corban	021 264 4567
Women's Guild	Wae Sharyn Pearce	902 2571
Youth Co-ordinator	Jacqui McLaughlin	0226757357
Trust	John McCardle	904 1823

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Principal	Martin Elms	298 6780
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