

Pastoral Pages

Parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti

Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti

Spring 2015



What's Inside

Architects Have Their Say

Meet our Sisters

EDITORIAL



We have had the architects present the site plan at masses and they have outlined their thinking on what might help to shape the actual design stuff. We have included detail of this so you absorb it at your leisure, in anticipation of further presentations by the architects

We seem to have had lots of exciting events happen in the last three months that we are pleased to be able to report on and to bring you the photos. There are a couple of events coming up that you might be interested in and we offer some suggestions around fundraising for our new church.

We hope you enjoy this edition of Pastoral Pages.

Anna and the Editorial Team.

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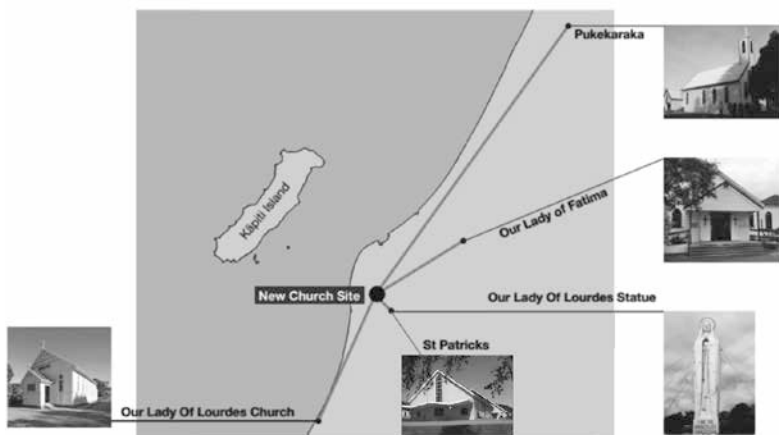
Building Our New Church

At masses on 25th / 26th July architects from Studio Pacific Architecture presented the following material at all masses in the parish. This presentation is also on the parish website: <http://www.kapiti-catholic.org.nz/?sid=1539>

A new Church facility is a very special and exciting project. Here are some ideas that we believe will serve as strong design drivers for a place of worship.

Historical Traces – Connections to our Roots

The current parish can trace a history to the Marist community at Pukekarakara. This is the oldest catholic community in New Zealand and was established in 1858. There are a number of other sites along the genealogy of the parish. These include Our Lady of Lourdes church at Paekakariki, the Statue of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Patrick's Church in Paraparaumu and Our Lady of Fatima Church in Waikanae. We have mapped these places and traced the lines of connection from these sites to the new Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish site. These lines will inform the planning of the building so that parishioners can experience a spiritual connection to the rich history of Our Lady of Kāpiti.



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Hine Nui te o Ao Katoa – Mary, Mother of the Earth

When Catholicism arrived in Pukekaraka the figure of Mary was celebrated in a very bicultural way with Mary becoming Hine nui o te Ao Katoa – Mary Mother of the Earth. Hine Nui o te Ao is nurturing, protecting and loving.



Madonna of the Protective Cloak, Zurbaran



The Virgin in Prayer, Sassoferrato

The Kākahu / Cloak – Sheltering and Protecting

We were looking for a motif that might have the qualities of Our Lady of Kāpiti – Hine Nui o te Ao Katoa - and we came across a beautiful image of the Madonna in the Marian Grotto at Pukekaraka. What is extraordinary about this Madonna is that she wears a Kākahu or cloak. The cloak can cover, warm, shelter, nurture and protect us.



Kākahu



Mother and Child



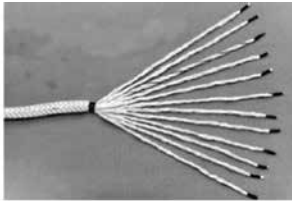
**Madonna in a Cloak
(Pukekaraka)**

Aho and Whenu – Binding the Parish Together

The Aho and Whenu are the warp and weft of the cloak. Whenu is short for Whenua which is a word for the earth and also for Io - the omnipotent one. The Aho binds together the Whenu.



Weaving together



Common Threads



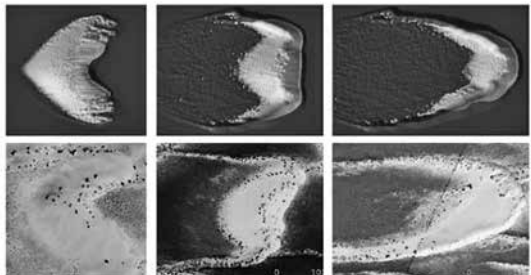
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Forms of Nature – The Dune and The Pipi

Looking to the natural riches of the Kāpiti region we are interested in the forms of the sand dune and the Pipi. The sand dunes are sculpted by the wind into beautiful parabolic curves. The Pipi is found in abundance along the coast and is a protective enclosure that can be either singular or hinged open.



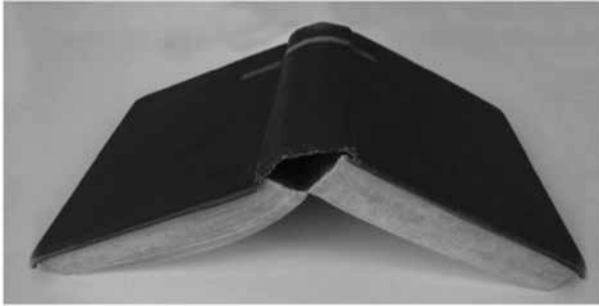
The Common Pipi



Wind Sculpted Dune

Mary - The Bearer of The Word

Mary was the mother of Jesus. She is the God-bearer. Mary was the first to bear the Word of God.



The Meaning of Cloaks – transcript of Toi Te Rito Maihi, weaver, YouTube clip

“I’ve met with some wonderful, wonderful knowledge holders. And *aho* of course, is a word for ‘connection’, which makes total sense when you see that the *aho* (horizontal thread or weft) connects the *whenu* (vertical threads or warp).

And the *whenu* – *whenu* is short for *whenua*, and *whenua* is the earth that sustains us after birth. But *whenua* is also the word for placenta that feeds us before birth.

An older name for *whenu* is *Io*, the omnipotent one.

When you put a *kākahu* (cloak) on, that *Io* is against your skin. And the *aho*, the connection with all of those elements that you live amongst and learn from, and that you then hand that knowledge on, it’s all there when you put the *kākahu* on.

Just that image of being in contact with the creator every time you put your *kākahu* on – whoooooouph!"

There is more about the new church under the reports and recent events headings.

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.



Pope Francis Announces Year of Consecrated Life in 2015

We have a number of women living out their vocations on the Kāpiti Coast and we honour them in this year for the consecrated life.

The Presentation Sisters

Nano Nagle was a woman of Faith, Hope, and heroic Virtue whose vision and work transformed the lives of many. She was one of the great pioneers of Catholic education in Ireland. She founded our Presentation Order in Ireland in 1775 for the education of Poor Children. She opened 7 schools in Cork City. She taught in her schools during the day and visited the sick and the elderly in their homes in the evenings, and became known as the “Lady with the Lantern”. Her long hours of prayer sustained her in her Ministry.

When she died there were only 3 Sisters left and now the Presentation Sisters have spread all over Ireland and the world.

The Bishop of Wellington invited the Presentation sisters to the Kāpiti Coast 61 years ago, where they founded St Patrick's School in Paraparaumu. Generations of Presentation Sisters



Sisters Teresa, Breda & Celine

*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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taught there for many years but now all the Paraparaumu Sisters have retired. The School is still committed to the Charism of Nano Nagle.

In our retirement we are committed to ministries of:

- prayer
- visiting the sick and the care of the elderly
- social justice
- our Associates and Friends of Nano
- and the support of our overseas

missions by running our yearly Gala. In other parts of New Zealand our Sisters respond to the needs of our time in Schools, Pastoral Work, Spiritual Direction, Prison Chaplaincy, Adult Education, and Social Justice.

*'Your pilgrim heart shall urge you still
one pace beyond,*

And love shall be your lantern-flame.'

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Sr Breda Ryan

The Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary:

Unlike most congregations, we do not have a founder or foundress; rather we began with 11 French women who travelled to the Pacific Islands between 1845 and 1860 to serve in the missions begun by the Marist Fathers. The Sisters lived close to the people, teaching and nursing. Their way of life was based on the rule and spirit of the Marist Fathers. Some women from the islands, and later women from other countries in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and North America, began to join. After many years these Sisters, scattered throughout the Islands, became organized into one religious congregation, the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary.

At present in Our Lady of Kāpiti parish we are two: Sister Margaret Arrowsmith and Sr Joan Gore. (above, right)



Both of us have worked in many countries throughout the world as teachers and pastoral workers and now, in our 'retirement years', we are involved in the liturgical life of our parish in various ministries. Our constitution tells us that by 'Mary's gracious choice' we have been called to her Society, and so we try to be Mary's presence wherever we are called to live. rfaoceania@gmail.com

Srs Joan Gore & Margaret Arrowsmith smsm

Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions (Religieuses de Notre Dame des Missions):

Our foundress was a Frenchwoman, Euphrasie Barbier.

When Euphrasie was young the Church in France was alive and vibrant. New congregations were popping up and

enthusiastic missionaries were sailing off to bring Good News to foreign lands. Euphrasie yearned to be a missionary. Her adventurous spirit and determined outlook helped her form a

group of women with similar ideals and in 1861 Rome recognised the order and 3 years later she sent her first missionaries from Lyon to New Zealand.



Euphrasie Barbier.

The Congregation has since expanded into Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa and the Pacific... 28 countries in all, the most recent being Laos, Thailand, Taiwan and Southern Sudan. Today, all RNDMs, 888 Professed Sisters and 64 Novices and Postulants, keep alive Euphrasie's wish for her congregation "to extend the Kingdom of God". I'm sure Euphrasie would affirm our recent commitment to care for the Earth.

This is my twelfth year in Waikanae as Supervisor of Snedden Village. I enjoy that challenge, love the diversity of the parish, the activities of the wider community and the beauty of nature that surrounds us. How blessed am I!



Thanks Pope Francis for inviting us to Awaken The World just when I wanted a quiet siesta time...but you are an inspiration to us all and I will do my best!!!

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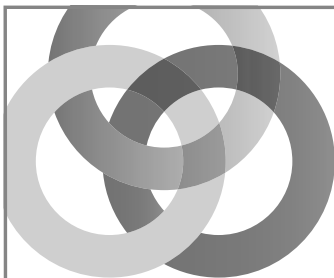
The Cenacle Sisters:

In the summer 2014-15 Pastoral Pages, we introduced ourselves as the Cenacle Community.

"We love living on the Kāpiti Coast,"

the four Cenacle Sisters agree!

Since our last writing in the Pastoral Pages, life has been full. We welcomed Mary Peters, our Cenacle Sister



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Back: Mary J Kay, Kathleen Ryan,
Front: Anne Powell, Clare O'Connor

Liaison from Rome to live with us for a month. For our Cenacle Family experience, we were glad to welcome Sisters and Cenacle Companions from

the Philippines, Perth, Brisbane and Ireland. We've led a wonderful Retreat in Daily Life in this parish.

Accompanying many people in regular meetings for their on-going spiritual direction, poetry and spirituality sessions, liturgical music ministry, facilitation, monthly gatherings with our lay Cenacle Companions, celebrating Kathleen's Diamond Jubilee, Anti Human Trafficking meetings, all continue to be part of our lives.

We continue to enjoy prayer and hospitality around our table, gardening and the beach as well as all the varied connections and relationships which make up parish life.

We are eagerly reading the recent Encyclical of Pope Francis *Laudato Si*. It informs our prayer, our way of life, and will be the background for many retreats.

Here is one of Anne's poems which reflects something of the spirit of *Laudato Si*:

*May the soft light
at the end of the day
bless you.*

*May the purr of the sea
on the shells of the beach bless you.*

*May the dance of the wind
on the grass of the dunes bless you.*

*May the Maker of water and air and fire
bless you who walk the earth.*

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We also take this opportunity to say a big **THANK YOU** to our Fr Michael, Cardinal Tom, Fr Jim and ALL the local priests whose dedication to their consecrated life has nurtured us in our faith journeys over many, many years.

Fr Jim's Been Thinking

Attraction



Why do people find Jesus attractive and "leave all things and follow him"? (cf Mk 10:28). Why do they see him as so important that they change their whole focus to make him their top priority? Is it because they have come to know God, experience his love in their hearts and recognise that same love bursting out of Jesus? Is this an example of like seeking like?

When we were created, God put his love into our hearts. From the prologue to John's Gospel we learn all things are created through the Word who is with God and who is God (cf Jn 1:1, 3). Hence, Creation is a continuing event: consequently the Word did not merely return to its former unity with God. In a profound way, the Word continues to support and nourish all through communion with Creation. That same Word which enjoys relationship with the Father, has become incarnate in Jesus! (cf Jn 1:14)

The love God has for humankind is the source of our being and from early biblical times this love was looked upon as a fire which pushed up the chest and moved out the eyes. Provided the eye is healthy, God's love can flood out allowing us to reach the divine in the outside world: but should the eye be bad, darkness will have filled the body blocking the light (cf Mt 6:23; Lk 11:34). Those in touch with the God within are healthy and able to connect with the divine outside themselves.

Meister Eckhart taught that God can only be found in our inner selves: if we seek him outside, we will find him nowhere; only by looking within ourselves will we find him everywhere.

Having discovered God within, we can discover him without; but never the other way round.

This paraphrase of Jesus' words may be of help: You would not be searching for me if I had not first found you (cf Jn 15:16). Isn't it wonderful to realise that we find Jesus attractive because we share the same Father with him. And if that is right for me, it is right for every person on earth; from the greatest to the least.

Creation became intensified by the Incarnation; accordingly God strives to draw all people to himself (cf Jn 6:44). I dare to say it is more like being shoved by One who really wants us to experience what it is like to be God's child.

Reports & Updates from Parish Groups

Parish Pastoral Council

At its most recent meetings the Parish Council has discussed two issues of importance in this time of significant change and development. The first was the role of the council and is it still correctly focused? Is the function of council to instigate or implement action, or simply to note, observe and evaluate action? What elements of the parish pastoral plan still require initiation or introduction? What is the role of council in fostering the assimilation of other cultures and ethnicities within the parish (e.g. the Filipino community)? Might the work of the council be more prayer based?

The second issue was around the management of change. Grant Carpenter (a parishioner whose work is in Change Management)

and David Greening (who chairs the parish Change Management and Communications team) led a discussion about how change (specifically the move to a new, single Church) impacts differently on different parishioners. We need to understand the feelings of loss, sadness, even anger at the changes occurring and implement appropriate measures to acknowledge and assist in helping people through the changes.

Both issues will continue to be discussed at future meetings.

Council members welcome comment and feedback on any matter relevant to the Parish.

Along with Fr Michael, the council members are:-

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Justin du Fresne, chair

Steering Group

The school design is in a conceptual stage from which final concept, bulk and location plans will be signed off in late August. This will also include ensuring that these bulk and location plans fit the overall budget for the relocated school. From that full design

plans will be drawn up and a resource consent application will be made. The relocated school will be opening for business beginning of Term 1 2017.

David Meyer represents the school on the Steering Committee

Next Steps (from Studio Pacific Architects)

- Ready to move to the next stage, where our project becomes a reality. Through the month of August the designs will be progressed to a point that we will be able to see the proposed site plans developed ready for resource consent.
- We will work through the neighbour consultation process and we are aiming to lodge our resource consent in September provided we can get the neighbours' blessing.
- We need to stick to time schedule as closely as possible as the School is also depending on the Resource Consent to be able to relocate.
- The designs will of-course be shared with everyone as soon as they are ready and we will welcome any feedback.
- Please send any feedback to ladykapiti@gmail.com and we will make sure they go to the right person to respond.

Youth

What a busy 2nd term – 12 young women and 4 leaders came together for a weekend at the end of May where they explored what it meant to be a young Catholic woman in today's modern, secular world. It was



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an amazing weekend where we all learned how beloved we are by God and what an amazing gift our lives are!

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Youth groups ran regularly through the term and culminated in the first weekend of the holidays with an Amazing Race out of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Waikanae. Youth gathered from across the pastoral area and Plimmerton to get into teams, explore Waikanae and fulfil a number of challenges including finding money in slime and using it to buy a chocolate bar, and finding Sister Barbara's house and getting a team



photo with her!

Following the Race our youth then had the privilege of leading a Diocesan Youth Mass celebrated by Cardinal John. Approximately 120 worshippers from across the Diocese joined our youth who sang, read and served. What a wonderful experience.

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

Jacqui McLaughlin



Adult Faith Enrichment

A number of recent events have been put on for the parish by the Adult Faith Enrichment Team. The first of these was the Symposium on Church Architecture on 20th July. Despite the bad weather wiping out a bridge to the north, both our speakers did

manage to make the event, albeit a bit late, but it was a wonderful day where we learned lots and it was another wonderful opportunity for the parish to continue to work towards building a faith community as well as a physical church. See photos on pg18, 19. and the reports on pg 24.

The other event organised was the recent evening 'Practices That Transform Us'. This was an opportunity to discover new ways that we can each work on our own faith

journey and seek to grow closer to God supported by others in their faith journey. The material was very well received and it is possible that a rerun will be held next year.

Our Parish School

We have a growing number of enrolment enquiries for 5 year olds over the next year or so. We now have a waiting list for non-Catholic families until the end of next year.

School relocation

We hope to soon be signing off on the concept plans for the school buildings. We intend sharing these with the school and parish as soon as possible as another tangible step towards being together as parish school and church on the one site.

We have a wonderful God given opportunity to create a unique identity for our school that is closely linked to the Kāpiti region and the Catholic faith both past present and future - a New Zealand catholic school with the values, kaupapa and charism that honour the cultural/spiritual past, lives in the present and looks forward with founded hope to a fulfilling bi-cultural and multicultural future for the Catholic church here in Kāpiti.

The school was brought to life by the Irish missionary Presentation sisters, pioneering parishioners and the Tangata Whenua; it has been sheltered, protected and nurtured under the kākahu (cloak) of Mary the mother of Jesus, in the shadow of the hills.

Now is the time to move out into the wider community of Kāpiti. Through the wisdom and guidance of Te Wairua



Earlier this term we welcomed a number of new students to our school and parish community, including some siblings of those already at school. The new entrant pupils are pictured with their buddies.

Tapu and the intercession and support of Te Whaea Tapu we will 'nurture our full potential' as a high quality Catholic educational community and put developing a personal relationship with Jesus and excellence in education at the centre of what we do.

Martin Elms, Principal

Introducing Parish Groups & People

The Singing Sisters



Gerardine Mollo, Barbara Gore, Pauline McGlinchey, Sr Joan Gore SMSM, and Catherine Crosland,

Love of God, of family and of music were the life priorities of the seven Gore sisters as they grew up in Wellington's Eastern Suburbs.

Those priorities have remained constant with the five sisters who now worship in Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish and their two sisters living in Wellington.

Sr Joan Gore SMSM, Pauline McGlinchey, Barbara Gore, Catherine Crosland, and Gerardine Mollo are now living locally. Sr Marie Gore RSM and Bernadette Takacs live in Wellington.

Their faith came through their Lebanese heritage. Pauline, who is studying genealogy, said their grandparents on both sides migrated from Lebanon – one couple in the 1800s and the other in the early 1900s.

“They would have been Maronite Catholics and Lebanese Christians are very faithful and committed to their faith.”

The girls attended St Anthony's primary school and St Catherine's secondary school, but it was in the home that their love for music and their ability to sing harmonies was fostered by their father.

Even as youngsters they would give stage performances together.

As adults they went their separate ways for a time, always retaining their family connections. Joan, a missionary nun, worked first in Samoa then in South America (Peru and Colombia) and also spent time in Rome and the former East Germany.

For 16 years or so Pauline and Barbara were in Auckland where they belonged to barbershop singing groups as did Gerardine and Bernadette in Wellington and that interest took them to the United States many times.

The singing continues to this day. As the Singing Sisters, the Kāpiti contingent visit retirement villages and similar places to sing and Catherine, Gerardine and Pauline sing in the

Kapiti Women's Choir where Barbara is the assistant director.

However, it is the music and liturgy of the church that engages them. "But it's not about us, it's about worship," Pauline says.

Through various roles in church choirs around the Wellington Archdiocese, the sisters have sung praise to God, most recently at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Waikanae

where, as cantors, Joan and Pauline often lead the congregation in the singing of the Psalms.

Both Pauline and Barbara have the privilege of preparing the liturgy for weekday services and all have lay ministries within the parish.

The sisters say they are very blessed to belong to Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish, finding it very outreaching and welcoming.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The best sermon I ever heard at Mass was given by a nun - sorry, Fr Michael! Sister had just returned to New Zealand after 30 years' working in Peru. She said, "The modern translation for the word Love, in the Gospels, is Justice."

How can I apply that insight? When

Jesus says, "Love your neighbour," the modern translation would be: "Find a way to do Justice for the people in your community."

There are many ways to do justice, but it can be bewildering to work out where to start, and how to turn that "vision thing" (as the elder President

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Bush called it) into an individual action that is useful.

One of the great gifts of the Catholic Church is to act as an umbrella for a myriad of organisations that implement aspects of the Good News. The way in which I, and many others, try to do Justice is by joining the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

The Society was founded in Paris in 1833 by a group of university students. It has been in New Zealand



since 1867. It is not just a welfare organisation. In particular, it is not an association of porters bringing bread to the poor. It helps its members to find practical ways of responding to the command of the Gospels to love your neighbour.

Every local branch of the Society has to think about ways to do that locally. In the parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti, the Society does the usual things like visiting people and helping families with food or furniture, or advice on budgeting and on how to access entitlements from WINZ.

But our local branch also helps out in ways suited to the particular circumstances of the Kapiti community. For example, we help with food for children at state primary schools. Again, this has to be sensitive to the best method for the particular school. In Waikanae, that means the Society provides the

Principal with a fund from which he can issue a voucher for lunch from the school canteen to a child in need. In Paekakariki, that means providing fruit at breakfast. At secondary school, it means helping families with the costs of purchasing uniforms and shoes and stationery.

The local branch of the Society also has a relationship with Mary's Guest House. This boarding house provides accommodation for a large range of people, some in difficult circumstances. The Society provides emergency parcels to people who arrive there with nothing. Members have also provided cooking lessons and fresh food to encourage the guests to help themselves and to break their dependency on junk foods.

The ways in which you can help the Society are:

- become a member: phone Secretary Eddie on 029 7722003
- provide food for the food baskets at Mass
- donate your surplus furniture or other household items
- make a financial donation. You can post a cheque to the "Society of St Vincent de Paul," care of the Parish Office at 29 Parata St, Waikanae 5036; or make an internet transfer to our local bank account : 06-0730-0297571. (As we are a registered charity, we can give you a receipt for tax deduction, if you wish, but we need to know your name and address).

John Reardon, President
OLOK Conference of SVDP.

Recent Events

Assumption of Mother Mary Feted in Kāpiti



“As long as a mother still sings lullaby to a child, as long as a mother teaches a child to pray... there’s hope...”

Such insightful statements encapsulated the real essence and meaning of the entire occasion on the celebration of the Assumption of Mother Mary on Saturday, the 15th of August 2015. Spoken with emphatic voice and gestures, Fr. Danny Cipriano,

a Filipino priest who concelebrated with Fr. Michael McCabe during the 4th Barangay Fiesta Celebration, delivered his homily stressing the importance of Mother Mary as the role model of every mother and every person in the world.

The fiesta celebration started at the 5:30pm vigil mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Waikanae, and was followed by a get-together/fellowship at Waikanae Community Centre, right after the Holy Mass. Barangay Sta. Maria Assumpta, the Kāpiti Filipino Catholic community, headed by Nida Leckie, hosted the event. At the



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fellowship an array of Filipino and Asian-based cuisine was shared.

Musical numbers were performed by the Filipino singing group “7714” and the ‘young generation’ representative, Jules Ocampo.



Interspersed with the drawing of raffles for a worthy sociocultural cause, some guests and families also got to dance to the beats of the 60s, 70s and 80s. Parishioners of Our Lady of K piti Parish, together with friends and visitors from Wellington to Levin, graced the occasion.



After the fellowship, members of the Filipino community helped each

other tidy up the place and also prayed together to thank the Lord and Mother Mary for another meaning-filled day and Fiesta. As Fr. Cipriano aptly encouraged everyone, they took the challenge of “imitating Mother Mary,” and most particularly, “infecting others” with their faith and Marian devotion.



As a lead up to the feast day of Our Lady of the Assumption, members of the Filipino community met up for nine consecutive nights to pray the rosary and novena to Our Lady of the Assumption. One special prayer intention for this novena was for the relocation of the new church and school for the parish of our Lady of Kāpiti.

Judith Balares Salamat



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Blessing the Site

The July edition of Project on a Page carried details of the prayers that were used at the site on the occasion of the blessing of the land by Fr Michael and our Maori elders. School pupils read prayers and Martin Elms, the principal of the school offered the following in the spirit of Matariki:

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

The cold winds of winter will soon
whisper of spring.

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

May the love and prayers of our
ancestors,

Tangata whenua, Presentation sisters,
parishioners and family,

wrap around us like the korowai
and the mantle of our patron Te
Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti.

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

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


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

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


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

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

Martin Elms School Principal



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Symposium on Church Architecture - 3 Views

The Symposium on Church Architecture held at Grace Hall on Saturday, 20th June was very well attended - the hall was full, in fact. We first shared our vision of "church", with each other which was very fruitful.

The first speaker, Mark Southcombe, is an architect from Victoria University with church building experience, the other, Mark Richards, Pastoral Director from Palmerston North Diocese, is an expert on ecclesial matters. We were told that the essential elements of a church were (in order of importance) 1. a Sanctuary 2. an altar 3. an ambo (i.e. place to read the lectionary from), 4. space for the congregation, 5. tabernacle and 6. baptismal font.

Where the tabernacle and baptistry were placed was debatable, as was whether the font was full immersion or not.

We were left with some answers, lots of ideas and much to be decided as a parish. The consensus seemed to be that we had to trust those chosen to be the design team to put our ideas into practice.

Glen McCullough

Two questions were used for small group discussions at the symposium, what is church, and what are the essential elements of being church?

As I reviewed the collective responses I was initially struck by the sheer volume, with there being 26 A3 pages of responses. While this initially overwhelmed me, on reading through the pages, I was surprised by the overlap in responses for each of the questions. On thinking about the

questions, as they are closely related, the overlap in responses is quite understandable.

After reading the responses a few times I was left with the impression that the church can be seen both as a physical sacred place and a community of the faith-filled people. As numerical support I counted the occurrences of words and *place*, *community* and *people* each scored around 20 hits.

Church is seen as a place where we gather to celebrate sacramental life. It's also a place where we have a sense of belonging, pray, are nourished, supported, challenged, reflect, evolve and grow. As a Church community we have many small groups and are also connected beyond our local boundaries with the domestic and international church. As a community of people we are diverse with a wide range of ages and ethnicities.

At this point in the review, I was wondering if God/Jesus/Spirit had left the room. I once again returned to the responses and discovered that they were still with us and collectively, by a narrow margin, had scored the most number of hits. A few direct quotes from the responses to the question, what is church?

"A gathering place for worship and experiencing the presence of God."

"A group of people joining together for one mission, Jesus Christ."

"Church – is us working for JC – a strong loving community reaching out."



Moving on to the second question, the most frequently mentioned essential elements of church were *Eucharist*, *welcoming*, and *community*. Other essential elements included love, faith, hope, diversity (in age and culture), witness, prayer, music, joyful, healing, compassion, sacramental, and mission. A few direct quotes from responses to the question,

"Christ's presence – the essential element."

"Taking the message out to the world."

While reading the responses I was reminded of Galatians 5:22 "What the spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control."

I hope this summary provides you with a helpful insight into the responses expressed at the church symposium small group sessions.

David Greening, chair, Communication & Change Management Team

Pilgrims on a Journey - the Symposium

"The God of heaven himself will help us succeed; therefore, we will arise and build" Nehemiah 2:20:

The rallying call from the Old Testament book of Nehemiah formed part of the opening prayer presented by Clare Borst at the "Building a Church" symposium, the first step on the journey for many parishioners.

A wild rainstorm throughout the region did not deter some 120 parishioners from attending, but they did disrupt the planned speaking order for the day.

Like Nehemiah, whose inspection tour of the torn-down walls of Jerusalem was halted when his donkey encountered rubble on the road, Mark Richards' journey from Palmerston North was disrupted by washed out bridges and flooding.

Some speedy alterations with the programme saw us gathering in small groups to contemplate "what is Church" before the second speaker, architect and Victoria University lecturer Mark Southcombe arrived in time to deliver his presentation early.

A slide show of churches ancient and modern demonstrated the principles of church architecture and the complexities of making the design work for Catholic worship.

Mark was particular to point out the effect of light on the sanctuary space in many of the more modern churches.

This was a point picked up later in the day by the now second speaker Mark Richards, Pastoral Director for Palmerston North Parish when he spoke of congregations worshipping in buildings that called attention to "the realms of heaven".

Mark Richards referred to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) as he spoke of the liturgical requirements for the structure of a Catholic Church, including the altar and its surrounds and the conditions for worship for the congregation.

Questions came from the audience about practical and theological aspects of the new building and will surely continue to be asked as the process of designing and building our new church continues.

However, Mark Southcombe's years of designing for congregations were reflected in his impassioned closing plea, "Trust your architect."

Stepping out - the Blessing

A couple of weeks later the focus on the journey shifted as we set our feet on the land where the new church and relocated school will be built. It was a first sighting for many of the large tract of land which will be our new spiritual home.

The "blue mantle" of the sky, reminder of the mantle of our patron, Our Lady of Kāpiti, was over us all as we gathered after Mass – even though grey skies and a chill wind were to follow.

After the opening prayer from Sr Breda, we walked to the centre of the field with sight lines to the statue of Mary on the hill.

Kaumatua Tuki Takiwa and Ake Taiaki blessed the land and they were joined by other members of the Maori community in leading waiata and karakia. A special guest at the blessing

was Reverend Henry Resink, vicar of St Paul's Anglican Church, our near neighbour on Kapiti Rd.

With the school building the first to get underway, principal Martin Elms and some of the pupils also prayed for the relocated school – for the Presentation Sisters who founded the school and for staff and students, present and future.



Moving forward - Architects' Presentation

With Studio Pacific Architure chosen as the designers of Our Lady of Kāpiti's building projects, it was time for the parishioners to hear some of the factors that will influence the design. Architects were present at Masses in early August to explain some of those, such as the links to the other Catholic churches of the Kāpiti Coast, the ecology and history of the land.

We now wait and pray for the next development on our pilgrim journey and for the people who will make it happen.

"The God of Heaven himself will help us succeed."

Margaret Irvine

Upcoming Events

Ladies Do Lunch - A Warm Invitation

Teams of ladies are being formed with the object of holding a lunch every month. Each lunch is hosted by a member of the team, and each of the ten guests is asked to donate \$10 towards the church building fund. Once a core team is formed they can then choose a convenient time and date. It is important that attendance is regular so we can raise \$100 per team each month.

There will be times when members are unable to attend their lunch date; in these cases they are welcome to ring another team leader and attend a neighbouring lunch.

There will be team members who are not keen to host by themselves or

cannot host in their own homes. They may choose to consider hosting with someone else in the team.

It is important to understand that these lunches should be kept simple as the object is fellowship and to raise much needed funds for our new church.

To find out more about a team in your area and for a day that suits you, please call Velma Knight on Ph. 299 1539, leave a message if necessary., or email dvknight@xtra.co.nz.

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"Let's Build a Church"

Dinner Dance

Go back a year or two and many people said that our Outdoor Mass at Southwards represented the visible start of our combined Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish.

Similarly people are saying that the Goodman's 'Let's build a Church' function could well represent a major footstep along the way to our new Church and School.

This event will be a stunner with a fabulous five piece dance band - that means don't forget your dancing shoes. The dinner is being professionally catered with dinner wines included.

The tickets are \$85 per head or \$800 per table of 10.

At the time of writing the room is already half full with a number of local businesses who have bought sponsorships in support of the event.

Goodman Construction are at the top of the sponsorship list, with Ferndale Estate Subdivision, Jim and Joan Bolger, Waikanae Health Centre, Kapiti Coast Funeral Homes, Breaden McCardle Chubb, solicitors, Chris Lee Stockbrokers, Mitre 10 Mega Kapiti, New World Waikanae, NZME Media and

HMC Kapiti, are all aboard with generous support.

We make no pretence, the evening is a fundraiser and there's a fabulous auction; you will have seen the magnificent Lee Russell painting 'The Vigil' that we've had commissioned. It, plus 10 limited commission framed prints, will all go under the auctioneer's hammer. There are other great auction items as well.

There is also a marvellous raffle that's on the go, with a great travel package as first prize, a dinner party as second prize and \$500 in Mitre 10 Mega and New World gift vouchers as third prize, all in aid of the cause.

The journey starts here and what a trip that we have in front of us. Jump aboard with this fabulous night out. There can be plenty of fun to be had along the way.

For tickets contact the Parish Office 9025815. Or everything can be done online. Or Trilogi United Travel at Kāpiti Lights have tickets too.

For any sponsorship or general enquiries contact bobhouston@xtra.co.nz or phone 0274 898017

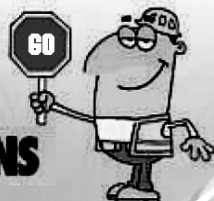
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Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rather than a saint, in this issue we take a look at the various names and titles that Mary has been given. No doubt there are others that have been added in the years after Pope Sixtus V gave his approval in 1587, not least of which is Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti.

Holy Mary, pray for us.
Holy Mother of God, pray for us.
Holy Virgin of virgins, pray for us.
Mother of Christ, pray for us.
Mother of divine grace, pray for us.
Mother most pure, pray for us.
Mother most chaste, pray for us.
Mother inviolate, pray for us.
Mother undefiled, pray for us.
Mother most amiable, pray for us.
Mother most admirable, pray for us.
Mother of good counsel, pray for us.
Mother of our Creator, pray for us.
Mother of our Saviour, pray for us.
Virgin most prudent, pray for us.
Virgin most venerable, pray for us.
Virgin most renowned, pray for us.
Virgin most powerful, pray for us.
Virgin most merciful, pray for us.
Virgin most faithful, pray for us.
Mirror of justice, pray for us.
Seat of wisdom, pray for us.
Cause of our joy, pray for us.
Spiritual vessel, pray for us.
Vessel of honour, pray for us.
Singular vessel of devotion, pray for us.
Mystical rose, pray for us.
Tower of David, pray for us.
Tower of ivory, pray for us.
House of gold, pray for us.
Ark of the Covenant, pray for us.
Gate of Heaven, pray for us.
Morning star, pray for us.
Health of the sick, pray for us.

Refuge of sinners, pray for us.
Comforter of the afflicted, pray for us.
Help of Christians, pray for us.
Queen of angels, pray for us.
Queen of patriarchs, pray for us.
Queen of prophets, pray for us.
Queen of apostles, pray for us.
Queen of martyrs, pray for us.
Queen of confessors, pray for us.
Queen of virgins, pray for us.
Queen of all saints, pray for us.
Queen conceived without Original Sin, pray for us.
Queen assumed into Heaven, pray for us.
Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray for us.
Queen of peace, pray for us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we Thy Servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, be delivered from present sorrow and enjoy eternal happiness.
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Approved by Pope Sixtus V in 1587

A Little Bit of This and a Bit of That

The Magic Bank Account

It has come to my attention that a wealthy man has included you in his last will and testament. 'How come?' you might ask.

Our Father is very wealthy. And the news is out - the richest One in the universe has designated you among His heirs. How eagerly should you be searching His will and testament to find out exactly what it is He has bequeathed you.

Why should you remain a hungry pauper when you are an heir of the Father and joint-heir with the beloved Son.

But that's not all. He is already giving you a taste of that wealth. Read on
Imagine that you had won the following "prize" in a contest: each morning your bank would deposit

\$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules:

The set of rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, "game over!". It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for



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yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?



Actually, this game is real ...

Shocked ??? Yes!

Each of us is already a winner of this "prize". We just can't seem to see it.

The prize is "time".

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.

4. Yesterday is forever gone.

5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time without warning...

So, what will you do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the

same amount in

dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much more quickly than you think.

So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start "spending"....

Author unknown.

Found in billfold of coach Paul Bear Bryant, Alabama, after he died in 1982



Weeds And Flowers In God's Bouquet

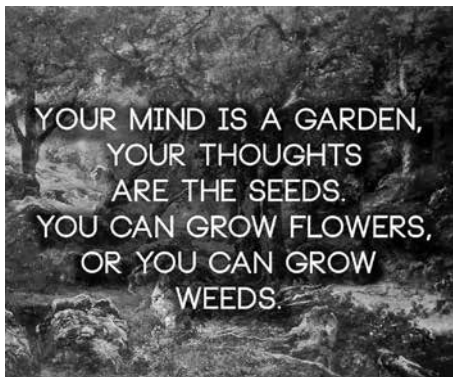
Jesus' explanation about the harvest at the end of time, raises, in my mind, the question: Why do we have to wait until the end of the world for God to rescue us from evildoers? I want them out of my life -- NOW!

Oops, how selfish of me! That would make my life extremely easy, but what about the people who are weeds in my plot of land in the field? What about their lives? What about their eternal lives?

We Christians are nurtured in the garden of God's love to grow strong and tall, as beautiful flowers, so that

we can make the world a prettier place. We have been commissioned by Christ to go into the world with our fragrance, which is the perfume of heaven, to affect the lives of the weedy, so that they, too, will want to convert into flowers for the bouquet of God's kingdom.

If weeds are yanked out too early (such as when criminals are executed by a death penalty or when we eject troublemakers from our lives), they lose future opportunities for conversion. Then, we who wanted our soils free of their filth will have



to explain to God why we didn't care about their souls.

Oh, and by the way, some weeds are quite ugly, but some are very pretty. We have to learn to recognize the difference between beautiful weeds and true flowers so that we aren't duped into accepting their sins as okay and end up joining them in their filth. But what is that difference?

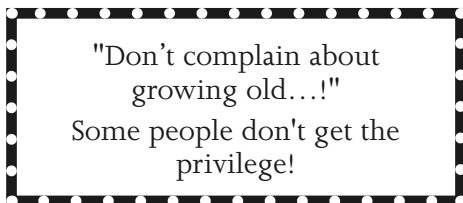
A weed is any plant that's growing where it's not supposed to be. Grass is a weed in a corn field, but on my lawn, corn would be the weed. A weed-person is anyone who is not committed to being one of God's beautiful flowers.

My job, as a commissioned Christian is to help weed-people discover their true beauty and fragrance, i.e., who they are as children of God and how they can grow into beautiful flowers. Meanwhile, this does not mean allowing their sins to hurt us. We need to figure out, often with professional help, how to prevent their weedy poison from harming us and from spreading. And we have to stay in close contact with God so that we know

when it's time to pluck them out and give others a chance to convert them. All weeds start out as plants that God made and called "good." In their rightful place, doing what God designed them to do, they're not weeds, but by growing in ways that they were not designed to do, they became evil-doers. Weeds are unblossomed flowers who have not discovered their true identities as children of God nor their true calling as servants of God.

Instead of complaining about the evildoers, we should do what we were commissioned and empowered by God to do: Reach out to the weeds and help them discover their inner beauty and awaken their desire to be true flowers in God's bouquet.

Terri Modica



Parish Directory August 2015

This directory is as accurate as we are able to make it at this stage, as our new parish develops new structures and ways of doing things. Please let us know if there are any errors or omissions on these pages.

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