



Pastoral Pages

Parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti

Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti

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Trinity Sunday

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What's Inside?

Reflections on the Trinity

Updates on the new church
and much, much more.

Editorial



Who said you can't teach an old dog new tricks? I've just spent a very 'interesting' couple of weeks coming to grips with a new (for me) computer programme in an attempt to produce an edition of Pastoral Pages that looks half as good as Glen's version. Glen is overseas enjoying some well deserved R&R but I will be VERY pleased to see him come back. Please forgive any shortfalls - the most glaring being the truncated directory.

This weekend we celebrate Trinity Sunday so we take the opportunity to consider relationships in the reflections section, in the updates section, various parish groups bring us up to speed on what's been happening for them and we put names to faces for the Parish Building Project Steering Group. Eden has given us details on the meaning behind the murals and we also remember some of our recently deceased. You can find out what pruning has got to do with our faith journey and learn some life lessons.

We hope you enjoy your read.

Anna, Bill, Glen, Ishbel, Margaret

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Reflections

The Trinity - that's relationship

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Many Catholics learn the sign of the Cross as their first prayer - at the beginning and end of Mass, daily prayers, grace before meals and the Rosary. It is an integral part of the Sacraments as it invokes the Trinity.

Since I was a child I have known that the Trinity is made up of three distinct persons in One God. Three entirely individual persons, able to know and love others but belonging in unity. The relationship between them is other-centred and sacrificial, and they have eternal and joyful communion.

Relationship is the essence of divine and human reality and existence. The Trinity is in relationship not only with each other but also with us and the rest of creation and we are in relationship with God, each other and creation.

God is love (1. Jn 4:8). Love is often translated as charity and Saint Augustine says, 'Whoever has seen charity, has seen the Trinity'. I like to imagine the Trinity when Jesus was baptised in the Jordan River and the Holy Spirit appeared over Him in the form of a dove. The voice of God the Father was heard to say, 'This is My Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased'. There is a strong sense of profound intimacy in this image as the three of them acknowledge their love for each other by word, action and presence.

Once a priest asked the children at Mass 'What does love feel like?' and my 5-year-old son answered, 'Safe'. Love means many things to many people but it contains, for many, three foundation stones - security, self-worth and

significance. Security, or feeling safe, is enhanced when we are in relationship with others. The old adage of 'safety in numbers' is very apt. Mother Teresa of Calcutta described the greatest dis-ease on earth as loneliness. We were born to be in relationship with others.

As a counsellor, I find people who are isolated from others, struggle to find meaning in their lives. Their sense of self-worth is affected as they see little significance in their existence. Comments such as 'If I died, who would miss me?' or 'What is the point of it all?' indicate a deep sense of loneliness that is often remedied by connection and communication with those around them. Others may choose to fill the void with some form of addiction such as drugs, alcohol, pornography or gambling. Having a support network, relating to others, is imperative for people in attaining healing and wholeness. The template for this can be found in the Trinity who work together through action and interaction.

As our Parish comes together, to effect a reconciling harmony between diversity and unity, human freedom and solidarity, we can draw strength from the love of the Trinity which dwells in each one of us. Knowing we are not alone helps us to achieve so much more. It doesn't mean we need to do extraordinary or amazing things for others. It means knowing how to do ordinary things extraordinarily well and with tenderness. And, as with the Trinity, we can maintain our individuality whilst living in loving relationship with others.

Nicola Curtis

The Trinity - Circle of Love

I believe the Trinity speaks of relationship - a circle of love – the Father to the Son, the Son to the Spirit, bound together as one – three persons but one God. Through baptism we become part of this relationship, baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Every time we make the sign of the Cross we acknowledge this relationship. We acknowledge that we belong and are bound together as one in community with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and with each other.

Remember when Jesus prayed to His Father just before His arrest, he said “I pray that they may all be one, Father. May they be in us, just as you are in me and I am in you. ... I in them and you in me, so that they may be completely one ...” (John 17:21; 23).

Thomas Merton puts it so well – “Let us live in this love and this happiness. You and I and all of us, in the love of Christ and in contemplation, for this is where we find ourselves and one another as we truly are. It is only in this love that we at last become real. For it is here that we most truly share the life of one God in three persons.” (*New Seeds of Contemplation*)

Clare Borst

At the ‘Jesus for Real’ Masses, Fr Kev often tells us “You are infinitely loved and infinitely loveable”.

Jean Vanier writes; “It has been in L’Arche, resting with Eric or Loic in my arms that I have tasted just a little the joy and peace of the Trinity, the unity Jesus promises us. There is something contemplative in our life in L’Arche as we rest with another, one in another and together in Jesus and the Father.”*

Jesus prays in the Gospel of John 17, 21, “May they all be one just as, Father, you are in me and I in you, so that may be in us;”

These three voices tell me I am loved and I am loveable; it is in Community (Parish) that I can experience the Trinity; and God the Father, Son and Spirit call us to unity with them.

How does this come about?

Jean Vanier writes (ibid), “Jesus came onto this earth to call us all into the Communion, the quiet ecstasy and gentle joy he lives with the Father. We are not just doers for God, nor just servants of God or co-creators with God. We are his friends and beloved children. We are called into the to-and-fro of the love of the Trinity, mutually giving and receiving.”

Michele Ness

‘The Poor at the Heart of L’Arche’, by Jean Vanier (available at L’Arche Office)

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God the Father and the Friendship of the Holy Spirit be with all of us and our loved ones

The Trinity Causes Problems

Like millions before me I have problems with the Trinity. It's like when I phone up heaven and get the celestial voicemail, I don't know whether to push button 1 for the Father, 2 for the Son or 3 for the Holy Spirit.

It's enough of a problem trying to communicate with an infinite God who is way above our reason, without his complicating things further by being three persons in one.

It's a hard one for the theologians to get their heads around, but I think I have at last got a working hypothesis which suits me: When you want something, go to the right person.

So I look at the special attributes of the three Persons....

There's kindly God the Father; you can ask him for anything you would seek from Dad. And we're told it helps if you

mention his son's name.

And his son, our brother in his humanity. We know our brothers and sisters almost as well as we know ourselves because we share the same genes. Jesus is one of us, able to share our hopes, our joys and our pains. Of the three persons, Jesus is the one with whom we can feel an intimate human fellowship.

Then the Holy Spirit.... the more-feminine person of the Holy Trinity family. The Spirit is wisdom, understanding, honesty and love. The Spirit is the source of grace and faith.

That's the closest I can get to the mystery of the Trinity with my limited intelligence.

As I said, it's a working hypothesis. And I hope it may work for you too.

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More Trinity Thoughts

“Father, Son, and Holy Spirit remind us that there is always more of God than we know, always more of God than we can explain, always more of God than we can show. The Trinity says God is not in a box but is bigger, much bigger than we imagine. God is more powerful than we sometimes want to believe or remember, but in remembering there is great comfort.”

Thomas R. Steagald

Every Disciple's Journey:

“We can discover much about God by looking at nature. Take the Trinity for example. The Trinity is sort of like an apple. You’ve got the seeds, the flesh, and the skin. Three different things. Still, together they form one thing, an apple.

And under no circumstances will one apple be three things, but the seeds, skin, and flesh will always be three things.”

Alan de Jager

“The doctrine of the Trinity means that relationship, that fellowship, that togetherness and sharing, that self-giving and other-centeredness are not afterthoughts with God, but the deepest truth about the being of God. The Father is not consumed with Himself; He loves the Son and the Spirit. And the Son is not riddled with narcissism; he loves his Father and the Spirit. And the Spirit is not preoccupied with himself and his own glory; the Spirit loves the Father and the Son. Giving, not taking; other-centeredness, not self-centeredness; sharing, not hoarding are what fire the rockets of God and lie at the very center of God’s existence as Father, Son and Spirit.”

C. Baxter Kruger

Jesus and the Undoing of Adam

“When a man falls in love, he sees the beloved in an idealized vision which to the rest of the world seems unjustified by the facts of the woman’s character and appearance. The lover feels towards his beloved, thus idealized, a rapture of devotion, which seems to blend humility with exultation, self-giving with grateful receiving, in a joyful interchange of laughter and courtesy. What is the real significance of this vision and the mutual relationship which can emerge from it? [Charles] Williams tells us that the lover sees his beloved as all men would see one another, and all things, had not man fallen from his state of original innocence. He sees his beloved as all men ought to see their fellow-men ‘in God’. The relationship between lover and beloved which emerges is (at its best) the relationship of joyful giving and receiving which ought to join all people together. Already such relationships exist among the perfected in Heaven. And the archetype of such perfected relationships is the coherence of the Three Persons of the Trinity.”

*Harry Blamires, The Christian Mind:
How Should a Christian Think?*

There is nothing more valuable, desirable, worthwhile or wondrous than the divine life of the holy Three. From the beginning we were designed to be part of their divine community. We are not soul freelancers, but beings created to dance in the arm of the Trinity. And our worship is always a response to the Trinity’s unchanging ardour and desire for us. Spiritual disciplines that do not help us partner with the Trinity in worship are empty, worthless acts and a perfect waste of time.

*Adele Ahlberg Calhoun
Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*

Fr Jim's Been Thinking ...

... about the Trinity too



The greatest revelation of our Christian faith is that the God of the Bible is a communion of three divine persons having one divine nature. Like all revelation, the process involved was gradual; initially the Old Testament (OT) revealed the oneness of God and it was left to New Testament (NT) writers to make known God's triune nature. The word "Trinity" became part of the Church's vocabulary only during the 2nd century AD when the doctrine was being defined.

In the OT God is declared to be "one" (Deut 6:4)—and is the basic tenet of Israel's creed. This professes that Yahweh is the only true God and Creator of the world and that no other gods exist but him (Deut 4:35, 39; 32:39; Isa 45:5, 18). Monotheism was Israel's answer to the plethora of gods and goddesses honoured by their neighbours and summoned Israel to give unwavering allegiance to God's covenant.

NT narratives of the Transfiguration (Mt 17:1-8; Mk 9:2-9; Lk 9:28-36; 2 Pet 1:16-18) all indicate the reality of the Trinity while Jesus' extensive instructions for the disciples about relationships with God (Jn 13:31-17:26) include the truth of Father, himself and the Advocate. Paul's belief in the Trinity is expressed in his blessing for the people Corinth: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. NRSV (2 Cor 13:14; cf Mt 11:25-27).

We might find it difficult to understand why it became so tough for many in the Church to accept Trinity, after all it was spelled out in the NT, wasn't it? Or was it? Debates arose because belief in the Trinity depends on an acceptance of Jesus as divine and many found this to be problematic. A number of heresies such as Arianism sprang up and all needed to be addressed. It was not until near the end of the 4th Century that most matters were settled. Church councils called to determine the truth included Nicaea - 325 AD, Alexandria - 362 AD and Constantinople I - 381 AD. Hilary of Poitiers, Athanasius, Basil of Caesarea, Gregory of Nyssa, and Gregory of Nazianzus were among the many saints who grappled with the numerous questions.

The Trinity is a communion - a relationship - a relationship of love. Were there no Trinity, God could not love or even be love. Love would not exist: hence we could not exist since love can exist only in relationships.

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Opinion

Pruning our Parish

Reflections on Fr Michael's sermon on John 15: 1-8, 10.00 Mass, Sunday 3rd May

Fr Michael's sermon and demonstration of pruning techniques certainly hit home for me. I found it helpful and challenging at personal and family levels, but, on further reflection, I believe it is worth considering whether there is a parish dimension to the pruning metaphor.

For some of us, we are in the midst of transplant shock as we adjust to new ground conditions and strive to maintain good growth habits. Perhaps others of us are inclined to bolt with leggy and rampant growth, seizing the new opportunities that are available to our expanded parish.

Let's think about pruning - always a good step when transplanting an established plant. Continuing with Michael's sermon, first we, as a parish, must cut out weakness and disease. Do we need to seek forgiveness of each other for any acts, words or omissions?

Next we need to look at healthy growth. Are there areas of our parish mission that need to be cut back so that they do not become leggy or weaken the plant's growth as a whole?

Thirdly, we need to consider our direction of growth. Michael emphasized that pruning must always be to an outward-facing bud. Our challenge is to remain mission orientated and fruit orientated as we grow into a robust and long-living, fruitful transplant.

Can we go beyond the pruning and consider what else the grapevine needs? What of fertiliser? Prayer, prayer and more prayer combined with discernment.

The rain and sunshine needed for growth? God's mercy and grace.

We must also remember that every rose (and grapevine) is grafted on to root stock. For us that root stock is the Catholic church and its traditions.

Will you indulge my extending the metaphor even further?

Who manipulates the secateurs? The Holy Spirit.

The plant is not hidden but planted where it can be seen. Our new church's location is in a position where it will be seen by all who travel along the new express-way.


But are the individual flowers (the people of the parish) hiding? Are we allowing ourselves to be nurtured by the bees, the rain, the sun - are our ministries all pollinating each other?

Hopefully we will all ponder what needs to be cut back and let go so that we can grow healthily and produce good fruits.

Peter Ryan



*In giving of ourselves to others we live His life.
This is community.*



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Our Pastoral Area Murals

Last issue we promised an explanation of the murals designed by Eden Smith to mark the Kapiti/Horowhenua Pastoral Area Outdoor Mass held at the Otaki Racecourse in February 2015. Eden has graciously provided us with this explanation. Thanks Eden.

The white cross in each mural symbolises the pure of heart and staunch beliefs of the

Catholic Faith regardless of our culture.



Waikanae: Although it is a young church, its roots branch from years of community work. The sun represents the progress and forward outlook that the people bring as it burns brightly in the sky. The path that we choose may not initially be easy but it ultimately leads to a brighter tomorrow as others are brought into a community of young knowledge, sharing it with the youth of tomorrow.

Paraparaumu: The turtle at the bottom is a symbol of navigation, harmony and of long life. God is our rock and the turtle is a creature made in His image. In time, the generation to come will show the way to cultural harmony and will look after one another as we embrace growth of understanding through the different types of people in this community. As one we can support life that never begins or ends only continues teaching. As one the community supports everyone like a boat in the sea (L'Arche logo).



Updates from Parish Groups

Parish Council

Firstly, we're delighted to introduce two new members of the Parish Council – they are Evita McGuire of Waikanae and Nida Leckie of Paraparaumu. Both Evita and Nida are members of the Kapiti Filipino community and bring a welcome diversity to the pastoral work of Council.

Recent meetings of the Council (March and April) have included much discussion on the planned developments for the relocated school and the new Church and Parish centre. The comments from the parish-wide survey have been collated, analysed and referred on to the relevant working groups.

Work has begun on the formation and production of a "Welcome to Our Lady of Kapiti" booklet for new parishioners which we hope will be available shortly. It will be a most useful resource for existing parishioners too.

Several members of the Council recently spent an evening with the Parish Youth Group – an opportunity to mix and mingle with the generation who are

the future of our Church. They gave us some interesting input too into the kind of physical building they envisage as our new Parish home.

As part of the ongoing development of the Parish Pastoral Plan, we have talked around the theme of bereavement services for our Parish. The reality is that the number of funerals will only increase (average over the past year is about one per week) and we need to take the necessary steps to ensure, as much as is possible, that the religious, physical and emotional needs of the individual and his or her family are adequately met.

And Kapiti Events (Council member Bob Houston) will continue to orchestrate functions which, most importantly, provide funds for those in need, but also provide enjoyable social gatherings for both Catholics and the wider community. Currently there are thoughts about a Spring Ball and another Celebrity Roast. Watch this space.

Justin du Fresne, PPC chair

Building a New Church - the Steering Committee

A time of challenging decision-making faces the Steering Group, responsible for the overall governance of the building project to deliver a relocated school and a new church for the parish of Our Lady of Kapiti – Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti.

Fr Michael McCabe is assisted by five parishioners who bring a varied range of workplace qualifications and life experience to their roles.

Chair is **John O'Sullivan**, whose father was on the committee that built the current St Patrick's Church in

Paraparaumu. "That group of people told us that the church would serve the parish for the next 50 years. Now it's our turn to show the same commitment and ambition."

John has been involved in management and property development for the last 40 years and says he is excited about bringing that experience to the Parish Project.

Justin du Fresne is chair of the Parish Pastoral Council and is also spokesperson for the Development group, editor of *Project on a Plate* and a member

of the Communication and Change Management Group. Justin is a retired broadcaster and has been a Kapiti Coast resident since 1985.

Chair of the Parish Finance Committee, **Michael Gaffaney**, finally retired last year. He has been chair of the Huddart Parker Building Company, Secretary of the NZ Fruitgrowers Charitable Trust and CEO of the NZ Fruitgrowers Federation and has worked for the Rural Bank. He was both a Registered Valuer and Chartered Accountant.

David Meyer, School Project and Design Lead, moved to the Kapiti Coast with his family 12 years ago. His two children attended St Patrick's School and he was chair of the Board of Trustees for four years. Having served on a number of boards, he is very familiar with board structures and the governance model.

Professionally David's career has mostly been in the sports management and marketing industry, primarily as CEO of national sporting organisations.

"I bring to the school and church projects

considerable experience and knowledge of strategic and project management, relationship building and leadership and communication expertise."

Wullie Grant has a dual role – firstly heading up the Liturgy and Building Design team whose remit is to ensure the design and build of the new church meets the needs of the parish community, now and into the future.

He is also co-ordinating the structures and processes of the Development Programme. He has vast experience in major international projects managing transformation, including advising commercial and government organisations.

Wullie, wife Margaret, and their four sons immigrated to New Zealand from the UK in 1984, settling first in Lower Hutt then moving to Waikanae in 1999.

"I have been involved in liturgy planning and music in every parish we've been in since the 1970s, always with the aim of enriching the worship life of the community through good liturgy and music."



The Steering Group for the parish building project, which met in Waikanae last Monday to consider a number of matters relating to the building project, particularly the selection of an architectural consultancy for the relocated school.

From left, Tristan McDonald, *project manager, reporting to the group*; David Meyer, *school rep*; Fr Michael McCabe, *Parish Priest*; Justin du Fresne, *PPC chair*; John O'Sullivan, *chair*; Wullie Grant, *design team chair & coordinator of development*; Michael Gaffaney *Finance Cmte chair*; David Mullin, *Archdiocesan appointee*.

Youth



The Youth Ministry year is well underway as we race through Term 2. Earlier this year our youth joined Caritas Challengers from across the country to do the Caritas 24 Hour Lenten Challenge. The experience was aimed to raise awareness and money for those affected by natural disasters in the Philippines. We were lucky enough to have members of our Filipino community, including Father Dennis, share stories from the Philippines and the effects of natural

disasters on communities. The youth also experienced missing out on the creature comforts of home as they slept on the floor at Grace Hall, worked together as a team baking goods to sell after Mass to raise funds for the Philippines. A big thank you to our young people, the leaders who supported them and the community that helped us raise over \$1400 for the people of the Philippines.

On Good Friday our youth led the Stations of the Cross – 30 young people

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helped those gathered to walk beside Jesus to Calvary, while contemplating His death and their own lives & faith.



After a 6 year break we are running a Girls Camp 22 – 24 May. We live in a world bombarded by a plethora of images and behaviours via social media, television, movies, etc. Our youth

are growing up in a world that offers continuous choices and often conflicting models of acceptable behaviour. We are offering another perspective. We seek to educate our young women that through a positive, loving relationship with God they will be able to make informed, positive choices about their bodies, relationships and future. We look forward to sharing the experiences of this camp with you in the next edition.

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

Jacqui McLaughlan

Filipino Community

In keeping with the Christian concept of faith and service, Brgy. Santa Maria Assumpta, our Filipino Catholic Community, has been actively participating in various activities and programmes of our parish - as Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Flower Arrangers, Choir and Altar Servers for Filipino and regular masses at St. Patrick's and Our Lady of Fatima Churches, and also spearheading a few activities catering for other parishioners.

Some highlights include:

- 6th December - Christmas fellowship

evening at the Paraparaumu Memorial Hall, featuring fund-raising for 18-month old Jal Stefan, who needed brain and heart surgeries.

- contributing time and resources, to the success of the parish's Christmas Luncheon at Southwards.
- Pastoral Area Mass at Otaki Racecourse on 15 February, showcased Filipino dancing grace and skill through the Munting Bayanihan Dance Ministry.
- support for St. Patrick's School Twilight Gala, through a Filipino food stall and a dance performance by



Munting Bayanihan.

- hosting two integrated masses at St. Patrick's Church on 8th March and 3rd May.
- Fr. Dennis, Mayie Pagalilauan and Susan Morgan, speaking to participants of the 24-Hour Caritas Lenten Challenge about the realities of living in disaster areas in the Philippines. Seven Filipino Youth also participated in this challenge.
- the chance to strengthen faith and renew commitment to serve by attending the Lenten Recollection on 22nd March at St. Gerard's Monastery.
- preparing the liturgy for the annual Filipino Palm Sunday Pilgrimage and youth participating in the parish's "Stations of the Cross for Teens - By Your Side" on Good Friday.
- joining the Cenacle Sisters in March in welcoming Sr. Maria Nerissa Bandojo, rc and Tessa Rosana, a Cenacle Companion, visiting New Zealand from the

Philippines - a night of prayer, songs and great fellowship.

Events coming up:

1. regular monthly Filipino Mass at 5 p.m. on First Sundays of June, July, September, October, November 2015 (alternates between Our Lady of Fatima and St. Patrick's Churches).
2. commemoration of the Feast of our Patron Saint, Our Lady of Assumption, 15 August. A Parish-integrated Mass will be held followed by a fellowship dinner for the Filipino Community and the wider parish. Details given later.
3. Brgy. Sta. Maria Assumpta will sponsor a Seven Day Novena and mass for Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Saturday 5th December at Our Lady of Fatima Church.
4. Monthly bible study for adults and bi-monthly bible study for youth led by Bernie Velasco.

Judith Salamat and Mayie Pagalilauan

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3-year-old Reese:
"Our Father, Who does art
in heaven, Harold is His
name. Amen."

School

Some amazing times are ahead for the Parish and the school with the relocation to Milne Drive.

The opportunity for a Board, Principal and staff to be involved in the design and build of a completely new relocated school is very rare indeed and a privilege. We are taking very seriously our responsibility, alongside the archdiocese and parish, to ensure that the best possible facilities are put in place to support Catholic education on the Kapiti coast for future generations of children.

Gospel values will continue to underpin everything we do and the charism and legacy of the Presentation sisters will be treasured as we move forward into the future.

Our strategic plan for the school is based around the goals outlined in the *The Catholic Education of School-age Children* from the NZ Catholic Bishops' Conference 2014.

“First and foremost every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth.” Pope Benedict XVI 2008

Achieving the best possible academic standards is a goal for all Catholic schools. In its academic standards the Catholic school is required to be “at least as outstanding” as other schools in its area. Parents should not have to choose between the best academic standards and a Catholic education; the Catholic school should embody both. Expecting and facilitating the achievement of the best possible academic standards for all

children, whatever their ability, is part of enabling each student to use his or her God-given talents in promoting the good of society and the spread of the kingdom of God.’

Our academic results clearly show that our student achievements in literacy and numeracy are ‘at least as outstanding’ as other schools in our area, as well as nationally.

Thank you all for your wonderful support and prayers. We pray for the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit for those charged with bringing to fruition the Parish vision of relocating the church and school onto the new site.

Martin Elms, Principal



Introducing Parish Groups & People

5.30 Mass Music Group

“Come into God’s presence with singing...” Psalm 95.

It’s a joy to be part of the 5.30pm music group every 3rd Saturday. We have guitars, flute and voices to lead the music. We aim to choose music for the liturgy that relates to the theme of the Sunday readings and that people enjoy singing. We often include something in Te Reo Maori to connect us with our context of Aotearoa as well as teaching a new song or antiphon regularly.

Who are we? Clare O’Connor and Anne Powell from the Cenacle Sisters community; Joanna Devane, music teacher at Otaki College; Kerry Power used to work the land and feels privileged to be part of the music group; Barbara Henley, Sister of the Missions and Snedden Village coordinator; Joan



Gore SMSM Sister and our resident cantor.

It’s a privilege and joy to be involved in this ministry. We especially enjoyed leading the music for the Christmas Vigil at Waikanae.

We practise for an hour before Mass and other times for special events. If you play an instrument or love singing and would like to join the group, please contact clare@cenacle.org.nz.

Clare O’Connor

*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

Our Lady of Kapiti Events

We don't raise money to accumulate it; we raise money to support those in need.

Origins: Our Lady of Kapiti Events was born over a coffee with three parishioners discussing how we each were planning to spend Christmas 2012. Each had our own plans in place. Then the question arose, 'That's all very well for us, but what about the parish at large, and those who really have no plans?'

So our first Waikanae Parish Fundraising Christmas Party was on the planning board.

Enter a team of like-minded, generous, enthusiastic volunteers, approaches to local businesses for support and the event simply happened.

Besides being a great social event, we have raised over \$12,000 to assist locals in need.

The Aim: To support local Kapiti people in need so that they could enjoy the blessings and joys of life.

The story from there: Since then a number of successful functions, both socially and financially, have followed. These include three Christmas events, the fundraisers, the Festival of the Duck, the Justin du Fresne Roast and half a dozen or so theatre parties.

Along the way some folk have also been generous with donations to help the cause. This combined net income has meant over \$60,000 has been raised and distributed to local people in need.

As individual hardships were put before us, we were able to assist local individuals and local organizations including, through local schools, children in various areas such as back to school necessities and learn to swim campaigns.

Over the years we have gained some degree of event management expertise and some wonderful local contacts - some we were able to involve in assisting with our

first Our Lady of Kapiti Outdoor Mass at Southwards and our first Pastoral Area Mass at the Otaki Maori Racing Club.

These events simply would not have happened without the unselfish hardworking local volunteers, sponsors and some fabulous local businesses.

I don't want, for fear of omission, to list them, but to not headline the local generosity of New World, Waikanae and Sadie's Eastern Egret Cantonese Restaurant would be unjust and ungrateful. Please support these local businesses in any way possible.

A couple more local businesses that have been outstanding in both help and generosity are PartyPerfect Catering and Artel Gallery and Store.

Other local volunteers who have stepped out way beyond their comfort zone for the cause are Maureen Jones who will tackle almost anything; Kathy Campbell and Joanne Keating whose expertise is invaluable in any event management; Glenn Mc Cullough whose computer artistic skills are simply sensational.

We all work within Events as volunteers.

Where to from here?

Whilst we are mindful of the fact that the Parish has a new church to build, and we will assist in that project in any way possible, we are also mindful that our locals in need will still require help, and when people support us to support locals that is exactly what we will do.

I consider myself fortunate to be a Catholic with a social conscience, and I am just so thankful to all of you that have supported us in supporting others.

Thank you.

Bob Houston

Recent Events

Easter



Welcome to Kevin & Jeff

We're delighted to welcome the two adult parishioners who have recently been initiated into the Catholic faith through the RCIA programme and are now part of Our Lady of Kapiti faith family. Welcome to **Kevin Mansfield** and **Jeff Parkinson**.

Why do people want to join our faith? There are, of course, a myriad reasons but, on being asked what it means on becoming a Catholic, a new Catholic has commented:

My mother, a life-long Church of Christ parishioner, also urged me to become a Catholic based on her observations when she attended church with my wife on special occasions, such as Easter and Christmas. It was my mother's final wish to me.

I feel now that I am part of a large family, something that was lacking from my life before.

As I grow older I now appreciate even more the spiritual lift that I have received after becoming a catholic.

Men's Breakfasts

Joe Green

About 85 men, including 5 from St Paul's Anglican Parish, gathered for breakfast on 21st March. We were treated to a hearty breakfast, fellowship and a stimulating and challenging address from Joe Green.

Although Joe is not Maori, his connection with Maori has been one of the greatest influences in his life.

We journeyed through his early life and the impact of his father leaving his mother with three young children, his time in the seminary, his married life, teaching and eventually his career with the Police.

Joe also fitted in an Honours Degree in Sociology.

At 43 years of age his faith life changed

“like a bolt from the blue” when he read the opening of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Joe is now in the final stage of completing the Launch Out Programme.

The long title of Joe's address, translated from Maori, is “stand in the stern of the canoe and feel the spray of the future biting in your face”.

In the words of Peter Drucker, a Management Guru, “Leadership is a foul weather job”. Joe has already demonstrated he is a leader and will undoubtedly prove to be a highly valued Lay Leader.

Joe's address can be viewed via the Parish website.



Nick Maher




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Mark Richards

The Men's Breakfast on 23rd May was addressed by Mark Richards. His theme was taken from St Mark's Gospel 10:52... "and immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way."

Mark interweaved his life and faith journey with that of Bartimaeus the blind beggar, who, having received his sight, followed Jesus. Bartimaeus called out, was asked what he wanted and was given sight immediately.

Mark received his spiritual sight but gradually and he continues to search.

He recalls perceiving, at age 7, that there was a 'presence' in the stillness of the early morning mass.

He was encouraged in particular by his father to question and study religion. Finally, at age 18, Mark experienced the realism of a personal call during mass, to the priesthood he thought. He later realised he was better suited to be accompanied on his journey. After leaving the priesthood he met and

married Kate and they now have three sons. The miracle of birth he says of his children and new life. He is now the Bishop's Assistant in the Diocese of Palmerston North.



Mark considers the heart of Christianity is in community. "We cannot journey on our own. We must live our belief both spiritually and practically. Often we need others to help open our eyes."

'Blessed are those that 'Act' Mark said but cautioned that action should be preceded by correctly 'Seeing' and 'Judging'.

The well attended breakfast was most appreciative of Mark's address and if they had known, would have been equally affirming of his dash to see one of his son's play 1st XV rugby for his college.

Mark's address will be viewable via the Parish Website shortly.

Nick Maher

Self-Care for Women Workshop

During my time as a counsellor I have met many men and women who look after everyone else but tend to not care for themselves, so I decided to present a workshop for women in our parish (and any other interested ladies) about self-care.

What an awesome day it was! Over 20 women shared stories, laughter and fellowship. It was held at Anam Cara Retreat Centre in Otaki, which is a beautiful venue. I am most grateful to some of the ladies who volunteered their help with lunch during which time the place was buzzing.

Topics covered included unresolved grief, compassion fatigue, what to look out for, and 150 ways to nurture yourself. The feedback I have received is very positive.

I am hoping to have further workshops in the future including one for men titled "Lost in Translation", which addresses the different ways that men and women communicate. I would love to meet you there.

Many thanks to the ladies who attended in March. Hope you're taking care of yourselves!

Nicola Curtis

Events Coming Up

Gala

Hello everybody.

Yes there will be a gala this year and it will be held on

Sat 26th Sept. 9- 12noon.

BUT this year we are on our own. We will go forward without Tony who has just completed 11 years as our official organiser. I would like to thank Tony for his many years of service and support. I am looking for somebody to take up this position. If you would like to help us keep this good work going, I would love to hear from you. It is all about giving a little of your time to help others. Soon I will contact stall holders to see who is available to help at this year's gala.

Phone me on 905 3420 or e mail
bredapara@gmail.com.

Sr. Breda



Look out for

Ed: Whilst these events are not yet 100% confirmed, there is talk, so look out for news of them.

A Spring Ball



Blessing Ceremony

on the site of our new church on Milne Drive - see stop press on inside back page.



Parish Directory

Ed: The full and complete Parish Directory is not included this month - it needs expertise beyond my capabilities! Apologies. Further parish contacts can be found on the parish website: <http://www.kapiti-catholic.org.nz/>

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Obituaries

We are indebted to family and friends who have so generously allowed us to reprint these eulogies and articles.

Colin Borst



Colin was born in Leiden, Holland and immigrated to New Zealand in 1958 before he could be called up for military service. He joined his brother Kees. His sister, Riet, and her husband followed shortly after.

Initially they farmed near Hawera, but later Colin moved to Auckland and worked as a real estate agent and then as a salesman for Placemakers.

He met Clare in 1975 and they married in 1977. He and Clare moved to Taradale in 1982 where he continued working for Placemakers. They lived there for 20 years and Colin, as you would expect, was heavily involved with the local parish. They moved to Waikanae when Colin retired 12 years ago.

They had 2 girls, Anita and Kelly. He and Clare were immensely saddened to lose Anita to a debilitating illness when she was 8. Their strong faith saw them through this crisis in their lives.

I met Colin through our membership of the Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship.

He was a long-standing and respected member of Joshua and we enjoyed extra fellowship as we travelled to and from the monthly meetings, until his health prevented his attendance. A regular occurrence at meetings after that was the many Joshua men who asked after him.

There were many aspects to the Colin I knew and loved. He was a faithful prayer warrior and was invariably asked to be a prayer minister at charismatic gatherings. I was privileged to partner with him on many such occasions and could only marvel at the way he exercised the gifts he had been given, spiritual or otherwise.

He was a servant of God in the Church and a regular Special Minister of the Eucharist at Our Lady of Fatima church.

He was a quiet giver with a habit of making a casserole and delivering it to someone in need.

He was a devoted family man, always thinking about Clare and Kelly, proud of their achievements.

He was an astute dabbler in real estate.

Above all he was a very good friend, always ready to listen, advise, support and pray for those he cared for.

Colin had a long struggle with cancer and put his many remissions down to the power of prayer. In his final struggle he still hoped for a miracle but in the end was at peace.

A mutual friend told me at his funeral that we had a new saint in heaven who could intercede for us, and I can only agree with her.

Colin, pray for us.

Glen McCullough

Frances Walker

Frances Pauline Walker was born in Beckenham, Kent, England on 19th November, 1946 to Muriel and John Callaghan. She had an older brother, Michael, and younger brother, Brian.

Frances was a happy child, attending the one school, Loretta Convent, from the age of 4½ to 18 years in Altrincham, Cheshire. Frances married Howard on 7 September 1968 and soon after had two children, Stephen and Samantha.

Finding advancement in the UK limiting they moved to NZ on 9 October 1975. The family blossomed and three years later their third child, Sarah, was born.

After the standard 5 years of unpaid work with the children, Frances went back to paid work with CCS, Crippled Children's Society. Starting as the accounts manager, she was offered the position of Branch Manager which she carried out until 2001. She moved to Arthritis NZ and then soon after was

offered the position of Chief Executive Officer at Care NZ.

Frances' career in all the not-for-profit charitable organisations indicated her love for people with disadvantages. She was drawn to helping people who needed help. She had a wonderful disposition that brought light to those that needed it and always saw the positive side of life.

She contracted Multiple Myeloma (MM) in 2000 and the battle began with full-on treatment in 2007. She had many

treatments including chemo, steroids, new drug trials and stem cell transplant. She responded to some of these treatments



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really well and survived relatively well for the first 5 years of active treatment. She always said her garden and family, especially her grandchildren, helped immensely with remaining positive and hitting MM head on.

By 2014 Frances had already outlived most of the timelines suggested around how long somebody lives with MM. She was amazing with everything she tried doing even though her body was starting to fail from both the treatments she had endured and the MM itself. She remained positive and happy, always dressing beautifully with lippy and jewellery on, starting her day with readings from her bible and 'Word for Today'.

Up until her last days Frances had a smile on her face, lippy on and greeted everyone warmly. She knew the end was near but she wasn't yet ready to leave her family. She fought until the end. On her last day she knew we were all around her. She was at home, surrounded by her family, close friends, the garden outside, ever faithful dogs, Rollo and Addy, and Howard, her amazing husband!

Although Multiple Myeloma was an evil presence in her last years, Frances had an amazing ability to rise above this dreadful disease and not make it all encompassing. She travelled overseas many times to visit her 'wayward' children and grandchildren; she gardened continually; she shopped amazingly!; she danced the Rhumba and the Waltz so seductively with Howard; laughed heaps, loved deep and continued to remain strong in her faith. She lit up when she meet old friends and new. She loved her 'bubbly', and gin and tonic!

Nothing was better than meeting for coffee and a date scone! Walks along her beloved beach, Kapiti, were frequent.; collecting driftwood a must! She supported all her family in every endeavour whether it be watching sport, dance shows, singing shows, art exhibitions, grandparents days, plant talks, dog talks, swimming meets, running races, shopping sprees, grandparent weekends. She and dad created their famous 'walk' around town for all their visitors. It was one of her favourites - up the cable car, down through the gardens, lunch at the rose gardens, down into town through the cemetery, then finishing off along the waterfront - a marathon effort but amazing days strolling her most favourite city, Wellington.

Frances died on 21 April 2015. It was a special day already as it was Shane's, Samantha's husband, birthday. Unfortunately not much got done to celebrate Shane's birthday, but the Sunday after Frances was farewelled, the family got together for a 'debrief' about the loss of Frances. Everyone got a chance to talk. As you can imagine it was rather emotional. Finally Shane spoke and said it was a real honor to see Frances go to heaven on his birthday.

Farewell Frances - loving wife, Mum, Nan, friend and beautiful person. You are missed!!

Howard, Sam & Steve Walker



Izac Fromont

“Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage” - Lao Tzu

This is what was going on in the hospital room between Vanya and Izac.



Izac has gone from us but would not want us to be too sad for too long. He would want us to celebrate his life and take some lessons regarding LOVE and COURAGE.

We might think that 10 years is a short life. I can assure you that he packed a lot into his time

His name is spelt a little differently, which is the Romanian way of spelling Izac.

By the time he was 2 years old he had come to live with us. It was a bit of a challenge for us “older parents” having a two year old in the house but it was not long before Izac took control and had us doing what he would like us to do, rather than the other way around.

He had a cheeky grin, which would melt hearts almost regardless of what mischief he had got into.

Just prior to Izac starting school, Vanya was away overseas for 7 weeks and Izac and I survived on spaghetti on toast – little wonder he became a chef in the following years!

He started school and loved it (and

school really loved him).

Izac enjoyed his touch rugby, however, even at that stage he noticed that some days he could run faster than other days.

Izac developed into a keen fisherman. He especially enjoyed going along to the Turangi Trout Hatchery on the children’s fishing days. Children were taught to fly fish in a pond that contained more than a thousand young trout. He realized that he couldn’t miss.

Izac was hooked on shopping. When he was sick and could not talk, he had a special sign for the word shopping. Electronic tablets or devices were his favourite purchase.

Clash of the Clans is a computer game which he played day and night. It turns out that itune gift music cards he persuaded me to buy, were not for music but for various things that enhanced his status in this game. He ended up a General.

His cooking abilities are legendary. His Make a Wish was all about cooking appliances and he received some really useful gear. He watched cooking programmes a lot and retained the ideas and recipes in his head using his super memory.

A few days before Christmas 2013, nearly 18 months ago now, Izac was diagnosed with a cancerous growth on top of his spine. The doctors said that this was rare in a person under 40 years of age. This started a chain of events which took us from Wellington to Starship, Christchurch and Waikato Hospitals. The amazing thing was that while the cancer progressively affected his limbs, hearing and eyesight, his intellect and memory remained as sharp as ever and he still put

others before himself through making food and giving away his prized bike, playstation with good size flat screen, his Sony cam recorder

There is talk of the “Izac effect” - of doctors and surgeons becoming his friends and going the extra mile for him; of hundreds of people praying for him, some not ever having met him; of his providing food for others as a service, even though he could not eat himself.

Thank you to all for the prayers. It was the prayers that kept him going. We all prayed for a miracle, not knowing what that would be. As Fr Doug pointed out when he anointed Izac the day before he died, Izac himself was the miracle

There was an improvement in his condition around Easter time, which if you think about it should not have been a surprise. The doctors asked me “What’s going on? I just said “You would need to understand what Easter means.”

So, as your Grandad, I say farewell our brave man, Izac – until we meet again. Thank you for being our boy. We will love you for ever. The truth is I don’t know what I am going to do without you. I need just a small amount of the courage that you have shown over the last few years

Dave Fromont

Good morning

On behalf of David, Vanya, Gerard and the wider family, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your prayers, support and practical help throughout this journey.

The journey hasn’t been just Izac’s and hasn’t even just been ours – his immediate family. Here, today, it’s evident to me that many, many people have shared in this journey of struggle,

courage, love, healing and grace.

As I’m sure you can appreciate, our family focus has been quite singular for the last 18 months – particularly for Mum and Dad. It’s quite remarkable to see, here today, just a glimpse of the impact Izac has had in this parish and the wider community.

The way Izac approached his life, with gusto, humour, compassion and concern for others is really a testament that he did walk with God and leaves a legacy and a challenge that we, as his community, as his family, can carry with us throughout life.

Like his father, Gerard, Izac had a huge heart. His ability to bring people in and make them feel welcomed, particularly through the depths of his struggle, – really has brought together a wider family; it has galvanised a parish; it has inspired a community; it has, and will have, a profound effect that acts as a sign post for us moving forward. It is a true gift to us. Through his struggle he has found love and he has found peace.

To my loving parents, your dedication and commitment is truly astounding. May your hearts be comforted in the knowledge that you were chosen to raise an angel from heaven and your nurturing has enabled a truly wonderful gift to be bestowed upon us all.

Izac, thank you for gracing us with your presence and the gifts you leave us.

Go with God, Izac. Go with God.

Johnny Fromont



Saint

St Margaret Clithero

Margaret Clitherow, martyr, is known as the “Pearl of York” and was born in that city in 1556.

Born into a Protestant family, she was married at the age of 15 to John Clitherow, a wealthy butcher and chamberlain of the city.

She converted to Catholicism about three years later, during the time of the persecution of Catholics in England, and continually risked her life by harbouring priests. Margaret was frequently imprisoned, sometimes for two years at a time, yet never daunted, and was said to be a model of all virtues.

Although her husband remained Protestant, he had a brother who was a priest, and Margaret provided two chambers, one adjoining her house and a second elsewhere in the city, where she kept priests hidden and had Mass continually celebrated through the thick of the persecution.

On March 14, 1586, she was arraigned at the York Assizes. Her indictment was that she had harboured priests and heard Mass, but she refused to plead, since the



only witnesses against her would be her own little children and servants, whom she would not involve.

She was condemned to the peine forte et dure, “to be pressed to death”.

Although she was probably pregnant, this sentence was carried out on Good Friday. She had endured an agony of fear

the previous night, but calm, joyous and smiling, she walked barefooted to the tollbooth on Ousebridge.

Urged to confess her crimes she answered, “No, Mr. Sheriff, I die for the love of my Lord Jesu”.

A door was placed upon her, which was weighted down till her spine broke and she was crushed to death.

Her sons, Henry and William, became priests and her daughter, Anne, a nun.

St. Margaret Clithero was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970 and is the patron saint of the Catholic Women’s League.



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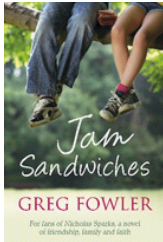
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Book Review

Jam Sandwiches by Greg Fowler



Abandoned at hospital as a new born when his mother discovered he had Down Syndrome, all but imprisoned in his bedroom by a resentful grandmother, Eddy Sullivan had every right to believe the world was a cruel and unforgiving place. But Eddy wasn't made that way. Using his solitary connection with the real world, his bedroom windows, Eddy not only manages to communicate with those about him, he touches them in

ways they could never have imagined. He more than changes lives; he literally saves them. Behind this ability to turn his greatest challenges into gifts of uncommon wisdom, grows the most wondrous of trees. Much more than simply a collection of weed and leaves, this mystical and magical tree reaches into Eddy's prison, transforming not just his bedroom but the life of this very special boy. It releases a deeper knowledge of things above and beyond his funneled view of the world. Things he has no right to know. Things about people and places. Using this otherworldly knowledge and his desperate need to be wanted, to be good enough to be loved, Eddy teaches 'his' world how to love.

A Little Bit of This and That

Fingerprints

"I will never forget you... See, I have carved you on the palm of My hand."

Begun when I was 17, this painting was born from a time when, on the brink of young adulthood, I was struggling to see value in myself. Discussing this with a priest in reconciliation, the penance he gave me was to sit in reflection (this was in the old Christchurch Cathedral on Barbados Street). "Look at your fingerprints," he told me. "Touch your hair. Remember that God drew those fingerprints on your hands. They are not the same as anyone else in the world. God knows the exact number of hairs on your head." As I reflected on this I was

reminded of the scripture "See I have carved you on the palm of My hand". Overwhelmed with a deep sense of the precious quality of each human life, including my own, I went home and painted this image. "See I have carved you in the palm of My hand." Christ is drawing the fingerprints.

Alice Gilbert



Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, open and receptive, so that I may embrace the many ways you choose to visit my life.

Create in me a clean heart, cleared of the refuse of old battles with others and deadly opposition within myself.

Create in me a clean heart, purified through the daily disruptions and the live encounters that take me beyond my grasping control and ego-centeredness.

Create in me a clean heart, freed from the clutter of cultural enticements, so that I can enjoy the beauty of life's simple things and relish the gifts I easily take for granted.

Create in me a clean heart, bathed from harsh thoughts, shame and perfectionistic tendencies, warmly welcoming others

*Lord God be all that I
need
for all that I need.*

with the embrace of nonjudgment.

Create in me a clean heart, brushed free of frantic busyness, so that I will have time to dwell with you in the listening space of solitude and silence.

Create in me a clean heart, rinsed of the residue of false messages about my identity, enabling my inner goodness and light to shine through all I am and do.

Create in me a clean heart, cleansed of anxiety and lack of trust, restoring in me an enduring faith in your abiding presence and unconditional love.

Create in me a clean heart, scrubbed of racism and prejudice, drawing me toward all as my sisters and brothers.

Create in me a clean heart, washed with your mercy and strengthened by your love, helping me move beyond whatever keeps me from union with you.

*God doesn't give you
the people you want,
He gives you the people you
NEED.*



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- 2.. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch..
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.

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22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive everyone for everything.
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is,

- not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
36. Growing old beats the alternative - dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood.
38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
- 40.. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
42. The best is yet to come.
43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
44. Yield.
45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

Regina Brett, 90 years young

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.....FROM THE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

After extensive consultation and submissions, Studio Pacific Architecture have been chosen as Architects for both the relocated school and for our new Church. A highly regarded and respected firm, Studio Pacific's previous work includes St Joseph's church by the Basin Reserve in Wellington. Quantity Surveyors and Planners have also been selected and engaged for the work ahead.

The "paddock" on Tongariro Street (the green space opposite and belonging to St Patrick's school) has been sold to L'Arche NZ Ltd.

On Saturday **June 20th** a **Parish symposium** will be held in Grace Hall at St Patrick's school. The purpose of the gathering is to gather and exchange ideas for the liturgical design of our new Church. The experienced facilitators/speakers will include Fr Patrick Bridgeman, Mark Richards and Mark Southcombe – all with a deep knowledge and understanding of current liturgical design. The day will run from 11am till 4pm with a shared BYO lunch. A bus may be arranged to transport parishioners from Waikanae – details will be given in the weekly parish newsletter.

On Sunday **28th June** we hope to have a **formal blessing** of the site on Milne Drive after the 10.00am Mass at St Patricks. Further details will be published in the Parish Newsletter.

Please remember to **pray** for wisdom for those on the various teams AND for us as a parish - may we grow in unity and community.



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