

Pastoral Pages

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Elections 2014



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What's inside?

Reflections on Gaza & the Election
Parish Updates & Reports on Recent Events
and much more



Editorial

Over the past few years, as we have moved towards becoming a Pastoral Area and then a new Parish, Pastoral Pages has focused on issues to do with that coming together. Now it

is timely to consider two issues of a less parochial nature - Gaza and the elections. How are you called to become involved? We provide a number of articles and sources for you to consider and reflect on.

We have a full report on the recent *My Faith, My Church* series of evenings and lots of photos of different parish events. Check out the future events on pg 24 and mark your diaries – see you at the gala on 27th September.

We hope you enjoy this issue.

Anna, Glen, Bill, Margaret & Ishbel

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Reflections

Gaza

The Scars Will Last a Lifetime

'On Tuesday I had a really tough day at work... I've been living in the Gaza Strip for 13 years and I've been working for Caritas since 2009. Many of the buildings in front of my house have been bombed. I've got two children, aged two and six, and they cry a lot because of the bombings. In spite of what is happening now, I hope that the time will come when they will be able to have a life where there's peace and love rather than wars and violence.

Caritas offers psychological support to help children come to terms with the recurrent conflicts, but I often wonder how all this violence will affect them as they grow up. I remember Caritas mobile medical teams talking about the effects of the 2009 conflict on children in Gaza. They were seeing traumatised children of all ages with eating disorders, insomnia, chronic fear and bed-wetting. In fact, to this day, most families in Gaza are still suffering from the effects of the previous wars in 2009 and 2012. Talk to most people and they'll tell you about the loss of a loved one, injuries, the destruction of their houses and land and mental illness.

But despite the fear that hangs in the streets here, I'm not afraid to be working in Gaza. I sometimes worry but I'm not afraid because, as Caritas, we offer our service through love and I always feel Christ gives me strength.'

Ameen Sabbagh, Caritas Jerusalem Coordinator

Excerpts from London Tablet, 26 July 2014.



Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has joined the worldwide Caritas family in calling for a ceasefire in this conflict to allow the most vulnerable to receive

much-needed humanitarian aid and take a step towards lasting peace in the Holy Land. It has pledged an initial \$20,000 to support the humanitarian response and is collecting donations now.

To support this appeal go to www.caritas.org.nz or write to Caritas, PO Box 12193, Thorndon, Wellington 6144.

Fr Michael

Catholic Bishops urge Pope Francis to help bring lasting peace in Gaza

The Catholic Bishops of New Zealand have sent the following letter to Pope Francis, acknowledging his efforts to bring the leaders of both the Israeli and Palestinian people together for prayer, and his ongoing plea for an end to violence and for peaceful solutions.

Your Holiness,

It is with great sadness and anguish that we watch the terrible conflict in Gaza from faraway New Zealand.

Our sense of helplessness is relieved a little by constant prayer for the

cessation of the current conflict and for a resolution of the longstanding issues which underlie it. But we pray in the comfort of a land that really only knows peace and which is a long way from international conflicts. Knowledge of the appalling suffering in Gaza fills us with a sense of desperation and leads us to ask what else we can do to alleviate the suffering and help bring peace.

We are encouraging our people to support the work of Caritas in Gaza. We are urging them to pray, individually and together, for an end to the fighting, and a true and lasting resolution. These are significant steps but still more is needed, and for those of us who live in peace there is an obligation to do everything possible to bring the gift of peace to others.

Holy Father, Gaza has been a prison for the last seven years. The blockade has destroyed the Gazan economy, and the same blockade now prevents people fleeing from Gaza to safety. The people cannot even exercise their right to become refugees by crossing the border to escape the fighting.

When you entered the conflict between Israel and the Palestinian people by bringing President Mahmoud Abbas and President Shimon Peres together for prayer, it

was an inspiration of the Holy Spirit. You stood with the two Presidents in a way that has never been seen before, and you continue to talk with them. We know that you will use all the resources of the Holy See and the moral leadership inherent in your role to do everything possible to bring about a cessation of the fighting and true and lasting peace between the Palestinian people and Israel.

We respectfully draw your attention to the request of Father Raed, the parish priest of Holy Family Parish in Gaza who said: "I launch a humble appeal to Pope Francis: may you convene a vigil of prayer and fasting for peace in the Holy Land, as you did for Syria. All the people who inhabit this land, the land of Jesus, are tired of living in fear and pain".

This prayer vigil is taking place in the countries close to Gaza, but the magnitude of the disaster is so great, that we ask if the Holy See could make this a global vigil.

We assure you of our prayerful support and that of the Church in New Zealand, and our loyalty as you continue to lead us to be authentic witnesses to the Gospel.


New Zealand Bishops' Conference


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Archbishop John reflects on hunger and poverty – both physical and spiritual.

There are children hungry for bread and people of all ages hungry for the Eucharist and other Sacraments.

Two nights ago I had the privilege of hosting the “Forum on

Child Poverty” with Bishop Justin Duckworth at St Paul’s Anglican Cathedral.

I express deep gratitude to all those who helped organize this event and sincere thanks to all who

attended. The “Poverty Forum” was a way for us to say to all who gathered, and hopefully to others who saw the publicity, that we will make “Child Poverty” our Number One Priority as we elect our candidate and choose our Political Party. Naturally, this is not just something we leave to the politicians; it is a serious concern for all of us and something we are all called to do something about.

The child poverty issue was very well highlighted at the Forum by Children’s Commissioner, Dr Russell Wills. It is not something that will go away in a hurry; it will only go away if we all – Churches and politicians— look to ways of working together to ensure that all children in Aotearoa-New Zealand are cared for and have what they need to survive and thrive.

We are talking about “Bread—food for the hungry.” I also have a concern that all in the Archdiocese of Wellington are given spiritual food, are able to

be nourished through the sacraments and through good prayerful support and wise pastoral leadership. ...Pray, talk about priesthood in your schools and colleges, in your families and communities. I simply do not have enough priests to provide ongoing

There are children hungry for bread and people of all ages hungry for the Eucharist and other Sacraments.

leadership and good spiritual care for people in our parishes and specialized chaplaincies.

Please, think about what YOU can do to elect

Political Leaders who will work to overcome the

hunger and deprivation that about 270,000 children suffer from in New Zealand.

If there is Child Poverty in New Zealand there is also a real poverty of those offering themselves to serve in our parishes. Some of our small rural communities, places where people had frequent and regular Masses and sacramental care, no longer have those gifts and essential services, and the people are hungry.

Archbishop John

Bishops’ General Election Statement

New Zealand Catholic Bishops have written a statement on the General Election, with particular emphasis on remembering the poor and vulnerable.

It begins with a quote from Pope Francis: “The goal of economics and politics is to serve humanity, beginning with the poorest and most vulnerable, wherever they may be,

even in their mothers' wombs."

But the bishops were quick to say that neither themselves nor the Church would tell people who to vote for.

"Catholic teaching advises us on how to think about who to vote for. This takes a bit more work, and a lot more thinking and talking," the statement explained.

The bishops said that no political party or platform represents the totality of the Church's teaching.

They acknowledged that sometimes voters might feel they are faced with having to choose between important issues, for example, prioritising a politician's or a party's position on euthanasia or poverty.

"Catholic teaching does not trade off the well-being of vulnerable groups of people against one another," the statement argued.

"We seek political outcomes that protect the lives and wellbeing of all vulnerable people."

The bishops said there is a "special responsibility to engage with the political party that we intend to support in an election, and to speak up for the poor and the vulnerable through the whole political cycle".

"This means challenging all politicians and political parties, especially the one for whom you decide to vote."

The statement went on to address the following issues: people living in poverty; people living with pain, illness or approaching the end of their lives; unborn children; refugees, asylum seekers and migrants; people

in prison; people without a vote;

it concluded with an exhortation:

"Question, discuss, debate, pray, be involved, and speak out for the poor and vulnerable among us as you decide how to cast your vote."

The full text of the Bishops' statement can be found at www.catholic.org.nz

Source: www.cathnews.co.nz

Gospel Manifesto 2014 Overview

(Ed: This from an ecumenical, Christchurch-based group.)

The five priorities the Gospel Manifesto 2014 proposes are:

- * Every Child Counts
- * Healthy Homes Lead to Healthy Lives
- * Gross Inequality Costs Everyone
- * Towards a Less Punitive & Fearful Society
- * NZ as a Better World Neighbour

Underpinning all five priorities is the teaching of Jesus and its application to the local and global situation in which we live.

This Gospel Manifesto holds out the hope of what life should be for all

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in Aotearoa/New Zealand, not just a privileged few. It also mirrors the equality that should prevail globally as well as locally.

The election campaign creates an opportunity for everyone to debate and do something about the people and groups who are being left behind. We need a commitment to action on child poverty, reducing inequality, affordable housing, and a valued and dignified life with positive choices for our elders; society's *kuia* and *kaumatua*. We should not only be kind to one another but look to ensure the blessings of being in community with one another are fairly shared.

www.presbyterian.org.nz/speaking-out/resources-for-speaking-out/discussion-papers/gospel-manifesto-2014

The Art of Politics

The main task of the present generation of politicians is not, I think, to ingratiate themselves with the public through the decisions they take or their smiles on television. Nor is it to go on winning elections and ensuring themselves a place in the sun till the end of their days.

Their role is something quite different: to assume their share of responsibility for the long-range prospects of our world and thus to set an example for the public in whose sight they work.

Their responsibility is to think ahead boldly, not to fear the disfavour of the crowd, to imbue their actions with a spiritual dimension (which of course is not the same thing as ostentatious

attendance at religious services), to again and again - both to the public and to their colleagues - that politics must do far more than reflect the interests of particular groups or lobbies.

After all, politics is a matter of serving the community, which means that it is morality in practice.

Vaclav Havel,
first President of the Czech Republic.

A Parishioner's View

Inequality is the major issue of 2014 election. Each of us needs to decide on how to find out the details and to inspire others to do the same. Not to do so leaves inequality to prevail and worsen. Poverty means thousands of children are being intellectually damaged throughout their lives. The present government has a malignant and dangerous position on inequality.

Recent issues of *Tui Motu* have very good articles explaining issues. Talk about the topic wherever and whenever you can. Get together with friends and family to build up interest. Seek out places where you can present factual issues with vim and vigour. **It is that important.** We must let our voices be heard.

Go to places where we can see for ourselves how wide the gaps are in money matters. Cannons Creek is well worth a visit. Don't let those needy people wait 3 or 6 more years for injustices to heal. Generations are already drastically affected. Ask at the St Vincent de Paul shop. They know only too well hundreds on our

doorstep are facing a cold and bitter lost winter. Ask around; questions such as how many can't give their children money for school excursions and have never even been to Wellington? Are their homes heated and furnished appropriately and is there space for homework? Are there healthy snacks readily available?

St Mary McKillop founded the Sisters of St Joseph in South Australia in the 1840s, a time when children in rural areas were starving physically and intellectually. She was very concerned about rural children whose education was only in their environment. She made three visits to New Zealand, founding schools and centres for Maori. This poverty is still rife today. Compare OLOK and Porirua parishes. Meet candidates, read, study, debate. Discuss the Living Wage and the

Gospel Manifesto. The Internet is a great educator.

I am inspired to do something for the election. We can win! Cannons Creek School is the lowest of the country's decile one schools. We must give them a better deal or face another 3 years of damage to these children.

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Nina O'Flynn

Meet The Candidates

Our Justice and Peace Group has organised a Meet the Candidates evening for the past three elections now. Florence Kane was the driving force behind the first one. She was very passionate about many things and had such a strong sense of political awareness.

Personally I have always been interested in politics. It was the one



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thing that I had total control over. It was my choice and my secret vote. I was not even swayed by my parents as the whole secrecy thing was so intense in former days that I really don't know for sure how my parents voted.

I remember engaging in political debates for entertainment at Training College and loved the fiery reactions those stirred up.

On Election night we were glued to TV, watching with excitement or anxiety as the results filtered in until finally victory was celebrated or defeat conceded.

I lived in the true blue Remuera electorate for my first-time vote which Allan Highet won but I think my vote went to an interesting character by the name of Hamish Keith!

I'm sad to see that the era of slogans seems to be over...Remember those billboards of the past?

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Time for a change

NZ You're winning !

This last one was one of the less fortunate ones for Rob Muldoon as

he lost that election to Labour's David Lange!

They were characters for sure and our history is the richer for those kinds of people. However we are a democracy and we have a responsibility to cast our vote to ensure the voice of the minority is heard, equality is respected, our rights are protected and freedom ensured.

Our meeting will have a Justice theme and we have questions that reflect topical social issues.

Justin Du Fresne is our facilitator and he will keep it lively and informative for sure.

There will be a chance to hear the candidates and to voice your questions and concerns, so please come to our *Meet the Candidates Evening*:

Wednesday, 3rd September, 7.30 pm,
Baptist Auditorium, Te Moana Rd, Wae.

Sister Barbara Henley,

Our Lady of Kapiti Justice and Peace Group

The August issue of Welcom also provided some strong articles on the election, including a letter written by John Kleinsman to his daughter which is well worth a read. Also see recent issues of Tui Motu.

In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a government. *John Adams*

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. *George Bernard Shaw*

A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have. *Thomas Jefferson*

Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you! *Pericles (430BC)*

Fr Jim's Been Thinking



Respect

On Tuesday I was fortunate enough to attend the third of three excellent presentations about My Church. In her presentation Sister Catherine Hannan DOLC spoke about Mission during which she mentioned two personal attributes which are essential for each one of us if we are to fulfil our roles in the mission of our Church – compassion and respect.

Compassion is that quality which gives us that measure of empathy for the suffering of others to the point where we are able to be with them in their suffering. This was the attribute that Jesus demonstrated throughout his life and, when opposition to him had reached its climax, culminated in his giving of self to us at the Last Supper so that we might be in communion with him.

Respect is closely allied to compassion, being the quality through which we recognise the dignity of others. But unfortunately it is one feature that, sadly, is lacking in our community today. I believe it is something which we must all offer to others for there to be any semblance of love.

I have discerned a marked deterioration in the level of respect within Society over the last thirty or forty years. The deterioration has been quite gradual and I suspect that generally we are unaware just how bad the problem has become. It is one of those things which has crept up on us.

Improved communications systems have allowed the cult of ME to become established and in turn has bred a selfishness which ignores the well-being of others. These systems have demanded a form of shorthand in personal messages which has resulted in radio, TV and press media ignoring the dignity of the person by the way in which people are addressed. Too often we find people being addressed solely by their surnames. It has reached the point where perfect strangers lack courtesy in addressing one another. I, for one, dislike being called “mate” by junior and, often enough, senior sales staff in a number of stores.

Maybe the question of respect is something that we might consider as we approach election time. Just how much respect do the candidates who are looking to represent us actually have for others?

Updates from Parish Groups

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

This had been an eventful few months in the life of our parish including our inaugural AGM, finalisation of the Pastoral Plan and inspiring addresses by Bishop Peter Cullinane and Sr Catherine Hannan. All this has happened against a backdrop of 'business as usual' – namely, a wealth of activities by the various parish groups.

Our first AGM was well-attended and there was an encouraging range of contributions by parishioners. The Parish Pastoral Council is now taking the next steps to implement the plan. Initially this involves meeting with parish groups, individually or in clusters, to share our hopes for the future and to give more concrete expression to our Plan.

Bishop Peter spoke eloquently about **communio** and **unity** and, as a conclusion to this series, Sr. Catherine Hannan spoke on **mission**. These themes speak directly to where we are and where our Pastoral Plan seeks to take us.

The Development Group has made a strong start on its task and aims to provide a draft interim report in the near future.

I attended two very uplifting masses by the Filipino community in recent months. The sense of commitment and unity combined with inspirational singing left a deep impression on me. It would be great if as many

parishioners as possible went along in the future to show our support.

Here are some words from Pope Francis, taken from his recent biography:

"If the Church limits itself to the work in its parish and lives shut up in its community, then the same thing will happen to it that happens to a person who shuts himself in: it will atrophy, physically and mentally... The same thing happens to a self-referential Church: it becomes paranoid. It's true that if you venture out onto the street you could have an accident. But I prefer an injured Church to a sick Church a thousand times over."

John Butterfield,
Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

Liturgy Committee

Our liturgies are where we are inspired and nourished. Every action, sign, symbol, sound and even the silence is part of the rhythm and dynamic of the liturgy.

The word "liturgy" means the official public worship of God by the Church, as opposed to private devotion. So, any person or group that is involved in a public liturgy or ceremony comes under the umbrella of the liturgy team. From the greeters who welcome you at the door to the people who offer you a cup of tea after Mass, from those that you see "up-front" to the sacristans

and flower arrangers who work behind the scenes – the liturgy team needs to be in touch with them all.

This makes co-ordination, communication and co-operation very important. Each of the groups involved is responsible for its own organisation and works in conjunction with the liturgy team which is the link between the priest and the groups.

The current liturgy team is Maureen Borkin, Margaret Butterfield, Kath Garton, Margaret Grant, Wullie Grant, Sr Barbara Henley and Merle Whiteman. The team usually meets with Father Michael and Father Dennis once a month and more often if needed, especially before Easter and Christmas. We work with parish groups preparing liturgies such as those for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, the Miha (Maori Mass) and Filipino Masses.

The biggest, most challenging and most visible parish-wide celebration that we have been part of is the Outdoor Mass at the Southward Car Museum in October 2013. We had to think of everything from the most obvious – an altar and lectern, to the challenging – how do 1200 people move to Communion and back to their seats, to the minute and mundane – taking bottles of water for cleansing the chalices and cloths for mopping up rainwater from the chairs. To see an expanse of grass transformed into a place of worship where the new parish united in one place for the first time to celebrate the Eucharist together made it all worthwhile.

In his book “Preparing for liturgy”, Father Austin Fleming has a number of reflections for ministers. All but one begins “Yours is a share in the work of the Lord’s Spirit” and all end with “Be faithful in the work you do, for through it the Lord saves his people.” Whether I am part of the assembly listening, singing and praying as part of the body, or exercising a particular ministry, the “work” that I am doing is God’s work. “Ministries are different in kind, but they are equal in value because it is the same Lord who calls each of us to service.” (Fleming) As a liturgy team, we are deeply appreciative of all those who share their time and their talents in liturgical ministry, who pray and prepare in order that the gifts God has given them may be used in the service of God’s people, leading us all in worship of the God who made us, saves us and loves us.

Maureen, Margaret, Kath, Margaret,
Wullie, Barbara & Merle.

(Ed: If there is a ministry you would like to become involved with, see the list of contacts in the directory at the back of this issue.)

Adult Faith Formation

During July and August around 90 parishioners have been gathering together to listen to Bishop Peter Cullinane and Sister Catherine Hannan break open the themes of communion, unity and mission. Father Michael and the Parish Pastoral Council hope that with a clearer understanding of these themes, parishioners feel

empowered to explore the question 'how can we, as a new community, get a deeper/richer appreciation of how our different gifts can be used to build community?'


Being able to answer this question will assist parishioners in their understanding of 'church in a time of transition' and in 'forming a clearer understanding of a new way of being church together'.

To facilitate this, most people also availed themselves of the opportunity to join small house groups to further reflect on the learnings of each week. These house groups offered an opportunity for structured reflection time. There, people had further opportunity to build relationships (communio), spend time together in prayer, reflect on and break open the learnings of the previous week, as well as share thoughts on how the learnings could be incorporated into daily life.

These evenings were facilitated by a small team brought together as the newly re-formed Adult Faith Formation Team, led for this programme by Debbie Matheson. Debbie's leadership as co-ordinator fulfils her pastoral experience component for 2014 as



Adult Faith Formation Team & Sr. Catherine



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part of the Diocesan 'Launch Out' programme for the formation of Lay Pastoral Leaders.

The team enlisted the help of many other people over the evenings covering hospitality, musicians, flower arrangers, small group leaders and house hosts to name a few. It was great to see so many people happy to share their talents. Thank you to all those who made the evenings possible.

For Debbie a highlight of the evenings was seeing parishioners arrive each week with an open ear and heart with a desire to explore their Catholic faith. She hopes that people went away feeling more engaged in and empowered to participate more fully in their new church community. Thank you to all who participated.

The Adult Faith Formation Team is seeking feedback on what opportunities parishioners would like to see them offer next year. To

participate in this please contact one of the team: Anna Ryan 9026330, Wullie Grant 2938702, Michele Ness 2987378, Clare Borst 9055295, Kay Blackburn 29373456 or Roland Lotsu?

Debbie Matheson

(Ed: Photos and more on this successful event can be found on pp 20,21. It is hoped that the presentations on unity and mission will be available soon on our parish website www.kapiti-catholic.org.nz. We are indebted to Mark Marfell for this.)

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

Will Rogers

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Mark Twain

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Youth



We are more than halfway through the year and our older youth are about to begin their mock exams! Good luck.

At the end of May, Delwyn and I attended the National Catholic Conference for Youth and Young Adult Ministers in Auckland with 90 other delegates from around NZ. The theme was 'You are Sent'. The conference was not aimed to produce a set of magic answers to solve all our dilemmas but it did provide the opportunity to share experiences, discuss possibilities and how we are sent! The workshop contents were not always what we expected, however they provided many insights and possibilities on how we can further minister to the young people in our region. As it takes a community to raise a child, it also takes a faith community to support a young person on their faith journey.



Debbie & Delwyn

In the middle of July, we reached out to thank all those who have in some way touched Child & Youth Ministry in the past year. We celebrated our youth, our leaders and our donors as well as those who keep us in their prayers. Over china tea cups and tasty home baking we came together as community for acknowledgements, thanks and blessings for all the effort and time given to touch the lives of our children and youth.

The end of July was an opportunity for our youth to gather for the Great Ice Cream Sundae Challenge. 30 youth from across our pastoral area gathered to solve clues and complete challenges to earn themselves DESSERT for dinner. It was a lot of fun

Currently we are planning a Leadership Workshop for the end of August and camp in December.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support of our Ministry.

Jacqui McLaughlin

Our Parish School

St Patrick's Catholic Primary school

So far it's been an exciting year working together with Board, staff and community to move purposefully into the future to achieve our vision of 'excellence by embracing the Gospel values'.

A key theme in term three is:

A sacrament is a visible sign of our invisible God. We are called to be sacrament.

How can we can be the visible sign of God to others? Children are exploring

ways in which they can do this by the things they say, think and do. We can help people 'see' God positively and negatively. This is a significant challenge for all of us. Your ongoing prayerful support is appreciated.

A new Deputy Principal

Miss Trask is retiring at the end of the year after a lifetime of involvement with our school. Kathryn was a foundation pupil 60 years ago and has taught most of her adult life at St Patrick's. Many of you have fond memories of her teaching you or your children. In the last few years her passion for RE, Literacy and IT has enabled her to embrace what we euphemistically call '21st century learning' underlining the fact that she is an outstanding classroom teacher whatever style of learning is currently in vogue. She will be sadly missed for her passion, knowledge, wisdom and experience.

If you know any motivated, experienced teacher keen to start developing or further develop a career in educational leadership and would

value working at St Patrick's, then encourage them to consider applying. Application packs are on the school web site and close mid-October.

This is going to be an influential position as we move forward into the future.

New Director of Religious Studies

With Kathryn's retirement we also lose our experienced Director of Religious studies. This is a pivotal position working with the principal to lead and develop the Catholic special character of our school.

We are delighted to announce to the parish that Geoff Mettrick has been appointed DRS effective from the start of 2015.



The NZ Bishops' vision for Catholic primary education quotes Saint Pope John Paul 11 from an address in 1979... *"In order that the Catholic school and the Catholic teachers*



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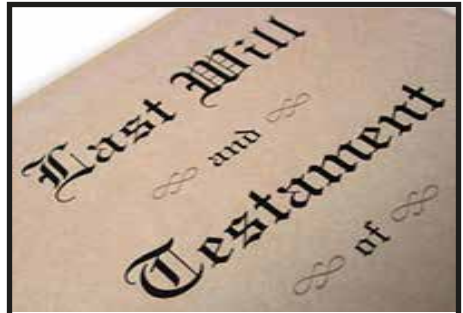
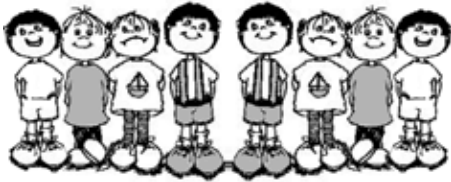
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may truly make their irreplaceable contribution to the Church and to the world, the goal of Catholic education itself must be crystal clear.... Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others."

We ask your prayers for Geoff and all the staff, that they have the wisdom and insight to provide our children with an excellent education and help form Christ in the lives of our children and families.

Martin Elms, Principal



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Introducing Parish Groups & People

Honours for Waikanae Parishioners

Among the awardees of Queen's Birthday Honours named in June are two Waikanae parishioners of Our Lady of Kapiti parish. Dr Frank Boffa has become an officer of the Order of New Zealand for his services to landscape architecture and James Lower JP was awarded the Queen's Service medal for service to the Community.

Dr Frank Boffa

Frank Boffa founded the landscape architecture company now known as Boffa Miskell Ltd, which has offices in four New Zealand cities and in

Shanghai, China and he has been involved in the development of his craft throughout New Zealand.

In Waikanae however, he is best known for the magnificent lake and water garden he and his wife Vicki have built from a patch of scrubby ground. On occasion, they have generously opened their garden to public viewing for charitable causes in the district.



(Ed: Unfortunately Frank was unavailable for a more detailed introduction to him.)

James Lower

James Lower was honoured with the Queen's Service Medal for his 23 years working with the New Zealand Cadet Forces, his involvement with the Waikanae Town patrol, Waikane Police base and the Kapiti Brass bands – and these are just some of his civic volunteer roles.

This strand of service also runs through his involvement in the Catholic Church. In 1979 he and his wife Lynare went to a Marriage Encounter weekend and in 1980 he was received into the Catholic Church.

For several years they continued their commitment to Marriage Encounter and later to Retrouvaille – an international organisation to heal and renew married couples who are drifting apart.

James and Lynare have served in St Theresa's, Plimmerton; St Mary's, Palmerston North and, since 2004, in Waikanae. He has served on Parish Councils,

as a lay reader and collector and they have been leaders of Passionist Family Groups. He recalled that at St Theresa's Parish he was one of a group who checked after mass for lost property, locked the doors and checked the toilets – the "ushers and flushers".

In Waikanae he is a Minister of the Eucharist, one of a team of collection counters and a trainer of prospective counters and he also does the church banking from the collections.

Margaret Irvine



*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

Recent Events

Confirmation



Our children in the sacramental programme took another momentous step in their faith journey with their recent confirmation. They will make their First Eucharist on 21st September. As it takes a community to raise a child, so it takes a faith community to support a young person on their faith journey.

Please continue to pray for these youngsters.



My Faith, My Church

“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. May they be one, so that the world will believe that you sent me.” *John 17:21*

For me, these words from John are at the heart of what we have been experiencing in Our Lady of Kapiti Parish for the last few weeks. We have been truly blessed by the generous, faith-filled wisdom of Bishop Peter Cullinane and Sister Catherine Hannan.

On July 15th we set out on a journey to look at: ‘My Faith, My Church—today and tomorrow.’ Our purpose - ‘to explore the who, what, when, where, why and how of being Church.’ We began and finished each session with voices raised in song and prayer.

COMMUNIO. “What is Communion?”

I hear you ask. Try, *relationship with the Risen Jesus or sharing of life or personal but not private relationship with Christ or Communion of saints.*

Communion: we are caught up in it. The Holy Spirit is constantly drawing us into unity with each other through

the reality of our union with Christ.

UNITY. Oh, that’s easy! But is it? We are talking here about the perfect union of mind and purpose, about relationship with our fellow Christians, about ecumenism. We look into the heart and mind of Jesus. We are all called to the same Gospel message. Divisions between Christians impair the message of the Gospel. Our divisions wound Christ’s Body. We are called to go into dialogue with people of other faiths with an ‘exchange of gifts’ perspective. Value the gift, allow the gift to make a difference. This gives us a fresh way of seeing each other. If we sit alongside other faiths we may recognise the same faith.

EXPERIENCE FIRST AND UNDERSTANDING FOLLOWS!

MISSION. “You are speaking to the converted,” I heard someone say. Are we ever fully converted? Are there still truths to learn? Paths to tread? People to walk alongside?

Compassion is to be like God. Words without compassion are hard to hear.



As you go, proclaim the good news. Following Jesus can change everything. We are challenged to get involved, offer support and build relationships. Mission belongs to God. We share the mission.

For six weeks in the life of Our Lady of Kapiti Parish, close to a hundred parishioners participated in the three seminar sessions and small groups. We shared the Mission.



There was a sales table as well

We have listened and learned, prayed and sung, shared. We have communicated.



Bishop Peter Cullinane

“The church needs to be concerned for, and present in, the world of communication, in order to dialogue with people today and help them encounter Christ. She needs to be a church at the side of others, capable of accompanying everyone along the way.” (Pope Francis on World Communication Day, June 1st 2014.)

Kay Blackburn



Sr Catherine Hannan

Sr Catherine gave us some contacts that we might like to follow up on in the light of her talk. These are:

- Caritas 04 496 1742 caritas@caritas.org.nz www.caritas.org.nz
- Challenge 2000 04 477 0338 challenge2000@xtra.co.nz
- Refugee Family Reunification Trust 04 475 7994 Amanda Calder a.calder@xtra.co.nz www.refugeefamilyreunificationtrust.org.nz
- St Anne's School, Newtown Doreen O'Sullivan 389 9669 principal@st.annes.school.nz
- Teresa Holman tshoman@paradise.net.nz www.wel-com.org.nz/wel-com-articles/645

Mission – a Challenge

For most of us life is divided into three stages – youth, adulthood and retirement

During our working life we are so busy raising a family and supporting them that we don't have much time to get closer to God. Many people see retirement as a time when they can throw aside these responsibilities and take a long holiday – for as long as it lasts.

For Christians this is not really an option. (Remember the parable of the man who was going to build bigger barns and make merry?) Retirement years give us that precious opportunity to grow closer to God so that we are ready to meet him when he invites us into the next world.

Some people find it easy to meditate and pray, to concentrate on a personal piety. But Jesus told us that loving your neighbour is as important as loving God. Retirement gives you ample opportunities for this.

What you need to do is to take stock of your own talents, the talents that God gave you and intends you to use. Take a look through the directory of parish ministries on the last two pages. This could give some guidance as to what direction your efforts should be directed. You'll find a variety of ministries, and surely one of them is for you. You might feel there are other people who are better qualified than yourself. But hang on a minute. God gave you talents to use in his service, and your contribution could be special.

During the recent programme at Our Lady of Fatima church, Sister Catherine Hannan put it into one word MISSION. Mission is the path that each of takes to use our talents to serve our neighbour. This starts at home right here in Kapiti.

As Sister said "Mission is as big as the world and as close as your next door neighbour."

Bill Lambert

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Our website is an amazing source of information, thanks to the new webmaster Lafaele Vaeluaga. All you need to do is go to www.kapiti-catholic.org.nz in your browser. Make sure you bookmark it for easy access next time.

Here is what you can see:

- Daily Mass Times - are available in 'real-time'. As soon as a Mass change is confirmed, e.g. a REQUIEM MASS becomes the Mass of the Day, Carol, Merle or Lafaele advertises it on the website - more later.
- Sacramental Programme
- Rosters (view or download)
- Newsletters (download OLD and NEW)
- Pastoral Pages (download OLD and NEW)
- Daily Readings - sourced from Universalis and USCCB
- Daily Tweets from Pope Francis
- Events, Maps
- Calendar of Events in OLOK and the Archdiocese
- Documents of the Leadership group, Pastoral Council, Liturgy Team
- Contacts of different groups



It will soon have videos and pictures from different events as soon as available. Please visit and email feedback to ourladyofkapiti@gmail.com

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If God is your co-pilot, swap seats!

Upcoming Events

MEET THE CANDIDATES Elections 2014

Where: Baptist Church Te Moana Rd Waikanae

When: September 3 @ 7.30 pm-9.30pm

Chaired by Justin du Fresne

All welcome



Nathan Guy MP, National Party

Callum Valentine, Internet Party (Apology)



Chris McKenzie, Te Tai Hauāuru

Rob McCann, Labour



Maddie Drew, Green Party

Darroch Ball, New Zealand First



Ron England, Democrats for Social Credit

Anne Lovelock, Conservative Party



Dates to Keep Free



Sunday 21st September

First Communion

9.30am at St Patrick's

Saturday 27th September

Mission Gala

Paraparaumu Memorial Hall

Saturday 18th October

Women's Breakfast

Speaker Lynn Smith, Auckland

Saturday 8th November

Men's Breakfast,

jointly with Anglican men
Speaker Bishop Justin Duckworth

Sunday 15th February 2015

Pastoral Area Celebration Mass

at Otaki Racecourse



A Little Bit of This and a Bit of That

Fifty ways to live the Joy of the Gospel

Perhaps this list will stimulate your journey of conversion and outreach. Perhaps it will move you to compile your own list, tailored to your specific circumstances and personal challenges. This could also be done as a family, or as a small community. Many of these are also practical ways to mission.

1. Hold or touch a cross, take a deep breath, and say 'yes' to living this day with hope.
2. Start and end each day with a prayer of praise.
3. Be grateful for a difficult challenge. How is the Lord teaching you?
4. During the Easter season, throw a resurrection party.
5. Extend a hand in friendship to a little-known neighbour.
6. Take a walk in the park and allow God to speak to you through nature: sunshine, an evening breeze, the sounds of children playing.
7. Romance your spouse.
8. Congratulate a newly baptised Christian.
9. Welcome God's gift of life. Rejoice in a friend's pregnancy.
10. Say thank you to those who work hard for your parish, for your local community, for your nation
11. Break the gossip cycle. Let the nasty rumour stop with me. Or if you must gossip, start a positive (and truthful) rumour! In other words, spread joy not angst.
12. Take a joy-filled Scripture verse and 'chew' on it during the day. (Evangelii Gaudium offers examples from both Testaments in #4-5.)
13. Pray at the grave of a loved one. Reaffirm your belief in the gift of eternal life.



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14. Ponder the miracle of new life. Gaze upon a newborn baby. Let your contemplative gaze draw you into the heart of God.
 15. Look for an opportunity to genuinely affirm a family member's appearance.
 16. Who is the most joyful person you know? Tell them. 'Catch' their joy, and spread it!
 17. Who has loved you over the years but never heard you say 'I love you.' Say it (or write it) today.
 18. Be pro-life. At Mass offer a supportive smile for young couples with fidgety children. Check on an elderly neighbour, especially during a storm or in heatwave conditions.
 19. Undertake a thankless task at home or in the parish which is usually left to somebody else.
 20. Turn off the TV or radio, close down your computer, iphone, ipad... and be more present to your family.
 21. Get in touch with your local neighbourhood. Walk to the shops instead of driving. It's amazing what you will notice as you stroll along at street level.
 22. Take your pulse and ponder the gift of life pulsing through your body.
 23. Organise a memorable family meal. Invite a guest who doesn't have a family to turn to.
 24. Go to the Eucharist during the week. Invite a colleague/friend. Enjoy a coffee together afterwards.
 25. Make a memory. Teach your children a game you played 'when you were young'!
- (Ed: 26 – 50 In the next edition of Pastoral Pages.)

Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical Evangelii Gaudium – The Joy of the Gospel

A handful of prayers

My thumb is nearest to me so I remember to pray for my nearest and dearest, my family and friends.

Next comes my index finger, the one that my teacher wags at me; with this I remember to pray for teachers and schools, for clergy, church and missionaries.

The middle finger is the longest finger. It reminds me to pray for those in authority; for church leaders, prime ministers and governments, and anyone given responsibility to make decisions which affect others.

The next finger is the weakest on my hand so I pray especially for anyone who is sick, lonely or in need of any sort.

My little finger is the smallest so I pray for children and the most vulnerable, and those who are downtrodden or oppressed.

I look at my palm and pray for myself as You hold me in the palm of Your hand.



The future is not your concern, that is Mine.
The past you have handed back to me
And you have no right to dwell on that.
Only the present is My gift to you
And of that only each day as it comes.
But, if into that day you crowd past sorrows

And resentments and failures,
As well as the possible anxieties of the years
That may be left to you here –
What brain and spirit could bear the strain.
For this I never promised My Spirit
And Comfort and Help.

Book Review

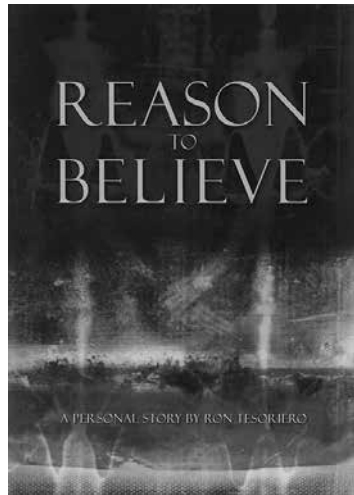
Reason to Believe by Ron Ttesoriero

Suburban lawyer Ron Tesoriero had little time for the friendly little priest who said he wanted to buy a piece of land for a church and school. After some quick research the lawyer advised the priest he had no hope of acquiring that piece of property. It was on a conservation reserve, and in any case the priest had no funds to buy it. Oh, but he would get the land, said the Father. He'd tacked a piece of the habit of Mary McKillop to a tree there. She would fix it for him.

In the end the priest got the land for a song.

The lawyer – a lapsed Catholic – was so amazed at the miracle before his eyes, that he enlisted the help of a well-known Australian journalist, Mike Willesee, and cameraman, Bill Steller, and set out to make a scientific investigation of past and modern miracles round the world.

The results make amazing reading. The stigmata on the hands of Bolivian grandmother, Katya Rivas, appeared as she prophesied and was filmed for television. A communion host was



tested by a New York heart specialist and forensic pathologist, who found it actually was heart tissue of human origin. Older relics, like the holy shroud, and the miraculous image of Our Lady of Gaudalupe are subjected to modern research technology to provide amazing evidence unknown till now. This book is a tremendous stimulus to faith.

Bill Lambert

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Saint

Saint Maximilian Kolbe (1894 - 1941)

St Maximilian Kolbe was Polish, born Raymund Kolbe. He joined the Conventual Franciscans in 1910 and was ordained in 1918 under the religious name Maximilian Maria Kolbe. By 1919 he was a double Doctor of Philosophy and Theology from Rome.

He returned to Poland and in 1927 founded the Conventual Franciscan monastery at Niepokalanow, which became a major publishing centre. He left Poland for Japan in 1930, spending six years there, and in India. He built a monastery at Nagasaki which was unscathed by the A-Bomb because it was on the other side of the mountain.

After the outbreak of World War II, which started with the invasion of Poland by Nazi Germany, Kolbe provided shelter to refugees, including 2,000 Jews whom he hid from Nazi persecution in Niepokalanów Monastery. On 17 February 1941 he was arrested by the German Gestapo and imprisoned in the Pawiak prison and later in Auschwitz.

At the end of July 1941, three prisoners disappeared from the camp, prompting the Germans to pick 10 men to be starved to death in an underground bunker as a reprisal. When one of the selected men, Franciszek Gajowniczek, cried out, "My wife! My children!", Kolbe volunteered to take his place.

In his prison cell, Kolbe celebrated Mass each day and sang hymns



Window in parish church in Mehun-sur-Yèvre (near Bourges), France. Photo Glen McCullough

with the prisoners. He led the other condemned men in song and prayer and encouraged them by telling them they would soon be with Mary in Heaven. Each time the guards checked on him, he was standing or kneeling in the middle of the cell and looking calmly at those who entered. After

two weeks of dehydration and starvation, only Kolbe remained alive. The guards wanted the bunker emptied and they gave



Kolbe a lethal injection. Some who were present at the injection say that he raised his left arm and calmly waited for the injection. His remains were cremated the next day on the feast of the Assumption of Mary.

Kolbe was canonized as a martyr of charity by Pope John Paul II on 10 October 1982, with Franciszek Gajowniczek in attendance. His feastday is 14 August, the day of his death in 1941.

His devotion to Mary was remarkable, and, apart from his martyrdom, his founding of the Immaculata Movement devoted to Our Lady is his enduring legacy.

Glen McCullough

I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station through which God speaks to us every hour,

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George Washington Carver

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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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Not Your Usual Sunday Readings	Sheila Ferguson	902 2578 Kay Blackburn	293 7345
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Paraparaumu Cath Women's League		Fay Doyle	902 3017
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