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Parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti

Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti

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EDITORIAL



What a busy year we've had. A quick flick through past issues of Pastoral Pages reveals a busy and varied parish life: our young ones marked various milestone on their faith journeys through the sacramental programme; there were some wonderful breakfasts hosted by our men (both young and old); a number of prayer and scripture study groups as well as women's groups continue to thrive; the list goes on. We are getting more and more used to the idea of being one parish and operating within that mindset as evidenced by our wonderful liturgical celebrations, the very successful Faith Formation evenings with Bishop Peter and Sr Catherine and the smaller home groups, and the very vibrant youth group.

There are still events to look forward to: the youth have a party planned and Kapiti Events can always be relied on to put on a great 'do'.

This week sees the start of the Advent* season - the time for preparation as we look forward to Christmas. We are well used to being urged to prepare for Christmas by the media and big business with parties and celebrations and gift giving, but how many of us prepare in any sort of meaningful way spiritually, by taking time to reflect on what it has meant for me that the Saviour has been born? Consider giving gifts of time this year, instead of spending money: – go on a picnic with your recipient, catch a movie together, go for a beach walk,

Ngā mihi mō te Kirihiomete.

Anna, Bill, Glen, Ishbel, Margaret

*Advent is an anglicized version of the Latin word *adventus* meaning *coming*.

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Reflections

*Christmas is the time for Family to celebrate and spend time together. The Sunday that falls between Christmas and New Year is the **Feast of the Holy Family**. This issue we asked a number of parishioners to reflect on what **FAMILY** means for them.*

Good Models to Follow

The family I grew up in was rather different from most. As the youngest, there was a gap of several years with my siblings. My two older sisters were special needs girls and lived in IHC schools in Templeton, Christchurch. After the war they lived at the Kimberly Farm. My brother died in infancy and my twin sister was stillborn. For years I hid these facts from my world but now I accept them as the family God gave me – so very different from the family my husband, Michael, and I had with our two sons and two daughters. But the essentials of a happy family life are the same – strong

love and a deep trust in God as a sure foundation, and an acceptance of each one as God made them. My parents showed me God's loving care for each of us through their way of life and outreach to others. They were active in church life and taught me at an early age to put a penny out of my pocket-money in the church collection plate. Yes, they were sound values we learned from our parents and they were the foundation of the life Michael and I have shared together. We count ourselves fortunate to have such good models to follow.

Ishbel Cunliffe

Foundations and Identity

As a child, my family formed my foundations. From within this family I began to experience and learn about the world around me. Family was the safe haven from which I could begin to understand the world, with each experience and action coloured and shaped by family values and perspectives. My individual identity bloomed and developed within the wider context of parents, siblings, grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles – those whom God had chosen for me.

Recently, I have created a new family. Finally I understand the true depth of a parent's love. The family values and beliefs I have brought with me through my life have begun to resonate on a deeper level. I strive now to create that safe haven from which

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my daughter can explore, trusting that her experiences and actions will be shaped by the values and perspectives my husband and I hold dear. We watch with pride and aching heart as her personality and identity

begin to bloom, cherishing her time and interactions with us: parents, grandparents, cousins, aunties, uncles - those whom God has chosen for her.

Jodi Attewell

Family

In Maori terms, the family means whanau - which includes the living and the dead - but its meaning is far more complex. A family group usually comprises three generations. The structure of whanau can vary from immediate family to much broader collectives: father, mother parents and children and parents' children and their relatives, grandparents, great-grandparents, whangai (the fostered) who have been brought up by family members. Whanau is also used as a name for friends or for a group with a common purpose - Te Whaea Tapu o

Kāpiti (Our Lady of Kapiti) Parish is an example.

One of the foundations of whanau is whakapapa (genealogy). It is through whakapapa that interactions and relationships are established, developed and maintained within whanau and whanaunga (relatives), marae (meeting place), sacred mountains, rivers, turangawaewae (a place to stand - ancestral land). Whakapapa is the link which binds all families and gives one a sense of belonging and access to knowledge, rights and responsibilities to one's

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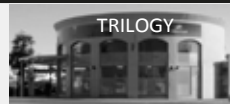
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respective iwi (tribe) and hapu (sub-tribe). Whanau members may live in different parts of the country or in different parts of the world but their ties are still very strong. Kaumatua (senior males) or kuia (senior women) play a significant role in fostering and nurturing relationships within the whanau to ensure everyone knows who their relatives are, as well as teaching the traditions handed down to them by their tupuna (deceased relatives).

In today's society, family members who have died, or ex-partners of divorced family members, are still regarded as whanau members. Cross-cultural marriages have their own unique form of difficulties. The pakeha world view of a family consists of Mum, Dad and children. The Maori worldview of a family is a wider

understanding of the interaction with whanau - whanaungatanga (blood relationships). A pakeha parent may consider family independence as being important whereas the Maori partner may consider whanau support as

being just as crucial.

The challenges individual Maori family members face today are in common with other ethnic groups within our society. There are advantaged and disadvantaged families in our

community. However, the family values that we inherited and encouraged in our children and with the love and support - be it emotional, spiritual, financial or physical - from our extended whanau, make it easier for families to face these adversities with renewed hope and purpose.

Marguerite Osborne

Tangata ako ana it te whare, Te turanga ki te marae, tau ana.
A person who is taught at home, will stand collected on the Marae.
(A child who is given proper values at home and cherished within his family, will not only behave well amongst his family but also within society and throughout his life.)

An Evolving View for a New Country

With the influx of God-fearing Filipino migrants coming to New Zealand, it is evident that the Catholic Church's landscape is evolving.

At the recent Synod of the Family, held in Rome last October, the emphasis on the family as an important unit of society was carefully deliberated.

Our Catholic-based Filipino community - Barangay Sta Maria Assumpta - has, as their main focus, to create a family-like environment for the Filipino migrants

in this country. Our focus is to ignite, strengthen and nurture their sense of belonging, in a faith-based family that they miss so much.

At a Manila press conference, Cardinal Luis Tagle of Manila, Philippines, cited the problem of poverty as the main culprit for Filipino families splitting up. Many of our compatriots leave their families behind in search of greener pasture overseas. They leave their families behind because of LOVE", Tagle stated.

And that is how our barangay fills the void. We encourage our compatriots to continue to walk the journey of faith with us.

Our doors are always open to share our culture in songs, in food, in our

festivities, in prayers and devotions and other gatherings, because we are a welcoming family. Together, we want to instill our dedicated commitment to God.

Nida Leckie

The Same But Different

The word *Palagi*: is a term that Samoans called Europeans or Foreigners. In many senses, *Palagi* means a non-Samoan. Samoans who go back to Samoa after a long-time away are sometimes called *Palagi*. *Palagi* could be equivalent to *Pakeha*.

Difference

One of the huge differences is the interaction between the old and the young in a family get together.

The Samoan setting is that the 'children are to be seen and not heard'. We were taught to walk with slightly bended back and bended knees when we had visitors in our house. There was a respectable distance to be kept and to speak only when asked - in other words, keep your opinions to yourself.

Interrupting a conversation was forbidden because the children were expected to merely listen quietly and learn. As Samoan parents of five children, we are uncomfortable when we have an older Samoan inside the house and our children just barge in and interrupt conversations. I remember when I was little, I usually got a stare and stern word from my mother, "Wait till the visitors are gone and then you will get it".

Struggle

Family hierarchy or parent-archy is relaxed here in NZ. There is a 'roof-archy' - 'If you want to live under my roof then abide by my rules'.

In Samoa, the grandparent's house is the family centre for to'onai (Sunday gathering for lunch). Each family brings their cooking to share and (normally) it's fun.

As Samoan parents bringing up children in NZ, there is that constant struggle of trying to embed the Samoan way. It may work if families bring their old-folks across to set those boundaries, but my mother does not like to stay longer than a week in NZ. She always wants to go home where she is comfortable and the matriarch of the family.



Conclusion

I think we have survived the NZ way of life here in Kapiti. We have cherry-picked the best out of three ways of life: Samoan, Maori and *Palagi* and blended into our own, unique, NZ way without much trouble here in Our Lady of Kapiti Parish.

Lafaele & Matalena Vaeluaga

A Youth Perspective

What does the word 'family' mean to you?

This was the question we posed to a dozen youth at G.U.Y.S. Youth Group last Friday night. As always, our youth managed to inspire and challenge us with a range of answers including:

- o People that you love/care about*
- o Person that you're related to*
- o Very naggy (this comment was greeted with a great deal of laughter!)*
- o Supportive*
- o They annoy you but you love them anyway*
- o Everyone is my family because we are the family of Christ*
- o People that help and are always there for you*
- o Families are people you have to put up with because they are precious and love you in spite of everything!*
- o Families are your sleeping angels.*
- o You put up with them because you wouldn't have it any other way.*

Jacqui McLaughlin

Carol From the Cradle-O

Joseph had a kindly care for the coming baby-o
And hours he spent within his shop a-making of a cradle-o.
Design he carved at either end, the trunk and leaves of cedar-o
The symbol of the things he'd be, great shade and steady shelter-o.
Then Roman edict "Register, each within your city-o"
But Bethlehem was ninety miles and Joseph felt a pity-o
For gentle Mary sitting there, a-waiting for her child-o;
That husband searched the map and knew the journey would be wild-o.
Good food and rough, warm blankets he packed either side the saddle-o
But spared the donkey ninety miles of carrying the cradle-o.
Young Mary bore as best she could night cold, day dust and swelter-o.
At Bethlehem her husband saw she had great need of shelter-o.
But crowds had come and inns were full and lodging was a battle-o
So Joseph went into the hills to shelter with the cattle-o.
The hay was sweet and clean and dry and Mary was a warm-o.
But thoughtful fingers Joseph drew along the broken stall-o.
The crib he'd carved was never used for Mary's sweet delection-o



The family from Herod fled to Egypt for protection—o,
And when to Nazareth they returned the cradle was too small—o
The years had passed and Jesus grown a slender boy so tall—o.

Fay Clayton

Do You See What I See?

Said the night wind to the little lamb,
Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb,
Do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song, high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold
Let us bring him silver and gold

Said the king to the people everywhere,
Listen to what I say
Pray for peace, people everywhere!
The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light.



(Mosaic from St Peter Julian Church, Haymarket, Sydney)

Reflection on "Do You See What I See?"

This year we are practising a new song in preparation for Christmas. The lyrics are beautiful in their simplicity and the music resonates like an ancient echo deep in the heart.

"Do You See What I See" a song based on the Christmas Gospel Narrative will be familiar to many readers. However, what may not be so familiar, are the circumstances which inspired the composers of this work.

Written at the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, this beautiful carol was first sung when many were thinking that they would not live to see another Christmas. For those of us old enough to remember, it was a time when the threat of nuclear war seemed imminent. A nuclear exchange, we were told, would have long-term effects, primarily from the fallout released and this, in turn, could

lead to a "nuclear winter." Its effects would last for decades, centuries or even millennia. The thought that life as we knew it, could be destroyed at the press of a button, was too ominous for many of us to even contemplate.

As we look back on that time and reflect on a world still in crises today, it is tempting to become despondent, to think that nothing changes at all, and that reconciliation and peace are nothing more than a pipe dream.

Yet it was Noel Regney, a musician, who was inspired to make a difference way back in 1962. He penned the first lines for this song, as he watched babies being pushed in strollers along the sidewalks of New York.

*"Said the night wind to the little lamb:
Do you see what I see?"*

*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

“Pray for peace, people everywhere”

It was such a simple gesture that invited an encounter: to see a situation from another perspective. And so we began to sing a new song. It is interesting to note that Noel was also the lyricist for this song, a role normally reserved for his wife. It was a point that did not escape my attention as I sang along to the music at singing practice. Sometimes, I thought, it is difficult to change position, to see things from another perspective. To walk in the shoes of another is not easy; it can be uncomfortable, and sometimes scary. The comfort of our own thoughts and reflections often blinds us into complacency. What does it really mean to journey in faith, I asked myself?

Like an “epiphany” I was startled out of my private thoughts by an elderly lady in the front row. In a rather authoritative voice she announced that what we were singing did not make sense!!

“A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold. Let
us bring him silver and gold.”

I was tempted to dismiss her remark as that of a person ignorant of the Christmas story were it not for the fact that I respected the practical wisdom of her years. There was truth in what she said. Was silver and gold really what a child shivering in the cold needed? Would not a room at an inn, a warm cradle and cuddle rug have been more appropriate? How often, I wondered, do we not really listen to others? How often are we all

too ready to dismiss another’s point of view, even polarize conversation with the only viewpoint we know, our own? Oftentimes, it seems far easier to provide neat ready answers to questions of faith, rather than to spend time empowering others in their search for truth. Yet this is what is being asked of us if we are to put on the mind of Christ and journey with each other in faith.

In his reflections, Pope Francis repeatedly asks us to put on the mind of Christ and to walk in “truth and love”, like the seekers of the gospel story. Action, he says, speaks louder than words, particularly in transmitting the faith to children and young people. Referring to them as “digital natives”, he says that if we want to help the young experience “truth and love” then we adults must lead by example.

This Christmas, as we worship together as a parish community and celebrate with our families, may we again seek His Truth and Love in those we encounter. To honour the dignity of another by listening is to encounter Christ. It is, too, a way to bring peace and to make music in our hearts!

Sue McGlone



Fr Jim's Been Thinking



Synod on the Family 2014-15

Early in October, almost 200 Bishops met in Rome to discuss the challenges facing modern families and the way in which the Church might assist the laity in meeting their vocation. Even though the laity were invited to submit views on the topic, the three week deadline they were given was quite unworkable and smacked of tokenism. Likewise, the inclusion of 23 lay observers among those to take part in the second stage of the synod in October 2015, with an invitation to one couple to provide testimony, is completely unsatisfactory.¹

Observer status is not enough. The subject is married life and married people should be full participants in the discussions and decision making.

Despite the urging of Pope Francis², it would appear that a majority of Bishops at this initial meeting resolved that the age-old teachings of the Church, together with the man-made laws covering the marriage state, were still applicable. Further extended education for those who are, or who will be, married was considered to be all that was necessary to respond to peoples' concerns over the reality of marriage.

It seems to me that, despite the progress achieved through Vatican II, many in authority still fail to recognise the covenantal nature of Marriage. So it is hardly surprising that the rules the Church continues to apply to the sacrament are structured as if Marriage were contractual. A marriage covenant comprises two promises; one made by a wife to her husband and matched by the second which is made by a husband to his wife. The only expectation within a covenant is the making and keeping of the promise; there can be no expectation of any "consideration" such as that which is integral to a contract. It is clear that covenants are completely different to contracts and so demand distinct discernments.

The sacramental covenant of marriage is evocative of the covenants which God established throughout the Old Testament and which were amended to include Gentile peoples. Current legalities tend to ignore these covenantal understandings which the Bishops of Vatican II identified when they declared that Matrimony symbolised *the unity and faithful love between Christ and the Church*.³



1 Jim Neilan, Challenges Facing Families. Tui Motu October 2014

2 Cristina Odone, Pope Francis Meets Opposition From Church Traditionalists, Dominion Post 21 October 2014, A7

3 Austin Flannery OP, Lumen Gentium: The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. Para 11, 1988 Revised Edition; 362

Just before the Ascension, Jesus gave special powers to his disciples: *If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.*" (Jn 20:23 NRSV). It is apparent this dictum is believed by many to mean that some will be forgiven their sins while others will not; but this interpretation runs counter to everything for which Jesus lived and died. He knew that anyone who seeks forgiveness would receive it for he also comprehended that evil would persist in being part of our world.

Our world will at least remain in its basic goodness until it will be perfectly restored. Though this is a second best outcome of Jesus' efforts among us, and our rejection made it a second best, it is still a most wonderful reality to be achieved in time and history as we all wait for the realisation of complete redemption⁴.

I am encouraged when I hear of the day when the Lord binds up *the injuries of his people, and heals the wounds inflicted by his blow* (Isa 30:26 NRSV) for Isaiah, when coupled with John (cf 20:23), displays the essence of forgiveness. The Church needs to acknowledge such appreciations and welcome all who seek God's gifts and consolations.

4 Cyril J Connolly (MSC), *The Gospel of John, The Human Story of Jesus, The Apprentice Son of God*. Unpublished. 637.




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Updates from Parish Groups

Pastoral Council - A Significant Year in Review

Our Lady of Kapiti Parish is in good heart after its inaugural year - a year of activity and challenge. The Waikanae and Paraparaumu Catholic communities have united and each has gained in acquiring the gifts and talents of the other.

The principal issue for the new Parish Council has been the formation of the Parish Pastoral Plan, elements of which are in place but others are still to be discussed and formulated. Over three successive Parish Council meetings, invited representatives of the Filipino community, the Women's groups and the Men's groups have provided the Council with insight into their purposes, activities and goals. The Parish has also been blessed with regular Masses under the auspices of the Filipino community - assisted by Father Dennis. These have been well attended and well received.

The successful (and frequently "Sold Out") breakfasts organised by the Men's Group have continued on a regular basis - the final gathering for the year, in collaboration with the men of the Paraparaumu Anglican community, was privileged to have the Anglican Bishop of Wellington, Justin Duckworth, as guest speaker. His address was "from the heart" and talked about human courage (or the lack of it) - he also talked of human slavery and reminded the audience that there are more slaves around the

world today than at any other time in human history. During the year the men also organised a Women's Breakfast, the very effective and polarising speaker being Lynn Smith.

Faith Formation in the parish this year was highlighted when over 40 parish children received the Sacraments of Initiation (Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation).

The series of "My Faith, My Church" evenings with Sr Catherine Hannan and Bishop Peter Cullinane were inspirational and well attended and St Patrick's Church was the venue for the concluding Mass for the October "Jesus 4 Real" camp.

Other activities this year have included the Mission Gala (raising around \$17,000), a "Meet the Candidates" evening organised by the parish Justice and Peace Group, and a couple of successful fund raisers organised by Kapiti Events. The latter group is also organising the Parish Christmas Lunch (December 14) and the outdoor Mass (involving Levin and Otaki also) at the Otaki racecourse next February.

Currently, along with the Parish Development Committee and the Parish Finance Committee, the Parish Council is considering the future physical needs of the Parish. A tender has recently been submitted for a piece of land in the geographical centre of the Parish and, at the time of writing, negotiations are proceeding.

Finally, the Council would like to express its heartfelt thanks to retiring members **John Butterfield and Richard Ward** - before, during, and since the formation of the new Parish, their contributions have been both inspirational and invaluable.



Justin du Fresne
Chairperson,
Parish Pastoral Council

Development Group

Since its last update to parishioners at the Sunday Masses of 25 and 26 October 2014, the Development Group has continued to meet and to discern on behalf of the Parish and has done so with representatives of the Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council.

At the time of writing, we are yet to hear back formally as to whether the tender placed has been accepted. The Archdiocese has instructed us to prepare a thorough business plan prior to any final decision being made.

Essentially this means completing a due diligence process - a process that will continue regardless of where any future development takes place for Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish.

As parishioners will be aware by now, our current Church buildings and St Patrick's School are not up to the standard required. Both churches require considerable refurbishment work in order to bring them up to the minimum earthquake code requirements. Similarly, the school requires considerable upgrading and also suffers from its location. Traffic access to both the school and St Patrick's Church is problematic and will only worsen with future population growth in the Kāpiti region.

We have considered a number of options including:

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Further unquantifiable expense will be incurred in the future. In its current location and condition the school will not flourish. Some have suggested closing the school but this view is not supported by either Archbishop John Dew or the New Zealand Catholic Bishops, nor by parishioners. The Parish School needs to be in a better location that is more easily accessible for our parish families.

Repairing one church to a higher standard and closing the other.

If we relocate the whole Parish to Paraparaumu we would need to do considerable remedial work to the Church as well as upgrade the School.

To have the whole Parish at either of the existing churches will exacerbate access and parking issues. We doubt that the Kāpiti Coast District Council would favour any strategy that effectively doubles the size of the congregation at Mass at either current church.

Parking at Masses in both Waikanae and Paraparaumu is already tight.

Therefore, we feel it is clear that we need to find one suitable location where an Our Lady of Kāpiti Church and School can be established. This is the consensus of the Development Group. We also believe that Parishioners generally support this view.

John O'Sullivan
Chairperson,
Development Group

Youth

The year is rushing towards Christmas with many of our youth on study leave for NCEA exams.

As part of our commitment to support our leaders, Youth Ministry provides leadership training. In August, this year we ran a 3 hour workshop followed by dinner at Breaker's Café. This allowed our leaders time to recharge their leadership batteries with an afternoon of fellowship, prayer and learning with fellow leaders in ministry. The topics covered were *What am I signing*



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up to as a volunteer?, *Stages of Faith and Engaging with Youth*. 18 leaders, including 6 youth leaders, took advantage of the workshop. Leaders spend a lot of time, energy and prayer helping youth on their discipleship journey. This was a time to feed their own journey!

We are currently planning for our December G.U.Y.S. Camp at Palm Grove, Christmas parties for Fun Time and J-Team plus planning for 2015.

We wish you all a wonderful Advent and Christmas season.

The Youth Office will close midday Wednesday 17 December and reopen in the last week of January.

Jacqui McLaughlin

Congratulations to Kevin Vaeluage on winning a Catholic Foundation Scholarship for \$3000 for the next three years. You have been a wonderful asset to the parish and we wish you every success as you journey forth to University to study medicine, and beyond.



Our Parish School

Once again we are looking forward to exciting times. We start the new year with a new teaching team with the appointment of a deputy principal who will be replacing Miss Kathryn Trask.



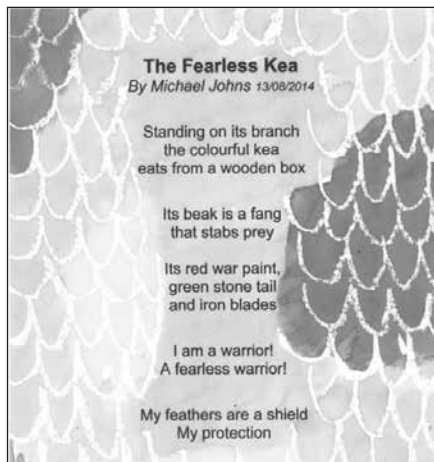
Kathryn retires in December after a long and productive career in education, most of it centred on St Patrick's here in Paraparaumu. She

was also a foundation pupil, starting here as a five year old. Many of you have children and grandchildren who have been taught by Kathryn. Her teaching has been of outstanding quality right to the end, embracing digital learning and technologies and instilling in the children a love for reading. Her long serving role as Director of Religious Studies has ensured the quality of our religious education programme and kept our Catholic character to the forefront of what we do.

On the 4th December, we will be acknowledging Kathryn's contributions to school and parish at our end of year excellence assembly, followed by a morning tea to which all are welcome. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift please send it to the school office.

Recently, one of our classes participated in a special event organised by Mahara Gallery in association with Nga Manu and funded by the Philipp Family Foundation. The children visited the gallery and Nga Manu and worked extensively with a resident poet and artist. All the children's work was

displayed at Mahara Gallery and culminated in six children having their art work and poems selected for publication in a book 'Wai Ora ki Tonga - Water Life of the South'. The book is being published here and around the world. The art works will eventually be on permanent display at Nga Manu.



A wonderful way to combine science, the arts, literacy and religious education, while exploring God's amazing creation and our need to care for it responsibly.

Recently, we had the privilege of hosting three classes from Paraparaumu School while they were waiting for their new classrooms.

The recent fire and aftermath has brought our two schools together, working cooperatively as neighbors. A real bonus for us both.



Juniors from both schools having an impromptu playdate.

The classes returned to their own place at the start of the term. We are having a shared lunch and games session to celebrate.

We appreciate and value your ongoing prayers and support, even more so as we make plans with the parish to move forward into the future.

May you all have a blessed and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Martin Elms, Principal

Handy Tip for All Ages

Remember, if you need a helping HAND, you will find one at the end of each of your ARMS.

As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands; one for helping YOURSELF, and the other for helping OTHERS.

Introducing Parish Groups & People

The Cenacle Sisters

The Cenacle Sisters Community all agree, "We love living on the Kapiti Coast".

Sisters Anne Powell, Kathleen Ryan, Clare O'Connor and Mary J Kay arrived here three years ago and say they give thanks for how welcome and at home they felt in a very short space of time.

"The Parish of Our Lady of Kapiti is a great community to be part of," Clare says. "We have found that our ministry is flourishing in this part of Aotearoa. Our focus is to companion people on their faith journey in the midst of life. Endeavouring to live justice and Gospel values, we draw from our experience of God, creating a place where people can encounter God."

The Cenacle sisters are all engaged with the ministries of one-to-one spiritual direction and supervision with local people and people from outside Kapiti. They also continue to be involved with the ministries of retreats, spirituality and facilitation. Both Clare and Anne are part of the music ministry in the parish liturgies. They have been delighted to offer hospitality to the Filipino Community and Clare says she loves being part of their choir.

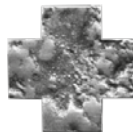
Their creative skills are further demonstrated in a 2015 Calendar with some of Anne's poetry and featuring some of their Kapiti photos. These are available for sale.

The Cenacle Sisters community is at 2 Olliver Grove in Waikanae Beach



and they can be contacted by email at office@cenacle.org.nz. Phone 04 2938344 or 04 9057213 or check the website www.cenacle.org.nz.

"We look forward to continuing to offer hospitality to you as we live life together."



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Recent Events

Bereavement Mass

Saturday 15th November saw St Patrick's host the annual Bereavement Mass. All those who had been bereaved during the year were personally invited to come and share in a time of remembrance of their loved one in the company of others who had been bereaved.

As always, a moving highlight was at the offertory when everyone was invited to bring up a memento. For some this was a photo or the funeral order of service, for others a flower or a personal keepsake served as a



remembrance of their loved one.

All in all, this is a wonderful way to remember those who have left us behind.

Bishop Justin Duckworth at Latest Men's Breakfast

After three successful Men's Breakfasts and a fantastic Woman's Breakfast during the year, the Kapiti Catholic Men's Group held a final Breakfast on 8th November. Much earlier in the year it was decided to invite the Anglican Bishop to speak, and invite the Paraparaumu Anglican Parish to participate. The Vicar arranged the Bishop and 100 tickets were given out (20 OLOF, 40 St Pat's, 40 St Paul's), with a Koha at the door. With members of the Group and helpers, there were about 120 men packed into the Senior Citizen's Centre.

Tables and chairs were set up the evening before, cooking started at 7 - bacon, sausage, tomatoes, hash browns, baked beans and scrambled eggs - and breakfast was served at 8:30. Some men even had second helpings!



Bishop Justin (pictured) lived up to his reputation - dreads and bare feet included. He was a very engaging speaker who spoke from the heart and personal experience. His point, repeated often during his talk, was "have the courage to do what is morally right, not what is popular or expected."

By the end of his talk the men were so still it was obvious that they were getting the message! He fielded some very pointed questions afterwards.

He talked about a couple of aspects that were new to the Catholic men. He spent some time establishing that Jesus had to be killed for economic reasons. The temple establishment made a lot of money selling doves and animals to be sacrificed on the altar, particularly since they had to be bought in temple money rather than Roman coin, hence the money changers in the forecourt.

Jesus was forgiving sins, so his followers did not have to go to the temple and make sacrifice to atone. The result was that the Jews turnover dropped markedly. The final straw was when Jesus cleared out the forecourt altogether, stopping the

trade and temple income. He had to die to restore their income.

He also talked about the Anglican Church as an institutional church, run by committees for committee's sake. That had to change from the bottom up, and he saw his God-given task as bringing the people to make the changes necessary.

The breakfast was so successful the Men's Group intends to again hold the last breakfast in 2015 jointly with the Anglicans, with their choice of speaker.

Glen McCullough



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Exam howler:

*Q. What is the
meaning of 'varicose'?*
A. Close by.

St Vincent de Paul AGM

St Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Kapiti Conference, combined the Waikanae and Paraparaumu branches in November 2013. Our previous President, Des Horan, had a role in managing the transition of our combined conferences and has been an inclusive and caring presence within our Conference over 2014. Our sincere thanks to Des for his able service to us and the disadvantaged in Kapiti.

We welcome our new President, John Reardon. John has a background in law and an interest in social justice. John and Callista moved to Waikanae a year ago and have five sons. If you would like to find out more about St Vincent de Paul, contact John on 293 6079 or 021 609 096. We welcome new members and the continued support of our Parish.

Rebecca Thomson

Upcoming Events

Parish Christmas Lunch with a Reason

The aim of this event has always been twofold; to bring the members of Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish together to socialize as one, and to raise some dollars in support of those in the Kapiti area who might 'need a hand'.

That's why the luncheon price has always remained nominal at \$25 per head for adults and \$12 for children under 12.

But we want the message to be well and truly heard - that **if you know of a parishioner who would like to be at the Luncheon but can't afford it, let Fr. Michael or Carol in the Parish Office know and we will organize complimentary tickets for them.** After all that is very much the theme of the event.

The Luncheon is again being held at Southwards, on Sunday 14th December. Entertainment this year is the very funny Pinky Agnew with music by flutist Michelle Scullion, accompanied by Gilbert on keyboard.

MC is Justin du Fresne, who will ensure that the event keeps moving.

The luncheon menu will be very much in the spirit of traditional Christmas fare, provided, in the main, through the generosity of local businesses and an army of hard working volunteers.

The fundraising part of the day comes via the vehicles of an auction and a raffle, again put together through the generosity of local businesses, to whom we are extremely thankful.

Tickets available at Mass or via the Parish office 9025815.

Remember, for catering, bookings are essential, and, if you need transport, let us know and we'll get you sorted.

Bob Houston

The Next Step

It started with two parishes coming together to form Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish. Then came the formation of a Pastoral Area, embracing Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish plus Otaki and Levin Parishes.

It is proposed that, in the spirit of coming together, we have a **combined Pastoral Area**

Mass to be held at the **Otaki Maori Raceway** on **Sunday 15th February 2015**.

Many people felt that our Outdoor Mass at Southwards last year really consummated the union of St. Patrick's and Our Lady of Fatima Parishes and it is in that spirit that we are proceeding to organise this event.

The Otaki Maori Raceway is a marvellous venue with one covered stand that can seat in excess of two thousand people.

Our combined liturgy teams have commenced their work, as have our Youth Groups, who are working on a Pastoral mural - it will be a work of art in its own right. The other many and varied areas of the mass are coming together.


We want this to be a truly embracing event, with every part of each parish represented on this wonderful occasion. It will be a most memorable and blessed event and we want everyone to be part of it.

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Margaret was born around 1045 in Hungary, the daughter of the exiled English Prince, Edward “the Outlaw” Atheling, of the English royal house of Wessex, and a German Princess named Agatha. Margaret was raised in the court of St. Stephen, King of Hungary. In 1057, when she was about 12, Margaret and her family returned to England, where the king was St. Edward the Confessor. After the Norman conquest in 1066, and after her husband’s death in 1068, Agatha, with her son and two daughters, resolved to return to Hungary and embarked with that intent. Their ship was driven up the Firth of Forth to Dunfermline, where Malcolm III¹, King of Scotland, received them hospitably and granted them refuge. He very soon offered the whole family a permanent home with him and asked that the Princess Margaret should become his wife.

Margaret took a direct role in helping the people of Scotland. She devoted time and money to works of charity, assisting the poor, the aged, orphans and the sick. She also prevented a schism between the Roman Church and the Celtic Church, which had been cut off from Rome.

Margaret re-founded the monastery on the Island of Iona (Saint Columba, an Irish missionary founded the monastery in 563 in an attempt to



convert the Picts). One of her first acts as queen was to build a church at Dunfermline, where she had been married. She dedicated it to the Holy Trinity. She gave all the ornaments that a church requires, amongst them golden cups, a handsome crucifix of gold and silver enriched with gems and vestments for the priests.

She provided ships at a place on the Firth of Forth, still called “The Queen’s Ferry,” that all persons coming from distant parts on pilgrimage to St. Andrews, might be brought across the water free of charge. She also gave houses and servants on either shore for their accommodation, that they might find everything necessary for their repose and refreshment and might pay their devotions in peace and safety.

Her Feast day is 16th November.

1 Malcolm III was the son of Duncan I, killed in 1040 by Macbeth

Obituary: Margaret Butterfield

In mid-October more than 450 people gathered in St Patrick's Church to honour the life of Margaret Butterfield who died on October 10.

Margaret Mary Sliney was born on February 5, 1945 in the Naval Hospital in Devonport near Plymouth and grew up in the town where her father worked in the Royal Navy.

When her father left the Navy the family moved to Leicester, where John Butterfield lived and where the Sliney and Butterfield families attended the same church.

"I looked across the aisle one day and saw this beautiful girl and asked her out," John said.

Margaret and John were later married in Leicester and their first child, Richard was born there. Work saw the family move to Lancashire where Helen was born. Another son, Anthony, came along after the family moved back to Leicester. In 1964 Margaret and John came to New Zealand with their three children.

After two and a half years they returned to England where David was born. But the decision was made by John and Margaret that they wanted to bring their children up in New Zealand so, in 1981, they returned and in 1986 their only Kiwi-born child, Patricia, was born.

Margaret's mother Christina – known as Ina – came to stay for the last five years of her life and was cared for throughout that time by Margaret.



During the eulogy, Helen paid a most moving tribute to her parents' marriage as a model for the whole family and others, of what a loving Christian family looked like.

The Butterfield family has lived on the Kapiti Coast for all of the time since their return. The commitment that began in a church continued over the years with Margaret's dedication to her Faith and many voluntary roles in the parish, at St Patrick's School and in the work of the parish – both as St Patrick's and Our Lady of Kapiti.

She had belonged to the Catholic Women's League in England and re-joined in Paraparaumu – "over 40 years' service," John said. She was on the Liturgy Committee and was a Proclaimer of the Word "and so much more".

In the wider community Margaret was a SeniorNet tutor and an ESOL community tutor, teaching English to speakers of other languages.

John says the support shown during Margaret's long illness, and since her death, has been a source of great comfort. "So many people have done really generous and kind things."

Margaret's influence spread beyond the family into our parish and into the wider community. She was a faithful servant who dedicated years of her life to CWL, the Liturgy Committee and SeniorNet.

She was a 'good' woman who did ordinary things well.

"A mighty totara has fallen."

Recycling Tip

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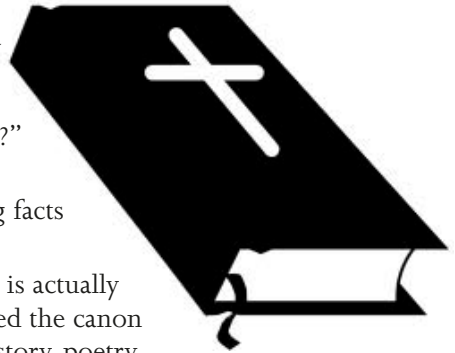
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Book Review

The Bible

During a question and answer session at a recent speaking engagement, a university student asked me, “Why do you believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God?”

In answering this student’s question, I encouraged him to consider the following facts about the Bible:



- † the Bible is not just one single book. It is actually a collection of 66 books, which is called the canon of scriptures, in a variety of genres: history, poetry, prophecy, wisdom literature, letters, and apocalyptic, just to name a few.
- † these 66 books were written by 40 different authors. These authors came from a variety of backgrounds: shepherds, fishermen, doctors, kings, prophets, and others. And most of these authors never knew one another personally.
- † these 66 books were written over a period of 1,500 years. Yet again, this is another reminder that many of these authors never knew or collaborated with one another in writing these books.
- † the 66 books of the Bible were written in 3 different languages. In the Bible we have books that were written in the ancient languages of Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic; a reflection of the historical and cultural circumstances in which each of these books was written.
- † these 66 books were written on 3 different continents: Africa, Asia, and Europe. Once again, this is a testament to the varied historical and cultural circumstances of God’s people.

What’s more, this collection of books shares:

- † a common storyline - the creation, fall and redemption of God’s people,
- † a common theme - God’s universal love for all of humanity,
- † a common message - salvation is available to all who repent of their sins and commit to following God with all of their heart, soul, mind and strength.

In addition to sharing these commonalities, these 66 books contain no historical errors or contradictions. God’s word truly is an amazing collection of writings!

After I had shared the above facts with this student, I offered him the following challenge. “I challenge you to go to any library in the world and choose any 66 books, written by 40 different authors, over 1,500 years, in 3 different

languages, written on 3 different continents. However, they must share a common storyline, a common theme, and a common message, with no historical errors or contradictions.”

The student’s reply was almost instantaneous, he emphatically stated, “But that’s impossible!”

It truly is impossible for any collection of human writings. However, the Bible passes this test. The entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, bears the mark of Divine inspiration.

The next time you encounter

someone who asks you why you believe the Bible is the inspired word of God, try sharing this challenge with them. Better yet, don’t wait until you’re asked, just go ahead and share this challenge with a friend today. You don’t even have to mention the Bible up front, just ask them if they think it would be realistic to assemble such a collection of books. After they say, “But that’s impossible!” you’ve got a ready-made opportunity for sharing the truth of God’s word with somebody!

Jason and Ron Carlson

A Little Bit of This and a Bit of That

Mass Requests – a “How To” Guide

November is the month of the Holy Souls and many like to ask for masses for their loved ones. But what is the etiquette around asking for a mass? Carol from the parish office fills us in:

There are two kinds of Mass Requests – a Mass in Sympathy and a Mass of Intentions

The common request is a Mass in Sympathy. If you would like a Mass said for a deceased person, you need to contact the Parish office and request that you would like a Mass said, giving their name and the date of their death or anniversary. A note of the name is taken and put in the Newsletter for Remembering the Holy Souls. The request is then passed on to the Priest. If a donation is given for this the donation is handed to the Priest.

You can contact the Parish office

and just request that the name of the deceased person be put in the Newsletter for Remembering the Holy Souls. There is no cost for this.

If you request a Mass be said for the Intentions of someone, the details are given to the Priest and the Priest chooses an applicable Mass to offer. These do not go in the newsletter.

Cards can be purchased through the parish office for both a Mass in Sympathy and a Mass of Intentions. You can ask for the card to be signed by the Priest and then arrange to pick up the card. Cost of the cards is \$1.50 each.

If someone requests that a Mass be offered by a Priest, a donation is never expected. If you choose to make a donation, that is entirely voluntary. Requesting a Priest to offer a Mass,

whether it be a Mass in Sympathy or a Mass of Intentions, requires the Priest's service and this service is what the donation, if given, is given for. The Priest does not 'expect' it.

Please note that a 'donation' is like a 'koha' – an amount is not suggested.

Christmas Quotes

☆ Christmas gift suggestions: to your enemy, forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to a customer, service; to all, charity; to every child, a good example; to yourself, respect.

- Oren Arnold

☆ Were I a philosopher, I should write a philosophy of toys, showing that nothing else in life need be taken seriously, and that Christmas Day in the company of children is one of the few occasions on which men become entirely alive.

- Robert Lynd

☆ Mankind is a great, an immense, family. This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas.

- Pope John XXIII

☆ It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas when its mighty Founder was a child Himself.

- Charles Dickens

☆ Keep your Christmas-heart open all the year round.

- Jessica Archmint

☆ Nothing's as mean as giving a little child something useful for Christmas.

- Kin Hubbard

☆ Once again we find ourselves enmeshed in the Holiday Season, that very special time of year when we join with our loved ones in sharing centuries-old traditions such as trying to find a parking space at the mall. We traditionally do this in my family by driving around the parking lot until we see a shopper emerge from the mall, then we follow her, in very much the same spirit as the Three Wise Men, who 2,000 years ago followed a star, week after week, until it led them to a parking space.

- Dave Barry



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