

- Other activities (golf, fashion show, craft expo, etc.) are planned for early next year. More details nearer the time.
- A “Planned Giving” option will be launched shortly for those who prefer to donate gradually.
- Once construction plans are confirmed approaches will be made to charitable donor organisations. If you have any potentially useful contacts or experience in dealing with these organisations we would be pleased to hear from you.

Please refer any fundraising ideas and proposals to the Fundraising Group for consideration. We need your ideas and enthusiastic support.

(Funding Group contact: Paul Reiher 904 6956)

Remembering Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish in your Will

In recent months a number of parishioners have asked about the possibility of leaving a bequest for our new Parish Church and Development Project.

A bequest will help Our Lady of Kapiti Parish to continue to build a future full of hope by reducing any debt from its capital Construction Project.

If you would like to talk to John McCardle, parishioner and lawyer, about the exact wording in your will, he would be happy to visit you and assist you free of charge.

Clause we suggest to be included in your Will:

I give and bequeath to the Parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti, of the Archdiocese of Wellington, the sum of \$.... towards the cost of its new Parish Church and Development Project.

Contact John McCardle, *Breaden McCardle Lawyers Kapiti*; ph 2961675 or email john@bmc-law.co.nz

Prayer – The Essential Element

Every Sunday since the site blessing on 28th June has seen parishioners gathering on the site at 11.30am to pray for about 20 minutes. We begin with an opening prayer, followed by a reading from scripture. After this there is ten minutes for personal prayer as individuals, couples and families walk (or run, in the case of kids) over the land, soaking it in prayer. We then re-gather as a body for a hymn and the parish prayer. Each week there has been a parish presence on the land. We hope that as the weather improves, more parishioners may join us from time to time to pray for our parish, our building programme and for all those who will use the buildings in the years ahead.

The prayer team has also been responsible for providing a weekly prayer of the faithful and a suggested prayer focus in the newsletter, so all parishioners can assist the building process through their prayers.



Progress Report #4 – FOOTPRINT & BULK LOCATION

Parish Presentation 12th and 13th September 2015

The “where we’ve got to” story about the new school and church site on Milne Drive was presented at Masses by John O’Sullivan (Steering Group Chair) and Justin du Fresne (Parish Council Chair).



A series of slides was shown, with the first re-visiting the design concept and historical background that had been previously presented by Studio Pacific Architecture. The “site plan” showed the intended placement of the various elements: the church itself centrally positioned with the school to its south and west; a large “Atea” (gathering space) connecting the car park, drop-off area, church, school, and proposed hall (which will be shared by both the parish and the school); provision (in a separate building) for the Youth Ministry, Foodbank, and St Vincent de Paul. Land at the northern end of the site may be sold to appropriate business activities.

The church building comprises the main worship area, a separate chapel, provision for “overflow” seating (e.g. Christmas and Easter), meeting spaces, kitchen and parish administration. An “historical axis” connects the church with the district’s catholic history. It was stressed that the design is uncompleted – much of the detail still to be confirmed. The building is environmentally sensitive with natural ventilation and extensive use of timber. An external view shows just how the church will look when viewed from the north – determining the best site for a crucifix is a work in progress.

A timeline was explained – site works start before the end of this year and school construction starts January 2016 with the school to open February 2017. Church completion is due later that year. Next action is obtaining consent from both neighbours and the Council. Fundraising begins in earnest now that we have something to show potential donors. Exact costs are not yet known but the

present “best estimate” is in the order of \$5 – 6 million. The next parish real estate to go on the market will be St Patrick’s church, the presbytery and the school (although possession of the latter can’t occur until the new school is ready). Our Lady of Fatima will likely be the sole parish centre of worship for some time.

Copies of the slides presented will remain in the church foyers and a scale model is at the Parish Office.

Feedback and comment is encouraged – the email address is ladykapiti@gmail.com or post to/drop in to the Parish Office.

Commentary by Justin du Fresne

***Introducing People Involved* – LITURGY & BUILDING DESIGN TEAM**

Fr Michael McCabe

Wullie Grant (Bio already provided)

Maureen Borkin and Bill were married in Our Lady of Fatima in 1977 and three years later Maureen was received into the Church in St Patrick’s. They have three daughters and one son, with four grandchildren – so far. They have been part of the Good Shepherd Community since it was formed in 1982. Maureen is currently a member of the Liturgy Team and the Parish Pastoral Council. She has completed the Archdiocesan Pastoral Area Liturgy Support course.



Kath Garton is particularly interested in the practical and visual aspects of the new church complex and the needs of the community it will serve. Kath has been involved in music ministry in the church/school, patchwork and quilting, making liturgical vestments, etc. and teaching young people to understand the church’s symbols so they can lead the design process themselves.

Margaret Grant and Wullie have been married for 45 years with 4 grown up sons and 9 grandchildren and came to New Zealand in 1984. They have been parishioners for 16 years. Margaret is a member of the Liturgy Committee, Justice and Peace Group and is a Eucharistic Minister. Margaret is also a volunteer with Mary Potter Hospice in Kapiti.

Joe Green, married to Anne for 36 years, has three adult children, 10 grandchildren. Joe has been a police officer for 32 years. Currently at the rank of inspector, Joe has national responsibility coordinating emergency management. By September Joe will have completed the four years formation as a Lay Pastoral Leader in Launch Out. Joe is currently the Archdiocesan representative on the national network for the RCIA.

Sr Barbara Henley is a Sister of Our Lady of the Missions, who lives in Snedden Village where she works as supervisor and Pastoral carer. Barbara completed a

Bachelor of Theology in 1998 and was born in the same year as 78 million other baby boomers! Barbara loves music, art, drama, good liturgy, nature, our church, our world, our changing church, our changing world...

Pauline McGlinchey grew up in Strathmore Park, Wellington. Between 1972 and 1979 Pauline was a member of the choir and St Vincent De Paul at St Bernadette’s Naenae. From 1980 until today, Pauline has been involved in Liturgy Committee, Music Ministry, Ministry of Word and Eucharist in the parishes of Waiwhetu, Upper Hutt, Ellerslie and Kapiti.

Jacqui McLaughlin is married with 5 sons & has been a parishioner for 7.5 years. Currently she is the parish’s youth coordinator, coordinating youth groups, camps and various other youth activities and is also on the Parish Council. To be part of the process of building a new church to serve the needs of the community for the next 50 years is an amazing privilege & opportunity for us all.

John Reardon is married to Callista. They have five kids, three in Auckland, one in Wellington, and one in London. John is a lawyer who specialises in civil litigation and local government. John is currently President of the parish SVDP. Callista works part time at the Hospice shop in Paraparaumu.

Anna Ryan and Peter have been active parishioners for almost 30 years, with their six children, and now two grandchildren, all attending St Patrick’s School. Anna is currently chair of the Faith Enrichment Team, editor of *Pastoral Pages*, member of the Change Management Team and is involved in a number of parish groups. Originally a teacher, Anna now runs an educational publishing business.

Merle Whiteman is a member of the liturgy committee, a parish worker, cenacle companion, Spiritual Director/retreat team member. Merle has worked for the Church all her married life. She has 5 grandchildren and has lived in Kapiti for eleven years.

Fundraising

In recognition of the parish’s commitment to the Mission Gala, most fundraising activities commence after 26th September.



Already fundraising is gaining pace:

- Dinner Dance at Southwards – sold out! Thanks Bob Houston.
- Eight \$10 Lunch Clubs are holding monthly gatherings. (Contact Velma Knight 299 1539)
- A Parish Trademe Account for sale of donated goods will commence in October. Further details will be published in due course.
- Tickets for a community-wide raffle, drawn before Christmas, are available.