



HOLY TRINITY
— **PARISH** —
WELLINGTON ★ NEW ZEALAND



Parish Vision

*We are a prayerful and diverse Catholic community
in the Eastern suburbs of Wellington,
drawing strength from one another
to grow and become fully alive as missionary disciples.*

ANNUAL REPORT

TO 31 MARCH 2023

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FROM FR BILL

This past year has been a time of change and challenge for us all. We managed to see our way through another period of COVID restrictions but felt very relieved when conditions and restrictions were lifted. As cautious as it was, we all managed to continue praying and supporting each other.

Mission has also helped us to continue focusing on the challenge of Pope Francis to us – communion, participation and mission.

We work towards our pastoral plan that invites us to focus on five key values for 2024

Welcoming

Missionary/outreach

Worship and prayer

Community

Justice

May the blessing of the Christ child be with you all this Christmas.



Fr Bill Warwick
Parish Priest

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM (2022 - 2023)

It has been over 2 years now since COVID became immersed in our society and this made for a difficult 2022/23 year for our parish. As mentioned last year, we must continue to pray and support each other. We offer our thanks to those parishioners who assisted with the implementation of restrictions around COVID and thank all parishioners for following these requirements.

The Parish Leadership Team (PLT) commenced a process to respond to Cardinal John's letter requesting further information on our building and facilities project. This was placed on hold due to COVID restrictions around group meetings and sourcing of essential information.

We then commenced a project to establish a Parish Plan, supported by a Visions and implementation process which will for a platform for the direction of our parish over future years. Information was sourced from several adjoining parishes and is currently being evaluated. We expect to implement this plan gradually during the 2023/24 year.

Guidelines were established by the PLT for our parish response to requests for assistance in the resettlement of refugees in the Wellington area. Any future requests will be evaluated in conjunction with SVdP.

The PLT responded to a request from Pope Francis to parishes from around the world to provide him with ideas and issues for discussion at his world Synod. A series of 8 x 1 hours zoom sessions were held to provide parishioners the opportunity to discuss their thoughts and a co-ordinated response was forwarded via the Archdiocese.

We farewelled Margaret Bearsley from the PLT and offered her our total support in her launch-out training and leadership of the OCIA programme in the parish.

We were fortunate to have had Alfred Tong in our parish as he prepared for his ordination into the priesthood on the 22 September 2022. He was then appointed assistant priest at Te Awakairangi (Taita, Naenae, Avalon and Lower Hutt). And then in November, one of 3 Vietnamese students to the Archdiocese, Joseph Kam Dinh Nguyen (known as Kham) moved into the presbytery to live with Fr Bill while he attends language school to gain his English proficiency in order to apply to enter the seminary.

May God bless us all.



Give and It Shall Be
Given Unto You...

Luke 6:38

FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (2022 – 2023)

The 2022–2023 year financial results represent a year of recovery to pre-Covid trends. Comparing to the 2018-2019 year gross collections have reduced from \$200k to \$195k. However, the insurance component of our payments to the Archdiocese have almost doubled in that same time period, meaning our annual net collections retained by the parish has reduced from \$96 to \$66k in that same period.

In regards to our other income sources, increasing rental income from the St Anthony's ex-presbytery and rising interest rates on our cash savings have effectively offset the reduced income/koha we have received from users of our halls and other buildings. The latter have not recovered to pre-Covid levels (ie. now \$16k v \$59k in 2018/19).

Limited major expenditure on our buildings compared to the pre-Covid years, means the final result was a \$45k surplus, but any such expenditure could easily have changed that result to a deficit.

As noted in prior years, the parish's financial situation and future projections (particularly insurance and building maintenance) show the need to rationalise our parish property, and also for parishioners to continue financial gifting to support our parish so that our saved funds and interest income can be retained for long-term property decisions.

Automatic Payments

Please take the time to reflect on this, and if you decide to change to Automatic payments please contact the office on 388 6953 or holytrinity.wgtn@xtra.co.nz to be issued with a new Planned Giving Number so your giving can be accurately tracked.

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| Bank of New Zealand - Holy Trinity Parish | 02-0536-0185031-00 |
| Your Name - <i>Surname and Initials</i> | Ref: (your new planned giving number) |

Parishioners are strongly encouraged to make Automatic Payments rather than cash donations to the parish as there are less people available to count our Sunday collections and we incur increasing bank processing and security service collection costs dealing with cash.

We thank all parishioners for your ongoing financial support in addition to other forms of parish involvement, we couldn't do this without you and it is greatly appreciated.

Archdiocese of Wellington - Holy Trinity Parish

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 March 2023

| | Actual This Year | Actual Last Year |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Assets | | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Bank accounts and cash | 206,956 | 165,450 |
| Debtors and prepayments | 2,502 | 1,733 |
| Inventory | | |
| Other current assets | 350,000 | 350,000 |
| Total Current Assets | 559,458 | 517,183 |
| Non-Current Assets | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 15,074,379 | 15,078,382 |
| Investments | 3,899,458 | 3,899,458 |
| Other non-current assets | | |
| Total Non-Current Assets | 18,973,837 | 18,977,840 |
| Total Assets | 19,533,295 | 19,495,023 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Creditors and accrued expenses | 13,803 | 18,448 |
| Employee costs payable | 9,571 | 11,557 |
| Unused donations and grants with conditions | | |
| Other current liabilities | | |
| Total Current Liabilities | 23,374 | 30,004 |
| Non-Current Liabilities | | |
| Loans | | |
| Other non-current liabilities | | |
| Total Non-Current liabilities | | |
| Total Liabilities | 23,374 | 30,004 |
| Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets) | 19,509,921 | 19,465,019 |
| Accumulated Funds | | |
| Accumulated surpluses or (deficits) | 14,146,922 | 14,102,019 |
| Reserves | 5,363,000 | 5,363,000 |
| Total Accumulated Funds | 19,509,922 | 19,465,019 |

Archdiocese of Wellington - Holy Trinity Parish

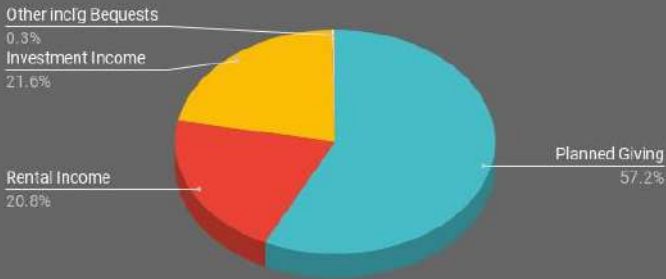
Statement of Financial Performance

For the year ended 31 March 2023

| | Actual This Year \$ | | Actual Last Year \$ |
|--|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Revenue | | | |
| Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue | | | |
| Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members | 198,467 | | 167,471 |
| Revenue from providing goods and services | 72,848 | | 107,446 |
| Interest, dividends and other investment revenue | 75,011 | | 42,374 |
| Fundraising revenue | 359 | | 7,908 |
| Other revenue | | | |
| Total Revenue | 346,685 | | 325,145 |
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| Expenses | | | |
| Expenses related to public fundraising | | | |
| Volunteer and employee related costs | 73,312 | | 68,710 |
| Costs related to providing goods or services | 220,760 | | 175,397 |
| Grants and donations made | | | |
| Other expenses | 7,740 | | 8,280 |
| Total Expenses | 301,776 | | 252,387 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year | 44,909 | | 72,758 |

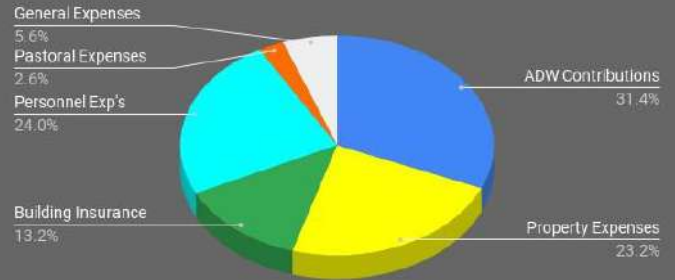
Breakdown of Parish Income for year ended Mar 2023

(Total: \$346,685.00)



Breakdown of Parish Expenses for year ended Mar 2023

(Total: \$301,776.00)



HOLY TRINITY LITURGY COMMITTEE REPORT (2022 - 2023)

The Liturgy Committee of Fr Bill Warwick, Patricia O'Donnell, Paul Monahan, Andrew Greening, Leona Foster and Clare Lunden meet monthly to serve the Liturgical needs of the Parish.

SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday Mass is celebrated at St Anthony's at 5.30pm Saturday, 8.30 am at Holy Cross and 10.30am at St Patrick's. Musicians, Proclaimers of the Word, Offertory Bringers and Eucharistic Ministers are rostered for each Mass. Parishioners are generous in volunteering. Contributions for SVDP food basket are offered as part of the offertory. We endeavour to mark important liturgical and society occurrences with a small focus during the Sunday Mass, whether it is symbols, prayers, displays or acknowledgements. Our thanks to Andrew Greening for his leadership in this area at St Patrick's Church. Mass numbers have slowly climbed now that Covid restrictions are over. Some Parishioners continued to wear masks and social distance. Hand sanitiser is available and the churches are well ventilated. Holy water is back in the fonts at the back of the church. Communion is under both kinds, the Body of the Lord in the hand.

At the end of June St Patrick's was averaging 150/160 Parishioners attending, still well down on pre covid numbers of 230/245 on a usual Sunday. We have restarted the practice of having a cup of tea after Mass on the first Sunday of the month at St Patrick's.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Masses are celebrated Tuesday to Friday in different churches. Reconciliation is offered every first Saturday of the month. Many volunteers bring Communion weekly to the elderly and sick. Fr Bill celebrates Mass monthly at Rita Angus Retirement Village and a prayer service is also led monthly by volunteers.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME.

It was decided not to run a programme in 2022 due to COVID but we were able to complete the sacramental programme from the previous year which had been disrupted. In August, 19 of our children were able to finally complete their sacramental journey and received their First Holy Communion. Fr Bill is good at encouraging the parents to be actively involved.

OTHER EVENTS

The OCIA programme is run in our parish and we have 2 people currently working through the programme

The liturgy committee members want to thank all our Parishioners for their involvement in our Parish life. You make Holy Trinity the welcoming, vibrant Parish that it is.

Patricia O'Donnell,
Secretary

PARISH STATISTICS

Description of the Entity's Outcomes:

Providing daily religious services, faith courses, support groups, outreach services to the wider community

| | Actual | Actual |
|---|--------|--------|
| Description and Quantification (to the extent practicable) of the Entity's Outputs: | 2022 | 2021 |

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| No of regular masses = 5 weekday + 3 weekend +2 special mthly. Plus other special liturgical & ethnic services | 500 - 520 | 450 – 480 (COVID – churches closed 8 weeks & 14 weeks restricted numbers) |
| Number of attendees at Sunday masses for the year (based on one month mass count) | Approx 21,000 | Approx 20,000 (COVID – churches closed 8 weeks & 14 weeks restricted numbers) |
| Sacramental Programmes delivered to parish community for the year: | | |
| Baptisms | 30 | 26 |
| First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation | 24 | 30 |
| Funerals celebrated | 25 | 28 |
| Weddings celebrated | 4 | 2 |

Additional Output Measures:

Measures include promotion of the efforts for St Vincent De Paul Society and providing support as needed, fellowship opportunities for elderly parishioners, strengthened links with schools and colleges, and support for local branches of wider Church organisations.

AULOTU (2022 - 2023)

Talofa Lava, Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

It has been a busy 12 months in the Samoan community as we continue to grow and build from the previous year where COVID impacted our ability to meet in person and we faced the challenge of keeping everyone engaged through virtual masses and meetings.

Samoan Mass is still running as per the schedule every first Sunday of the month along with Sunday school and light refreshments. Our Sunday school has grown so we have appointed teachers who are tasked with classes, and also preparing the kids for White Sunday which is set for the 15th October.

Our youth group has also restarted and took part in a combined Mass and performance earlier in the year at Viard College, so it was great to see the uniform come out again and the youth perform an item and song on behalf of the Holy Trinity Parish. There are also other planned activities for the youth later this year which includes a sports day and possibly another combined Mass so they are preparing to take part and keep engaged as there have also been talks about a cultural performance at the next combined Mass.

Our choir has continued and is also growing with more of the youth joining so we have choir practice every Friday depending on availability.

So far, everything has been smooth and we are looking forward to any events coming up as we get closer to Christmas and the holiday season.

Fa'afetai Lava

Marie Feaunati

Samoan Aulotu Secretary



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Holy Trinity Eastern Suburb's St Vincent de Paul Society - "YOUR VINNIES"

CORE MISSION

Our core mission is to seek out those most in need and support them in practical ways, always making personal contact, visiting their homes (including rethomes), and working in a way that suits them. This year we have noticed an increased need for food parcels as food prices continue to increase and extra bills test our client's budgets to the limit. We also notice additional complexity with living situations, and mental and physical health needs.

Holy Trinity Parishioners continue to give generously. Across the year, food and cash donations are up on the previous year. We have provided a fortnightly update in the Parish newsletter throughout the year and whenever we especially ask for additional supplies, we receive these abundantly. We again extend sincere thanks to Marianne and Fr Bill for their on-going support of our work. By the numbers, in 2022/23 our members have: made 288 visits; delivered 336 food parcels; furnished 10 households and assisted 40 students in need (this excludes work with kotuku flats, KCC and school food deliveries, which are covered below).

SPECIAL PROJECTS 2021/22

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| <p>Christmas Hampers</p> | <p>Once again, we delivered Christmas hampers to those most in need in the Eastern Suburbs. Over the years we have continuously refined and improved our logistics and targeting of what is a major exercise for an essentially small core group of people – the result being that for Christmas 2022, we focused on delivering multiple generous boxes to our core clients as well as to additional families referred by our Catholic schools, specific requested items to the Kotuku Community Housing complex, and a few boxes to the Kilbirnie Community Centre for their distribution as they saw need. Approximately 30 volunteers took part of three days and stages and we delivered a total of 120 boxes.</p> |
| <p>Pak n save Foodbank Appeals</p> | <p>Three Appeals across the year at PaknSave Kilbirnie, continuing to collect an average of 60 boxes per collection. It is also interesting to note that, as the prices of goods have increased, there is a trend toward donating more higher priced items and treats i.e. people are effectively giving more than before. We would like to record formal thanks to over 30 volunteers that make the collection and immediate distribution possible, as well as to PaknSave Kilbirnie.</p> |
| <p>Students in Need</p> | <p>This year we continued funding for special projects in our three Catholic primary schools and individual homes, such as art therapy classes, bereavement counselling, camp fees and uniforms. Again, we also provided substantial food donations for breakfasts to SPP and HC Primary, following successful PaknSave Appeals. Note that our total level of funding for students was down on the previous year simply due to not receiving any additional funding from the Parish Bazaar. However, we intend to again increase funding in 2023/24 as we utilise two extremely generous bequests to target critical and specific student needs that we have identified – details are almost finalised, following consultation and the development of clear accountability protocols and systems..</p> |
| <p>Kotuku Flats</p> | <p>We have continued the morning teas every Wednesday from 10.30-12 noon for residents on the Kotuku Community Housing Flats in Kilbirnie. This year we also facilitated a community BBQ at the Flats. Numbers having steadily increased and we now have many regulars attending morning tea. We run a roster of 4 volunteers to provide this service and are always heartened by lively conversation and positive feedback.</p> |

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| Kilbirnie Community Centre Partnership | As foreshadowed in last year's report, we have reviewed our partnership with KCC. This resulted in us agreeing that we would no longer provide fortnightly supplies of coffee, tea, potatoes and cheese to the KCC. We had not received any direct client referrals, costs had increased, our direct client list had grown and we wanted to ensure we stayed true to our mission of providing personal and direct assistance to people in their homes. However, one of our core members is now on the KCC Board and we continue to support KCC with food if we have surplus, as well as providing extra for them to distribute at Christmas. |
| Thursday Group | We have again been able to support this Holy Trinity group through funding, transport, and help with morning tea each week since it was able to reconvene post covid. |

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2021 – 2022

| INCOME | | EXPENDITURE | |
|---|-------------|--|------------|
| Donations General (\$5,545.50 in 21/22) | \$8,199.84 | Food supplies | \$3,236.84 |
| Church Box Collections \$337.80 21/22) | (\$86.60 in | Clothing/Shoes | \$1,006.45 |
| Donations Students in Need (\$12,101.40 In 21/22) | \$5,840.29 | Household & miscellaneous items | \$657.88 |
| Donations - Christmas Hampers (\$5,816.00 in 21/22) | \$5,300.70 | Sri Lanka Appeal | \$500.00 |
| Bequests | \$15,000.00 | Auckland Floods National Appeal | \$1,000.00 |
| Bank Interest (\$3.30 in 21/22) | \$71.00 | Print PaknSave flyers | \$252.27 |
| | | Students in need | \$5,449.08 |
| | | Christmas Hampers extra items | \$5,199.20 |
| Total income \$34,750.37 (\$11,451.40 in 21/22) | | Total expenditure \$17,301.72 | |

Note that the difference between income and expenditure is explained by Bequest funding not yet being allocated (details discussed under Students in Need above) and because we also maintain a 'kitty' of approx. \$1,500-\$2,000.00 each year to cover emergency purchase of items for clients not otherwise covered by donations at any given point in time (ie where timing of donations means expenditure is higher than income).

MEMBERSHIP

We have 11 Active Members and 36 Associates/Friends. Andrew Bridgman remains as our President, Maria Pene our Treasurer, and Annette Bridgman Secretary. During the year we fondly farewelled 4 core members who had given years of inspiring service, but were either now leaving Wellington (2) or their circumstances had changed (2). All members continue to build our work through the time and talents they have available to work directly for our clients in their homes

DONATIONS

If you would like to support our work, you can donate on-line at: BNZ 02-0576-0017817-06 or contact Maria Pene (mpene20@gmail.com or 022 428 0427) or place food or cash in marked boxes in Church foyers.

“GO TO THE POOR, YOU WILL FIND GOD.” ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Andrew Bridgman, President, Holy Trinity Eastern Suburbs (HTES) Conference..

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets regularly on Saturday at 09:30 am at the Holy Cross Chapel for prayers, planning and review of our works.

Our works include visitation of the sick and aged parishioners in rest homes and their residences and prayers in honour of Our Lady. We also care for the lapsed parishioners by delivering the Welcom papers and the Maria Legionis magazines to our auxiliary members. We also offer prayers for the departed legionaries and parishioners as well as attending any funerals in the parish.

Active and auxiliary members recite the Rosary and the Catena daily which unites us together and to the Blessed Mother.

Two of our members went with the Comitium president to the Whanganui praesidium as a way of keeping the bond with the Legion.

Our devotion to Mother Mary is strengthened by holding an Acies, a consecration of the Legionaries to our Lady that took place in March. During this ceremony, the members from all presidio assembled to renew our commitment to Mary, Queen of the Legion and from her receive strength and blessings for another year's battle with the forces of evil.

The annual general reunion for all Wellington Legionaries was not held last December due to Covid restrictions.

GASCOIGNE SCHOLARSHIP

The Parish is extremely fortunate to have this facility available due to the generosity of Father Noel Gascoigne, a previous parish priest at St Anthony's.

The Gascoigne Educational Scholarship Fund is administered by the Finance Committee. The terms and conditions of the scholarship include the following:

1. The Scholarship is open to all age groups. Applicants must be present members of the Holy Trinity Parish, Wellington.
2. Applications must be received by the Finance Committee **by 31 October** of each year and are to be submitted on the application form.
3. Applicants must be planning to study for any recognised qualification at a tertiary level at a New Zealand educational or training institution (e.g. polytechnic, university or for an apprenticeship).
4. Special consideration will be given to students whose financial circumstances might otherwise prevent them from pursuing their chosen field of study.
5. Each scholarship will be for an amount of up to \$3,000 per annum over a period of up to three years. Scholarship payments will generally be restricted to course fees.

Awards for 2022:

We congratulate our two recipients of the Scholarship last year, Hannah Beamish & Tiana Krafft-Soffe.

A copy of the application form will be available at the back of the Church, by contacting the Parish Office or on the Parish website www.holytrinity.parish.nz from August each year.

ST. ANTHONY'S THURSDAY FRIENDS – PARISH ELDERS' GROUP

2022 was a year of growth, sad and happy memories for our Holy Trinity Parish Thursday Friends. Our purpose, as always, is to try to meet the liturgical, prayerful needs of our elderly and disabled parishioners, facilitating and encouraging us to participate at our own pace in our own time. We welcome people from near and far. Growing older and retiring we recapture praying the Rosary which settles well with our people, men and women who are from many different nations and span all ages. We honour Mary's journey with her Son bringing them both very close to us. A great way to begin our time together.

We continue to meet in a warm friendly gathering in our lovely sunny Gascoigne Room 11 am - 1 pm on Thursdays (during term time) finishing with a finger lunch. Seniors from St Anthony's enrich us and themselves by helping during this time.

We are blessed with an enthusiastic group of parishioners who drive those needing transport, who lead celebrations of the Word with Communion and build a great atmosphere of love and caring.

Father Bill joins us celebrating Mass on the first two Thursdays in the month. We treasure this commitment from his busy schedule and always look forward to catching up with him.

During our year we sadly lost some of our lovely friends who joined the heavenly hosts with the Lord. They leave a big gap and we constantly remember them in prayer.

We give a big shout out to Marianne Krafft and Graeme Colgate who do so much to keep the ball rolling - thank you and God bless you both.





ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

Our Vision: Our tamariki thrive through faith, opportunity and self belief

Our Values: Respectful Excelling Aware Learners

Our Motto: 'Small School; Strong Spirit'

As a school over the past two years hauora has been at our forefront, when our tamariki feel strongly connected and have a sense of belonging they thrive. This learning is a significant part of our local curriculum as reflected in our school mural that was painted in 2020. This represents our geographical location, special character, the importance of whenua and the cultural connections we have. Our goal was to build on these foundations and extend this sense of belonging to the wider community of cultures that congregate in our school population. We wanted our tamariki to have ownership over this representation and for the project to evolve from their ideas.

To begin, classes created mood boards depicting images that represented each student and their culture. Representing these symbols through mosaics felt like a natural progression as our tamariki showed the intricacy of their cultural images. Our ancient civilisation inquiry exposed students to the origin of this art form and allowed them to study how tiles can tell a story. Our story was celebrating our whakapapa as well as reflecting their journey to New Zealand and ultimately St Anthony's. Each child was tasked with the challenge of refining their ideas to formulate an individual cultural symbol.

A simple outline was drawn onto 20cm x 20cm squares of white paper and 10mm x 10mm coloured paper tiles were used for the children to practice mosaicing techniques. This provided the opportunity for them to experience the intricate and complex designs that can be created through mosaics. Colour, line and shape brought these images to life.



Term 2 had also been a journey of learning viewed through the lens of *Celebrating our Biculturalism*. The students had continued learning about symbolism as well as the various Māori Myths and Legends which would be the reference points for them. We had also engaged with one of our local iwi who came to share the local history with our tamariki and from this learning each class determined what would be the story they told. These were screen printed on to wooden boards to display on the inside of the playground.

Te Awa presents ...Māori Creation Story- Ranginui and Papatūānuku



Te Ākau presents... Te Iwa O Matariki



Te Moana presents... Ngake and Whāitaitai the Taniwha of Wellington Harbour



Te Maunga presents... the story of our iwi settling at Oruaiti Reserve





HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Vision- Achieving more than we ever dreamed possible

Values- Whanau- be inclusive: 'Where two or three gather in my name, there am I' Matt 18: 20

Aroha- be kind: 'Let all you do be done in love' 1Cor 16: 14

Yes- be brave: 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' Phil 4: 13

Motto- Ka whiti mai te rā. Let your light shine.

Our theme- Connections- our school, our faith, our families, our place.

Following troubled years where we all have experienced disconnection in many different ways, we were inspired to hope for reconnection in all that we did, hence the theme of Connections for 2022. We embraced the picture of lego blocks as we rebuilt our community through emphasising our values. Our values make our connections positive and strong. Seniors finally were able to build connections through a school camp at El Rancho. Significant fun days on our school calendar were also able to be reintroduced such as sports events both in school and beyond.



We also looked to reconnect with our faith and celebrated events that previously had been disrupted- baptisms, school prayers, Catholic schools gathering like our Catholic Culture Day, masses and special end of year events. Matariki provided a wonderful opportunity as a new celebration was embedded into our school culture. We honoured this national event by creating a new art installation- our Matariki stars. Father Bill blessed our work as a focus of our community celebration. We also joined with Miramar Central Kindy to welcome the dawn together followed by breakfast in our school hall.



A significant connection for us was welcoming families back through our gates. We were able to reinstate our celebrations of learning each term, inviting our whānau to come and view the learning that happens in classes at the end of the term. The Parent Support Group also added to opportunities for family connections as we had a very successful Holy Cross Food Fair in term 4.

Our kura or school has been such a focus of learning as a safe place to shelter so it hasn't necessarily been easy to launch out and learn outside of the school context but we did enjoy opportunities to explore our place-Wellington. All children had the opportunity to visit places in our city especially as we also began to learn through the new Aotearoa New Zealand Histories curriculum. Our senior syndicate had a series of trips focused around the life of Suzanne Aubert to the Home of Compassion, the Compassion Soup Kitchen-Te Pūaroa, the site of Suzanne Aubert's creche, St Joseph's church and St Mary of the Angels.

And finally we made a significant connection with our humanity as we suffered the shock loss of our beloved caretaker Jimmy Stokes who passed away suddenly in term 2. Such a sad event brought us together as a school and also taught us many lessons as we focused on the life Jimmy led and the good he had done for all of us. We also experienced the care and support of our wider community too and are very grateful for the kindness shown to us by many people.





ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Our Mission Statement: St Patrick's prepares children for the future by continually challenging them to achieve personal excellence guided by Catholic principles and values
Our Motto: Together in Faith and Learning

St Patrick's Primary School has continued to flourish in 2022. A few families have left this year to make a new life in Australia. We have over 20 different ethnicities present at our school. Over 22 different languages are spoken by our Tamariki. We have Tamariki who have specific learning challenges in each of the classrooms. Our teaching staff has remained stable. Our Teacher Assistants have remained mostly the same as last year. One Teachers' assistant is leaving us to become a teacher. She will be training in Christchurch so we won't be able to give her a training placement sadly. Our whanau have continued to be supportive and engaged with the Kura. We have had a range of activities and events that they have participated in, in good numbers. Some of those events are listed below...

RE * School Blessing * Weekly attendance at St Patrick's Church building for the community mass with two of our students proclaiming the word * Ash Wednesday liturgies * Holy Week Liturgies culminating in a Dance Reflection of Holy week presented by the whole school * Lent activities to raise money for Caritas * Pentecost * Beach Clean up * Celebrating St Patrick's Day * Celebrating the Feast of St Anne and Joachim – Grandparents/Elders day at school * Celebrated Suzanne Aubert's Birthday at the Home of Compassion * Feast of the Assumption * Mercy Day with St Catherine's * Pink Shirt anti Violence Day * Involvement with our Catholic Kahui Ako via RE seminars, staff only days etc and the combined Kahui gathering at the end of term 2 * Vegetable soup making for the Soup Kitchen by Young Vinnies at School * Attended the Kahui Ako Kapahaka Day at Holy Cross

School Production. The Journey of rubbish From land to sea. Based on Laudate Si

Sports: * Swimming in Terms 1 and 4 * Two basketball teams playing on Fridays * School Athletics day * Netball teams on Saturdays * Futsol teams at Akau tangi * Friday Sports at Akau Tangi in Terms 2 and 3 * Golf coaching * Yatching and Kayak coaching at Worser Bay

EOTC * We have visited, Michael Fowler Centre to listen to the Symphony Orchestra, and attended drama productions, Carter Observatory and the NZ Ballet * We went to the Orangamai Marae as a school wide sleep over in Upper Hutt. Next year we have a camp for the Seniors. The Marae experience will occur again in 2024.

In General, It has been another year of disruption. Covid-19 struck again with 2 weeks teaching from home. A lot of sickness amongst the students on a regular basis, some sickness amongst the staff and there always seems to be one family either leaving or returning from an extended trip back to their homeland. The staff do an amazing job of being the Face of God for the Tamariki in their care. We don't get it right all the time, but I suppose neither did God, if one wants to think of Adam and Eve, Cain, Noah, Sodom and Gomorrah and God's reasoning for sending us Jesus.

We are grateful for the connection that we have with the Church Building adjacent to us. It is a visible reminder of God's presence with us in the playground and whilst in the classroom, especially if the Tamariki are daydreaming looking out the window. We are grateful for the connection we have on Tuesdays at the parish mass. It is a blessing.

Tony Kelly-Smith
Principal

MASS TIMES

| Sunday Mass Time | St Anthony's | Holy Cross | St Patrick's |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 5.30pm (Sat Vigil) | ✓ | | |
| 8.30am | | ✓ | |
| 10.30am | | | ✓ |

❖ **1st Sunday of the Month 11am Aulotu at St Anthony's Church, Seatoun**
administered by the Samoan Chaplaincy

Weekdays Mass Timetable for Holy Trinity Parish

| Days | Mass Time | St Anthony's | Holy Cross | St Patrick's |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Tuesday | 9.30am | | | ✓ |
| Wednesday | 9.30am | ✓ | | |
| Friday | 9.30am | | ✓ | |

Reconciliation – St Patrick's Church 1st Saturday of the month 9.30am – 10am

Note:

Tuesday: Mass attended by St Patrick's Primary School

Wednesday: Mass attended by St Anthony Primary School

Thursday: Mass
11am Thursday Friends (during term time only)

3rd Thursday of the month, Rita Angus: Holy Mass 11am

Friday: Mass

If Mass is needed at other times: LOWC

MINISTRIES / JOB LIST – CAN YOU HELP?



There are several ways, families and individuals can assist in the smooth running of our Parish. We need more people to be involved in all areas

Listed below are some of the areas where you can assist. Please tick the box(es) you are interested in, complete your contact details and return either via email to holytrinity.wgtn@xtra.co.nz or cut out this page, complete it and return it to the ushers or put in the collection basket at one of the Masses. We would love if everyone could help in some way!

Family Name:

Address:

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Email Address:

Phone No: Cell No:.....

Church..... Mass:.....

Please tick the areas with which you would like to help including which Church.

| Duty | Please tick | Duty | Please tick |
|--|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Altar Linen <i>(Seatoun & Miramar)</i> | | Power Point | |
| Children's Liturgy <i>(Kilbirnie)</i> | | Communion to the sick | |
| Altar Servers | | Liturgy | |
| Ushers | | Legion of Mary | |
| Church Cleaning <i>(Seatoun)</i> | | Music | |
| Proclaimers of the Word | | Welcomers | |
| Eucharistic Minister | | Prayers of the Faithful | |
| SVdP | | Other: | |

