

# **MONTHLY REPORT**

Welcome to the first Monthly Newsletter from the Catholic Parish of Wairarapa's Finance Committee and Pastoral Council. Our intention in these newsletters is to give an update on what we are doing, the plans for the Parish, and to answer some of the questions that we have been asked along the way. Both the Finance Committee and the Parish Council meet once a month and this newsletter will be sent out after these meetings. But our intention is not that this is a one-way conversation. We want to hear from you. You may email us or leave a note in the suggestion boxes at the 2 Churches, and we will collect these before each meeting.

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### **Update on St Patrick's Church Insurance Work**

To begin we would like to acknowledge the continued support we have received from Chanel College, their Principal Myra Coley and the teachers and students who generously give their time to prepare the hall for us for our weekend Masses. We would also like to recognise all those whose ministries have helped us to adapt to our temporary home in the Chanel College Hall.

St Patrick's Church is currently scaffolded on the inside, after replacing all the ceilings in the Church, repainting and cleaning the walls, replacing the wiring throughout the Church and refurbishing the seating. The large lights are to be replaced with Energy Efficient LEDs, and approval from the Finance Committee has been given to replace the radiant heaters with heat pumps. This will be a significant improvement to the heating in the Church. We are waiting on the carpet to be manufactured and fully replaced through the entire Church. The glass doors between the main part of the Church and the foyer are being manufactured. The two stained glass windows in the foyer are to be removed, cleaned and re-leaded, the Stations of the Cross to be cleaned and restored, and all the electrical equipment, including the sound system, speakers and downstairs organ are to be replaced. The organ in the choir loft will be cleaned when the rest of the work is completed. There is still a considerable amount to do, but we will keep you updated with the progress. It is very important that no one enter the Church unless authorised by the building contractors through the Parish Office

### **St Teresa's Church and Carterton Chapel**

The building groups continue to meet to determine what they need and how to create that within a set budget. Both are faced with the decision to rebuild or update the current buildings and are looking at the options to discern the best way forward.

### **Parish Feast Day**

Our Parish Feast Day for Our Lady of Compassion is 7<sup>th</sup> October. We will be celebrating this on the following Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October by having a combined Parish Mass. There will only be the one Mass for the weekend, followed by a shared meal. Please mark this on your calendar. More details will follow in our next newsletter.

### **August – Spirituality of Generosity**

During August we will be hearing about Planned Gifting. We often hear about 'time, treasure and talent', and we are asked to consider what that means to us individually and as a Parish. Frank has written about treasure, so I am writing about time and talent. There is always a need for help in many areas of Parish life. Each of us has a gift to offer, something that we can do well, with love and joy. Perhaps you like to bake, or chat, or read, or welcome people, or teach children. Perhaps your gift is prayer or singing or playing an instrument. It may sometimes seem like everything is sorted and there are no spaces to fill, or that even if there was that you don't feel confident to give it a go. Over the month of August...and beyond, if you haven't thought about it before, we ask you to consider your time and your talent and whether there is some way that you might be able to help. If so, speak to Father Pene, Father Matt, or someone assisting in ministry at the church. They will be able to send you in the right direction.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### **Parish Planned Gifting**

This August the Archdiocese is launching a parish Planned Giving Programme, so it seemed appropriate to talk about what it is, why we need it, and what happens to the money we contribute. We thank those already giving for their generosity.

**Planned Gifting** is where you commit (Plan) to give a regular donation each week/fortnight/month. Joining the Parish Planned Giving Programme allows the parish to budget and plan for the year ahead. The office records your donations and issue you an IRD approved tax receipt at the end of each financial year. Under NZ Tax Law you can claim a rebate of 1/3rd of donations back from Inland Revenue.

### **What To Give**

Some may wonder what they should give. The amount you donate depends solely on you and your household. Everyone's circumstances differ. One way to look at it is to give back to the Lord the first hour of each week. This is an ancient tradition going back to the days when farmers would give the first fruits of their harvest to God in gratitude for what they had received. For some, gifting the first hour each week may be asking too much; for others, you may be able to offer much more. *Take it to prayer.*

### **What happens to my donation?**

For every dollar you donate via the Parish Planned Giving Programme

- 50c stays in our Parish to cover the costs of normal parish operation (pastoral programmes and ministries, clergy staffing and care, lay staff, admin, utilities, maintenance, etc.).
- 18c goes to the Archdiocese for diocesan operation: (pastoral and ministry programmes, support for Catholic education, administration and governance, property development and maintenance, safeguarding and professional standards, social justice and outreach, communications and media, the Archbishop's office) and national Catholic operation (Catholic tertiary education, parish renewal, Catholic evangelisation and enquiry, Catholic aid and development, liturgy, professional standards and safeguarding, communications, Bishops' Conference, etc)
- 32c goes to the Clergy Trust Fund for the support of the priests in our diocese (both active and retired). The CTF looks after all the housekeeping, medical and health needs of our priests.

<b>PLANNED GIFTING DONATIONS</b>	
JULY FIGURES (PROFIT AND LOSS)	
	\$
<b>INCOME</b>	
Income:	20035.68
Appeals:	1007.60
<b>Total:</b>	<b>21043.28</b>
<b>Appeals outgoing</b>	
Special Appeals Collection:	1007.60
<b>Operating Outgoing Expenses</b>	
ADW Levy	2717.22
Clergy Support Levy	5269.18
Parish (Annual) Insurance	31653.47
General/Admin Expenses	20255.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60903.42</b>
<b>NET PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>39860.14</b>

### **Automatic Payment – Internet Banking**

We would like to encourage those who can, to donate electronically using internet banking directly to our parish bank account. It helps us to be able to budget accordingly. If you need any help with this, contact Denise at the office.

### **Fundraising or One-off Payments**

What happens with fundraising and one-off payments? Funds raised for a specific item, activity, or cause remain within our Parish and are used only for their designated purpose, such as the 'Building Fund'.

Thank you for your time and may God bless you

**Frank Duckett and Lisa Dudley**

**Finance Committee Chair and Pastoral Council Chair**