

Parish Council Committee Report

Welcome to October, the Month of the Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Compassion Parish Feast Day as we celebrate together as one community. To coincide with our Feast Day, we are launching the Parish Plan.

The Parish Plan outlines our vision for the future, focusing on how we live our Catholic faith. It is divided into three sections: Person, Church, and World, all centred on God. Each person is called by God the Father, in community in the Church with God the Son, and sent into the world as missionary disciples with God the Holy Spirit.

Each section outlines the key priorities for our Parish. The "Person" section addresses how we welcome individuals, support their faith development—including the sacraments—and maintain connections with them throughout their lives. The Church section pertains to effective stewardship of assets, safeguarding the community, engagement with Catholic schools and youth, and the celebration of the Liturgy. The "World" section describes outreach efforts beyond parish walls to communicate the Good News, promote human dignity, and steward the earth as a divine gift.

Our faith journey operates in a cyclical manner, encompassing the individual, the community, and the wider world. Maintaining equilibrium among these three areas is essential, just as it is for the life of our Parish—a balance between 'Person', 'Church', and 'World'.

Building on this foundation, we develop our Strategic Plan, which outlines annual actions for each of the nine key areas. Your perspective is invaluable in this process. We invite you to identify the top priorities within these areas to ensure our strategic plan genuinely reflects the ongoing development of our Parish.

Please submit any comments, suggestions, and reflections on any of the areas of the Parish Plan, via email to

dudleyark@gmail.com or by placing it in the suggestion boxes located in the foyers of the two Sunday mass centres.

All submissions will be carefully reviewed and considered during the development of the strategic plan for 2026, and beyond.

On this Support Life Sunday Bishop Dooley expressed the following: "We are called to be people who share the message of Jesus Christ; we must support the value of every human life and our care for creation is a way for us to care for the one who created the world."

This is our mission as the Parish of the Wairarapa and is reflected in our Parish Plan and our vision: A Catholic community living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ,

God bless,
Lisa Dudley
Chair of Parish Council

Finance Committee Report

PLANNED GIFTING DONATIONS

Sept FIGURES (PROFIT AND LOSS)

	\$
INCOME IN	
Income:	16110.50
Total:	16110.50
Operating Expenses	
ADW Levies	3033.98
Clergy Support Levy	5393.76
General Expenses	12244.21
Insurance (Annual)	
Total	20671.95
NET PROFIT/LOSS	4531.45

FIGURES (PROFIT AND LOSS)

Year-to-date	
Apr-Sept	\$
INCOME IN	
Income:	83787.05
Total:	83787.05
Operating Expenses	
ADW Levies	15922.25
Clergy Support Levy	28526.27
General Expenses	69747.91
Insurance Expenses	31653.47
Total	145849.90
NET PROFIT/LOSS	62062.85

QR Codes

Thank you if you have started using the code. It is noted a receipt is sent out each time you donate so please file these for the end of the tax with IRD. Giv2 are currently working on arranging for one end of year receipt, with the Parish.



Finance Update.

A brief one as there has been very little change from last month. Most people would have heard of the recent government announcement relating to EQ prone buildings which we are yet to analyze. We are waiting for further information to be released at which point we will be able to plot a path forward. It is expected that his will have a significant impact on what we do to make our churches look smart again. The main issue for us is the required legislation needs to pass into law before we can do anything. We need to understand the details before we can plan as not being EQ prone does not mean that we still won't need to do a degree of strengthening.

St Patrick's Church

Claim restoration works are progressing and there remains the fixing of the roof leaks so that carpet laying can be done. We are still awaiting Quotes for this work. St Patrick's Presbytery. No change. Final quotes have been obtained for the roof repairs, and they are being assessed. Once approval from the archdiocese received work will commence. Unfortunately, we have no timeline for this.

Carterton School Chapel

Still working on the feasibility of bringing the old building owned by the parish on the northern corner up to standard is being investigated. (For those who are not aware this is on the corner of High & King streets in Carterton opposite the old St Mary's church.

St Teresa's Church Featherston

Concepts continue to be investigated on other aspects of the church remediation.