

# Parish Council Committee Report

Welcome to the November 2025 newsletter from the Parish Council and Finance Committee.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

As the Liturgical year draws to a close, it seems an opportune time to recognise and thank all who have generously devoted their time and skills to serving the Parish of Wairarapa.

## **Parish Feast Day**

Firstly, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all who contributed to the planning and execution of our Feast Day on October 12th, as well as to those who supported the event. Numerous parishioners have expressed how meaningful it was to gather collectively as one Parish, and there is significant interest in creating more opportunities for shared celebration. In recognition of this enthusiasm, we intend to establish the Feast Day as an annual tradition within our Parish community moving forward.

## **Safeguarding Workshops**

Recently, Safeguarding Workshops were held in both Masterton and Featherston for all ministry participants. Many parishioners also took part in online sessions provided by the Diocese. An impressive seventy percent of ministry members have completed the course so far. If you still haven't attended, one more online workshop is available on November 18th—please contact Kevin Plant at the Wellington Archdiocese Office for details.

## **Parish Retreat**

The recent Parish Retreat was held at the Magnificat Community in Cross Creek. We extend our sincere appreciation to Fr. Allan for facilitating the retreat, as well as to Helen Morgan and Marie Shone for their organizational efforts. The retreat will be incorporated into our calendar for future planning.

## **Parish Council Members**

The current members of the Parish Council will conclude their term of service at the end of this year. Their dedication and contributions over the past two years are genuinely appreciated. Throughout their term, they met regularly to address the liturgical and pastoral requirements of the Parish and to formulate strategies for the incoming Council. As they prepare for one final meeting later this month, formal recognition is extended to Jan, Joe, Helen, Tom, Marie, the Principals from the Catholic schools in the Wairarapa, and our priests, Fr's Dennis, Matt, and Pene, for their commitment and service.

## **Parish Committees**

I would like to extend my gratitude to every committee contributing to the daily operations of the Catholic Parish of the Wairarapa, including the Church Committees, Liturgy Committees, and all ministry groups. While there are too many to mention individually, I offer sincere thanks to each one of you on behalf of the Parish Council.

## Finance Committee Report

### PLANNED GIFTING DONATIONS

Oct FIGURES (PROFIT AND LOSS)	
\$	
<b>INCOME IN</b>	
Income:	15012.08
<b>Total:</b>	15012.08
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
ADW Levies	2872.27
Clergy Support Levy	5106.27
General Expenses	15732.62
Insurance (Annual)	
<b>Total</b>	23711.16
<b>NET PROFIT/LOSS</b>	8699.08

FIGURES (PROFIT AND LOSS)	
Year-to-date	
Apr-Oct	
\$	
<b>INCOME IN</b>	
Income:	98799.13
<b>Total:</b>	98799.13
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
ADW Levies	18794.52
Clergy Support Levy	33632.54
General Expenses	98027.86
Insurance Expenses	31653.47
<b>Total</b>	182108.39
<b>NET PROFIT/LOSS</b>	83309.26

### 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**

A relatively quiet month in the lead up to Christmas

#### St Patrick's Church

No change the gutter leaks are still being priced. Once these works are complete carpet laying can be done. Sound system yet to be re-installed.

#### St Patrick's Presbytery

No change. Additional are being sought.

Once approval from the archdiocese received work will commence. No timeline for this.

#### Carterton School Chapel

Unfortunately progress is slow. Still working on the feasibility of bringing the old building owned by the parish on the northern corner of High & King Street up to standard is being investigated St Teresa's Church

#### Featherston

A work in progress...

