

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Welcome to September and the Season of Creation that extends from 1 September through to 4th October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi -Patron Saint of Ecology). We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it. It is not about acknowledging the beauty of creation that surrounds us but instead is a proactive response to protect and care for all of God's creation.

With this in mind, this newsletter from the Parish Council is about Safeguarding within our Parish, promoting an environment within our faith community which respects and acknowledges the dignity of everyone, and where people feel valued and safe.

Kevin Plant, the Safeguarding Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Wellington has sent us the following information regarding Safeguarding Workshops in the Diocese:

Safeguarding Workshops

It is a top priority of the Catholic Church to continue to commit to implementing and maintaining a culture of safeguarding, to keep our children, our vulnerable adults and all who volunteer, serve and worship in our communities, safe from harm.

Cultures of safeguarding are a shared responsibility. The Church has zero tolerance for abuse.

Attendance at a Safeguarding Workshop is a requirement for all volunteers, religious and staff in Catholic Parishes and Faith Communities in New Zealand.

Safeguarding Training forms part of the induction for new or prospective volunteers, religious and staff. Volunteers should attend a safeguarding refresher workshop every two years.

Dates for Online Safeguarding Workshops

24th September	12 noon to 1pm
8th October	12 noon to 1pm
22nd October	12 noon to 1pm
3rd November	7pm to 8.15pm
18th November	7pm to 8.15pm

Register with Kevin by emailing k.plant@wn.catholic.org.nz.

The MS Teams link to join the workshop will be sent two days prior to the Workshop.

You can take this course online or attend workshops with Kevin Plant from Wellington: on Thursday, 9th October at 5.30pm in Masterton, or Wednesday, 15th October at 5.30pm in Featherston. Each workshop lasts about 1.5 hours, and your attendance—online or in person—will be registered with the Archdiocese and our Parish.

Anyone serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Communion to the Sick, Liturgy of the Word with Children, Volunteer Altar Servers Trainer, Sacramental Programme Leader, or Youth Leader must be Police Vetted and have completed the Safeguarding Course. An email will be sent to all current volunteers informing them of what is required.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

All earthquake strengthening / remedial works within the archdiocese have been put on hold until the recently announced Government review of the EQ regulations relating to public buildings has been completed. A case of hurry up and wait.

St Patrick's Church

Claim restoration works nearing the carpet phase.

There are roof leaks that need to be repaired so that the laying of carpet can progress. Quotes for this non-insurance work are being obtained, and we will then seek approval from the archdiocese to proceed

St Patrick's Presbytery

The roof of the presbytery has numerous leaks and is proving to be a danger to the site electricity. It is essential that this is fixed to ensure the safety of our priests.

Quotes for this work are being obtained and approval from the archdiocese to proceed will be needed.

Carterton School Chapel

Feasibility of bringing the old building owned by the parish on the northern corner up to standard is being investigated.

St Teresa's Church Featherston

EQ remediation works are on hold pending the outcome of Government review of EQ regulations. Concepts continue to be investigated on other aspects of the church remediation.

QR Codes

What are they you might say. That funny looking box you see on so many things. It stands for Quick Response code. It's like another language that computers can read.

Point your smart phone camera at this and using its technology you can go directly to the Giv2 site and make a donation to the Church.



If this doesn't appeal you can enter the following code on your web browser and make your donation. <https://giv2.net/2/KsFEmDro>

Your tax receipt will be supplied by Giv2 every time you donate, please save these in a file for the end of the tax records.

Giv2 is an organisation working on behalf of charities providing a safe, secure environment and a fast easy way for you to donate to the parish. A Tax Receipt will be sent at the end of the financial year. This code is seclusive to the parish. You may visit their website to find more information

<https://www.giv2.co.nz/donors>

Once setup has been completed, you can use this option as often as you choose.

Many blessings and thanks for your continued support and generosity in our parish.

PLANNED GIFTING DONATIONS		
AUGUST FIGURES (PROFIT & LOSS)		
	Monthly	Apr - Aug
		Year-to-date
INCOME In	\$	\$
Income:	14074.49	67676.50
Bequest	500.00	1000.00
Total:	14574.49	68676.50
Operating Outgoing Expenses		
ADW Levy	2667.51	12888.27
Parish Insurance (Annual)		31653.47
Clergy Support Levy	4742.25	23132.51
General/Admin Expenses	15276.96	68988.76
TOTAL	22686.72	136663.01
NET PROFIT/LOSS	8112.23	67986.51

Parish Account: When setting up an AP or DD **Please** use Archdiocese of Wellington BNZ 02-0688-0049100-00 due to the new banking rules.

Please contact your bank if you are having problems and inform them it is an account you recognise and wish to donate money into it.

Please contact the Parish Office for a Planned Gifting Number. Thank you.

An Average per month

\$13597.30 per month Loss since April 1st to 31st Aug.

Abbr. Used in Newsletter or Notices

ADW (Archdiocese of Wellington)

CPW (Catholic Parish of Wairarapa)

PG (Planned Gifting) - AP (Automatic Payment) - DD (Direct Debit) - IB (Internet Banking)