



A Catholic Parish of
The Archdiocese of Wellington

To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

2019/2020 ANNUAL REPORT

An overview from Fr Seph

The past year has been positive with continuing progress in relationship building through the Parish. The amalgamation of our new Parish has now bedded itself further within each of the communities and their leadership groups. Each of the communities is strong in their own sense of identity and equally conscious of the other communities as one parish. This emergent sense of identity is showing itself in the vibrancy of parishioners as they celebrate the sacraments and involve themselves in various aspects of pastoral ministry as they care for their community's wellbeing.

The Pastoral Plan continues to be an integral aspect of leadership meetings and forms the basis from which new initiatives continue to galvanise parish spirit into the future. This past year has been positive, but the momentum has been disrupted somewhat by the onset of Covid early in 2020.

The Cardinal's property review was completed and submitted to the Archdiocese. When we fully emerge from the restrictions of Covid and its associated disruptions we expect to take a fresh look at how we progress the results of the review as well as continuing to support and explore the growing faith of our parishioners and the vibrancy of our Parish.

Report from Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council which has representatives from each of the five Parish communities has guided the Parish through amalgamation and is now concentrating on the issues that arose from the recently completed Parish review.

The PPC has also continued to ensure that the Pastoral Plan has a continued focus in each of the communities. To assist with this, each community has its own Leadership Team which focuses on how the items within the Plan can be best put into place for their particular needs.

The PPC is closely linked to the PFC and joint meetings of both committees are being held.

Report from Parish Finance Committee

At the end of our financial year, we ended up with a surplus from our draft accounts, which is very positive. A big thank you to all who donated generously to our parish.

This surplus was mainly due to higher than expected income, some maintenance projects not being done and some of the larger maintenance items remained on hold while we carried out the Parish wide review as directed by the Cardinal.

For more information refer to the Financial report on the Website.

Report on Pastoral Plan Implementation

The tasks which were to have been substantially commenced or completed by 31 March 2020, and current progress, is as follows:

Task/Action		Progress to 31 March 2020
1: Go, you are sent ... to develop a spirituality of service		
1	Grief ministry	
i)	Develop a Grief/loss/bereavement ministry in conjunction with the Holy Family Parish to cover loss, older age, transitions to community aged facilities, illness, death, grief etc.	Partially achieved and ONGOING During the year a Grief/loss/bereavement ministry day was facilitated by the Diocese. This set the scene for further work to be carried out. An informal process in conjunction with St Vincent de Paul is working well and we are in discussion with Holy Family Parish. However personnel changes have delayed this.
2	Reconciliation	
i)	Have a discussion/workshop on reconciliation to encourage more participation	Achieved. A consultation was carried out at some of our local churches including Motueka. Views were canvassed with recommendations made. These then informed a wider discussion. A series of background publications were prepared and distributed to encourage more participation.
3	Prayer	
i)	Leadership/Liturgy Groups to identify what prayer, rosary, meditation, Stations of the Cross, retreats and adoration they already have and what they want in the future and the time frame for achieving this	Achieved. ONGOING
4	Music	
i)	Run a workshop of interested Parishioners to determine what Music we want at our Sunday Masses and how this is to be achieved. Tasks with timeframe to be recorded, reported and implemented	Partially achieved and ONGOING Six workshops have been held with Music needs identified in each community. Report being prepared.
5	Faith education/Discussion	
i)	Set up a series of regular discussions/study groups to support our Spirituality of Service. Topic to cover aspects of the Catholic Church, our faith and other faiths	Partially Achieved and ONGOING 2020 EXPO (21 March) was cancelled due to Covid. Will progress in different format in 2020/1.

2: Go, you are sent ... to your own peripheries

2	Young and Youth	
i)	Provide appropriate youth activities	Partially Achieved. The January 2020 Lifeteen camp was attended by 16 teenagers. More youth activities still to be planned. ONGOING
3	Parish Activity	
i)	PPC to arrange an annual Parish wide, OLOB Parish Anniversary Mass and/or Parish Picnic	Achieved. Combined Parishes PFG Picnic held on 8 March. However this was poorly attended. ONGOING
4	Community / Social	
i)	Support and expand the Family Group movement in the Parish	Achieved. 4 additional groups have now been set up across the various churches. The formation of these have been received positively Now a total of 8 with approximately 200 members in total. ONGOING
ii)	Formalise the relationship and approach between the Parish and St Vincent de Paul and the Parish and the schools.	Partially achieved. Sacred space at Garin developed. Priests visit schools regularly. Fr Andrew visits St Peter Chanel school regularly. Fr Seph is currently working on spending on more time at St Paul and Garin. ONGOING
5	Inclusion	
i)	Establish a formal "Inclusion" protocol for newly arrived/new parishioners, visitors, regular parishioners and occasional attendees	Partially achieved and ONGOING Processes put into place in conjunction with Parish Roll update. New Parishioner details being disseminated for visiting and PFG. Initial stage being worked on in conjunction with the Parish Roll.
ii)	Establish a Parish communication approach within our Parish and the wider community	Partially achieved and ONGOING Newsletter electronically disseminated due to covid and will continue. Catholic Church is on the roster to provide the "Just a Thought" in the Waimea Weekly.

3: Go, you are sent to your fellow Christians		
2	Ecumenical Activities	
i)	Ask other faith communities to share in some of our activities on an annual basis	Achieved. Invitations extended through the Waimea Ministers Association when appropriate. Other faith communities attend Retreat days, Weekly Meditation Shared Easter services were planned. ONGOING
ii)	Offer to help other local churches with events they are running, a clean-up or a working bee	Through Waimea Ministers Assn: -Ecumenical Service @ Grace Church. -Assisted with setting up Community Christmas dinner at Anglican Church. -Involved in "Kai with Love". Etc. ONGOING

4: Go, you are sent to care for creation		
2	Gardens	
i)	Establish a team to care for gardens in each community. This will include the Orchard at Motueka and caring for existing parish, private and public gardens that are being underutilised	Achieved. Teams set up and functioning. ONGOING
3	Laudato Si'	
i)	All parishioners are to actively reduce and reuse. Weekly reminders and hints in Newsletter	Achieved and ONGOING 45 hints in Newsletter. Recycling continues.
ii)	Take advantage of technology to reduce our maintenance costs	ONGOING. LED lights being installed as maintenance required.

5: Go, you are sent ... to use your assets wisely

1 Using our Talents		
i)	The amalgamated Parish is to develop a robust governance structure that is based on a detailed Terms of Reference (TOR)	Achieved. Although this is under review depending on the amalgamation process
ii)	Every Church to ensure that they have rosters for all ministries & tasks	Achieved. Rosters in Place.
iii)	Have an annual "Gifting Sunday" when volunteers are identified for tasks including ministries, committees, groups, working bees, specific tasks, PFG, community gardens and wider community activities	Achieved. Held in October 2019 and followed up. Decided annual too often.
2 Increasing our Income		
i)	Parish finances to be transparent and understandable with regular updates in Newsletter	Achieved and ONGOING Financial Summary and commentary each month in newsletter.
ii)	Implement an offering increase initiative on an annual basis	Delayed This is being talked through with the PFC currently
iii)	Encourage and assist parishioners to claim Tax refunds on giving	Not Achieved.
iv)	Have one Parish fund raising event per year	Not Achieved.
v)	Make Parish facilities more obviously available for hire	Delayed
vii)	Develop, promulgate and regularly update a list of suggested donations for funeral, wedding etc as well as cemetery plot cost	Achieved. ONGOING
viii)	The PPC and Finance committee to look at all the suggested funding ideas and report back to the PPC for inclusion in the 2019 review of this plan.	Report and Review delayed/incorporated with Parish Review.
3 The Future		
i)	Develop and implement the recommendations of the Property Advisory Group report	Report has been incorporated with the Parish Review process. ONGOING
ii)	Instigate conversations with Holy Family Parish to investigate the real needs of the Parishes and determine what can be attained without the ownership of buildings. Also discuss and investigate the reality of future proofing by building a new multipurpose, centrally located church and catholic centre for both parishes. Investigate synergies with Garin College	In Progress. Ongoing with Parish Review process.