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The Cathedral “Centennial Project”

Take an architectural student on a tour of our Cathedral and ask him or her to tell you what doesn't belong. They would surely say: “Those framed pictures on the wall. They were obviously meant for a Gothic-style church.” They were indeed. They were made a century ago for the former St Patrick's Church in Greymouth.

Ask an art dealer to assess the worth of those “Stations of the Cross.” He or she would say: “The images are oleographs of paintings in realist style (*circa*. 1890). As artistic worth they have only minor status, and their commercial value is small.”

The present “Stations of the Cross” were placed in the Cathedral in 1995 because of a need to provide the faithful with images that are part of Catholic worship. But it was never intended that they should be permanent. It was only a lack of finance that precluded the commissioning or purchase of “Stations of the Cross” worthy of our Cathedral Parish.

Three years ago the Cathedral Trust discussed the possibility of a project to mark the centenary of the Cathedral in 2005. Thought was given to the replacement of statues or a new “Way of the Cross”, proper to the Cathedral and in keeping with its style. The decision was left to the Bishop. In his judgement the more pressing need was the replacement of the “Stations of the Cross”.

Over recent years a number of artists have been given an opportunity to enhance the beauty of our Cathedral with their own unique vision, and the commissioning of a new set of “Stations” would make it possible to do the same.

Because of the scale, difficulty and importance of the project it was decided that advice should be sought from directors of Art Galleries and Museums, as well as people skilled in the field of art and architecture. This yielded the names of twenty-six sculptors, painters and others who were deemed to be capable of carrying out such a challenging project. A detailed brief was sent to these and four others with an invitation to consider the project and submit preliminary proposals supported by photographs and written material on their previous works.

In all, eighteen responded positively. After due deliberation two sculptors were chosen to produce a trial “Station” of their choice for a professional fee, thus giving the artist an opportunity to communicate something of his vision and giving the members of the Cathedral Trust a reliable basis on which to make a judgement.

Unexpectedly, one of the finalists found the project beyond his technical expertise, and he reluctantly withdrew. The remaining artist, Llew Summers of Christchurch, was then formally commissioned to produce 14 marble bas-relief “Stations of the Cross”. He completed the task in mid-2003, and at the annual gathering of the “Friends of the Cathedral”, one of the “Stations” was given a symbolic unveiling by Professor John Simpson, Emeritus Professor of Fine Arts, Canterbury University. He said, *“Be prepared to be surprised, because Llew Summers has risen to new heights in facing this difficult challenge... he brings a fresh inventive vision to his task, communicating new insights, and*



The 9th Station: Jesus falls the third time. (572mm wide)

presenting us with the unexpected. ...” In the judgement of Professor Simpson these “Stations” will not date or age or become unfashionable, and their simple, innocent, inventive forms will speak to people long after we are gone.

Everyone has need of friends, and cathedrals are no exception. Already one of the new “Stations” has been “gifted” to the Cathedral, and it is the hope of the Bishop and the Cathedral Trust that the remaining thirteen “Stations” will be “gifted” as well. In round figures the cost of each individual “Station” is \$3000.00. Those who have in their hearts a special place for the Cathedral are now invited to consider gifting one of the “Stations” to mark the Cathedral's centenary. Hopefully, the cost of erecting them can be met from other sources.

Enquires may be directed to the undersigned (03 308-6793), and “gifts” should be sent to the secretary of the Cathedral Trust, PO Box 4454, Christchurch 8015. All “gifts” will be receipted for income tax purposes, and the list of donors will be kept in the Memorial Chapel of the Cathedral.

Monsignor J. M. Harrington



A letter from our Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

It is with joy that I advise the diocese that early next year we mark two significant centenaries, Nazareth House (January 5) and the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament (February 12). A committee is planning Cathedral celebrations throughout 2005.

We in the Diocese of Christchurch are justifiably proud of the panoply of parish plants, school structures or convents and colleges, and complexes. Our Cathedral is judged by many to be unequalled in Australasia for its grace and grandeur.

The Cathedral, as all our churches and chapels, embodies and enables God's people to worship Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and celebrate the sacraments of His lifegiving Church. Being sent forth from Eucharistic liturgies and other services believers "go in peace to love and serve the Lord" in apostolic works including care of the aged and infirm in hospitals and facilities like Nazareth House.

Keeping the due balance between worship and service is vital. Avery Cardinal Dulles tells of being in a US Church where he saw a banner declaring, "God is other people". He sorely wished that he had a magic marker with him so that he could



insert a very prominent comma after "other" so that the banner correctly proclaimed: God is other, people.

Thank you for your supportive prayers and good wishes assisting powerfully in my recuperation. The assistance, especially of the Vicar General, family, and my secretary, Angela and hospital therapists is appreciated. I have been able to participate in the Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service, the Service of the Word for Valentines Day and Masses for various occasions, jubilees and funerals. I am

hopefully making progress with being able to write but can do so roughly with my left hand. I walk with the aid of a stick for half an hour daily, weather permitting. I will apply for the re-issue of my driving licence after Easter.

It is heartening to encounter the enduring faith of so many. The Hearts Aflame involving 106 16-35 year olds was a splendid example at St Bede's January 2-11. There "faith and knowledge meet".

We prepare to celebrate the first centennial of our Cathedral next year. While a magnificent example of human handiwork, it is above all a tribute to God. At least twice each day, four times on Sundays, worshippers in their tens and hundreds respond with a faith-filled Amen (So be it, I agree) to the priest's prayer for centuries: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honour is yours Almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Every best wish,
Sincerely,

John Cunneen
Bishop of Christchurch

Nazareth House Invitation

The Sisters of Nazareth warmly invite all past pupils and their families, benefactors, friends and staff, Clergy and Religious and all who have been associated with the Sisters to join them as they celebrate 100 years in the Diocese of Christchurch.

The Centennial Celebrations will take place from Friday January 7 to Sunday January 9 2005.

All enquiries to:
Nazereth Sisters' Centenary
PO Box 7024, Sydenham, 8035
Christchurch
Email: nazarethsisters@xtra.co.nz

NATIONAL

The Tindall Foundation

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Christchurch has received a most generous allocation of funds from the Tindall Foundation for distribution in our Diocese.

The aim of the Foundation is to help improve the overall quality of life for New Zealanders and to provide them with a helping hand up, not a hand out. The Christchurch Diocesan Welfare Council administers this grant. All applications from the various organisations are considered. If the strict guidelines set out by the Tindall Foundation are met, a decision is made as to the proposed allocation and presented to the Bishop for his

approval. All successful applicants must present a report on how their grant was spent.

The Diocesan Welfare Council will consider applications for funding for this year, 2004. Applications will close on Wednesday, April 14 2004 at 5.00pm. No late applications will be accepted.

Requests for application forms and further information should be made to:
Liz Pennell
Diocesan Welfare Council
PO Box 4544, Christchurch
Phone (03) 366 9869



Parishes

Hokitika

For the past five years, St Mary's Parish has had a small roster of willing men who ring the church bells for the Angelus daily and also at funerals. The bell ringers report that frequently, visiting tourists express their pleasure in our keeping up a tradition dating from the 13th century. The bells, rung at noon, have the added practical advantage of informing people the time. With the lessening of so many of our old traditions, it is good to know we still have a connection to such an ancient practice.

V/ The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary;

R/ And she conceived by the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary ...

V/ Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

R/ Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary ...

V/ And the Word was made flesh:

R/ And dwelt among us.

V/ Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R/ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Mairehau

- After only two years with us, Fr Dan Doyle was farewelled on Sunday January 25 to take up his appointment in Rangiora. Fr Paul Duncan was officially welcomed to the parish the following weekend and has quickly made himself at home. He is astounding parishioners by his ability to remember and greet people by their first names!
- Congratulations are extended to Nora and Jim Stevenson who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary and reaffirmed their marriage vows during Sunday Mass on February 22.
- Farewell to Reuben and Julie Casey who soon depart on their "OE". Reuben has been the organist at the Sunday 10.00am Mass – as well as cantor and choir member. His departure leaves the parish without an organist. If there is anyone who would like to play, even once a month, Fr Paul would be delighted to hear from you – phone 385-3459.

Blessings flow at Carmel Monastery

On the last day of 2003 we had the pleasure of Bishop John Cunneen, Bishop Basil Meeking, Msgr. Kevin Hackett (Auckland) and Fr Paddy Cahill entering the enclosure of our Monastery to bless our new infirmary, hydraulic lift and refurbished belfry. It was a joyful, lively occasion with the cutting of the ribbon, lift demonstrations and pealing bells in warm sunshine to mark the event! We were all delighted that Bishop John was present, giving the day special significance, and showing that his recovery was up to the occasion. It was indeed a memorable ceremony and marked the end of six months work by dedicated builders and tradesmen

who generously donated furnishings, along with help from the parish and other donors.

Photos and enjoyable discussions were followed by our New Year's Eve tradition which we usually share with our Bishops – each visitor and Sister receiving a patron saint and an intention to pray for during the following year, wide ranging intentions for the Church and the world.

So ended a very happy afternoon as blessings flowed not only for buildings but also for those gathered around our Bishops and priests to celebrate God's goodness and providential care of us all.



Bishops John and Basil and guests after the opening of the infirmary.



Fr Paddy Cahill and Bishop John on their way to bless the new belfry.



Sliding door into the new infirmary with ribbons ready to cut.

TAIZE

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
122 Barbadoes Street
Friday March 12
at 7.30pm.
Ecumenical prayer

FORGIVENESS

JUSTICE

PEACE



The many people who attended this moving devotion last year will be pleased to know that it is to be held again, hosted by Cathedral College. It is a great opportunity to join with Christians of other denominations to pray for peace in the world.



Parishes

Sockburn

It was with much sadness that we farewelled two of the original parishioners who were close to their faith all their life – Margaret Eileen Burns in her 102nd year on December 15 2003 and Margaret Ann Kappely in her 88th year on January 19 2004.

Both were present at a get-together in the Bishop Joyce Centre on May 21 1996 to commence compiling information for the 50th Jubilee publication of November 27 1999. The following are extracts.

Mrs Burns – *"I was six and one half months old when I came out here to live. My husband was a convert and we used to go to church at Hornby and we would lift the push-chair over the fences – some were gorse. It was all paddocks – not like it is today – and people think they have hard times today. The roads were all stones – Buchanans Road."*

Mrs Burns – *"I can remember when Father Joyce was made Parish Priest here – he had lived with Father Tom Hanrahan at Riccarton but he had to move out and he stayed with the Sisters at Mt Magdala for a while. I offered him a room in my house. My husband painted the church."*

At the funeral it was learned that Noel aged 73 had lived in the same house with his mother since he was three months old. Over recent years his care-giving was constant and studious.

Margaret Kappely – *"I wanted to be here to tell you how I followed the building from Peer Street. I worked in the office at the carpet factory and I came out one day on my bike and saw this massive building on rollers and things. So I sort of waited behind and pedalled very slowly and followed it on my bike along Peer Street and up Yaldhurst Road and down English Street. When I got onto the Main South Road I thought – this is our church, it was wonderful to see it and I was so thrilled. The church was on railway sleepers. I was a war bride. My husband Roy and I used to go to St Teresa's – we were married there. We were at the church for the first Mass and it was absolutely packed. I used to bring my babies at 7 o'clock in the morning in a pram and leave it outside the church and we would go to Mass – you could not do that today with a pram – could you? We would do that every Sunday, hail, rain or shine – the baby was outside in the pram."*

May they rest in peace.

Burnside

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 18, 2004 Christ the King,
Burnside, Christchurch
1.30 – 3.00pm Confessions
3.00pm Chaplet of Mercy
3.15pm Mass

"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to confession and receive holy communion on the feast of my mercy."

(Diary of St Faustina)

Come join the parish for the special celebration of Divine Mercy and receive the flood of graces Our Lord promised so that we may radiate mercy to the whole world. How we need His mercy!

For a free information leaflet on the conditions for the proper observance of this day contact:

Divine Mercy Publications,
PO Box 20266, Christchurch.
Ph/Fax (03) 352-2177

Hanmer Springs

St Roch's Parish in Hanmer Springs is celebrating the centenary of St Roch's Church on Saturday, October 2 2004. Any enquiries or donations may be made to Mary Quick, 16 Tardale Place, Hanmer Springs. Phone 03 315-5286. E-mail: johnmaryquick@paradise.net.nz

Diocesan Celebration for Life Feast of the Annunciation

Thursday March 25 7:00pm Sacred Heart Church Addington

The Annual "Diocesan Celebration for Life" will be held at Sacred Heart Church Addington on March 25 at 7.00pm, the Feast of the Annunciation, with Concelebrated Mass. We all need to pray that the unborn, sick and aged will be respected and not denied life by the will of people. Last year there were 17,000 abortions carried out in New Zealand. Please come to pray for "a culture of life, not of death". Mass will be followed by supper, giving us all an opportunity to meet with people from other parishes in the Diocese.



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Pilgrimage May 2004

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Two night stops in Italy include Rome (seven nights), Assisi, Florence and Venice and the home of **Padre Pio at San Giovanni Rotondo**, with day trips to Sienna, Padua, Ravenna and Monte Casino. We also visit Split and Dubovnik en route to and from **Medjugorje** where we stay for three days.

This is a special pilgrimage tour for Catholics from throughout New Zealand and covers a substantial area of religious significance throughout Italy as well as Croatia and Bosnia. The tour is limited to 24 people and seats are now very limited.

For the full itinerary and prices please phone the tour manager Peter Fleming on 0800 356-728 or fax 09 570-1967.

Postal enquiries to Pilgrimage Tours, Freepost "Tours" PO Box 11458, Ellerslie, Auckland.

God and God's Gifts ...



In 1999 the Shroud of Turin was, for several weeks, put on public display at the Cathedral of the city of Turin where it is normally safely locked away. Pope John Paul II duly made a pilgrimage, but unlike most pilgrims, he did something different. When he entered the Cathedral, instead of heading straight for the shroud, he went to the Blessed Sacrament chapel, knelt and prayed before our Lord in the tabernacle. It was only after he had done this that he went to view the shroud.

The Pope's gesture teaches us an important lesson – that we should always remember to seek God first, and not just seek God's "gifts". His gesture not only moves us away from the debate on the authenticity of the shroud, but brings to the fore the idea that all "religious things" are meant to lead us to God, and are not an end in themselves. This is the very essence of the practice of our faith. For example, our celebration of the sacred liturgy provides us with perfect praise and adoration in the Spirit and in truth, giving all honour and glory to God in Christ and through Christ; our Marian

devotions put us in touch with Mary, the model of great discipleship, and the one who brings God to us; our reading of Scriptures enlightens us about God, and His revelations of Himself; and of course, the celebration of the Eucharist, the heart and centre of the Church's life, makes God present to us in a special way.

God endowed us with an openness to truth and beauty, a sense of moral goodness and a longing for the infinite and for happiness. Through these, we are attracted to God's many other gifts, but we must never mistake the gifts for the Giver. It is so very human to ask God for "signs from heaven", yet be blinded to the many signs with which He already surrounds us. It is so easy to come to prayer with a list of things we hope God would grant us, yet fail to see how He answers our prayers. Perhaps Jesus always refused the requests for "signs from heaven" (Mark 8:11-13, Luke 11:29) because, without eyes and ears of faith (Matt 11:3-6, Luke 10:23-24), those who asked for them could not grasp that He is the Sign and Gift *par excellence*. Even when Christ performed

miracles, we find that an act of faith often precedes His miracles, for the gift of miracles was intended to bring His disciples to contemplation and thereby lead them to deeper faith.

The Pope reminds us constantly of the need to "seek God first" through the phrase, "**contemplate the face of Christ**", which he first introduced in his Apostolic letter *Novo Millennio Inuente*. He continues to build on the idea in his later writings (e.g. *Apostolic letters, Rosarium Virginis Mariae, and Ecclesia de Eucharistia*) as he explains the many aspects of the Church's life and summons us to new hope and evangelisations.

May we follow the Pope's example, and heed his call to contemplate the face of Christ – may we seek God and use His gifts to lead us to Him.

Fr Michael Pui

People

Chaplain Brian Fennessy recently received the Efficiency Decoration (ED). The Efficiency Decoration is awarded to Territorial Force Army Officers who have completed 12 years of efficient service. Fr Brian served as a Territorial Force Chaplain from 1989 – 2001. As a Territorial Force Chaplain, Fr Brian also served in Bougainville and East Timor with the New Zealand Army. He is currently the Catholic Chaplain at Waiouru Military Camp.



On December 28 1978 Bishop Brian Ashby ordained Kevin Waldie a priest of the Society of Mary at St Thomas' Church, Timaru North. Twenty-five years later, on December 28 last year, Fr Kevin Waldie SM returned to St Thomas' to celebrate his silver jubilee of priestly ordination, together with concelebrating priests, his mother, Isobel, family, friends and parishioners. Following ordination Fr Kevin spent some years in parish ministry in Wellington before being sent overseas to study the scriptures. He currently lectures at Good Shepherd College in Auckland and is best known in the diocese for his scripture reflections in the New Zealand Catholic.

Ad multos annos



Fr Kevin Waldie celebrating 25 years of Priesthood.



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STAVELEY YOUTH WEEKEND

Ninety-five people (79 young people and 16 leaders) made their way to the annual Staveley Camp on the weekend of February 20 to 22. The weekend theme challenged the young people to be "Ambassadors for Christ" (cf 2 Cor 5:20). This looked at our baptismal call, our personal relationship, and

the challenges of being an ambassador in today's world. All participants were involved in acting out the Stations of the Cross, with many going to reconciliation to our supporting priests – Fr John Joliffe SM and Fr Bede Haughey. Throughout the programme there were games, singing, free time and great times in small groups! Thanks to all the leaders (and the cooks) for their support for another great CYT weekend! There is a message board and photos on the CYT web site www.cyt.org.nz



◀ Some of the girls hanging out!



▲ The awesome music team for the camp!



◀ One of Stations of the cross being acted out

Another Successful Hearts Aflame

From January 2 to 11, over a hundred Young Adults from all around New Zealand gathered at St Bede's College in Christchurch for Hearts Aflame, the annual Catholic Summer School for Young Adults. Hearts Aflame was once again a fantastic and inspiring event. It was clearly evident to see the power of the Holy Spirit working in the lives of many Young Adults. The theme of this particular school was "The Two Towers" being Mary and the Eucharist. There were many highlights over the 10 days including a great range of lecturers who inspired and challenged the participants. The evening sessions were another highlight with awesome praise and worship and a variety of speakers sharing their knowledge, wisdom and amazing testimonies about their vocations.

It was inspiring to see so many young people during the evening sessions take the chance for prayer ministry and reconciliation. The Eucharistic healing night was a very special time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Fr John Rea also led a powerful healing night.

Overall Hearts Aflame was an extraordinary and life-changing experience for all involved. Thank you to all those parishes and individuals who supported young adults to attend the school.



The participants from the Christchurch Diocese who attended Hearts Aflame in January.

Service Project

Saturday March 20

12.20–2.30pm

A first this year is a Service Project being organised by the Catholic Youth Team. The purpose of the project is to give young people and young adults an opportunity to serve the wider community.

The service project is organised for youth and young adult leaders to bring their young people too. The project will involve picking up rubbish at the estuary so old clothes and shoes are a must!

We will be meeting at the Bridge Street Bridge (east side) over the Avon River, South Brighton. If it is raining on the Saturday we hope to have a cancellation date on Sunday, 12.20–2.30pm.

If you want more information contact the Catholic Youth Team Office (phone 03 366-9869 or email cyt@chc.catholic.org.nz).

TOO MUCH TO MENTION ...

There are numerous things happening for young people in the diocese. If you want to find out more about what we are doing then, either contact the office for a newsletter or check out our web site (www.cyt.org.nz) where you will find all the latest info ...

- ▶ The CYT Service Project being held on Saturday March 20
- ▶ A young woman from Christchurch being sent to Rome to represent New Zealand at an International Youth Forum!
- ▶ Diocesan Youth Mass dates
- ▶ Our 2004 Year Plan with all our dates for 2004
- ▶ A retreat for men being held May 28 to 30
- ▶ What the Youth Team can do for parishes!
- ▶ What is happening for young adults – including an up to date list of young adults groups and the latest newsletter just for young adults!
- ▶ Photos of all our recent events

And much more! So check out www.cyt.org.nz



Organisations Vocations News

A Christchurch Committee is currently organising a National Vocations Symposium from November 22–26 2004. There will be people attending from all over the Country – Vocations Directors and people involved in Vocations work, young adults and people involved in youth work and parish representatives from our Diocese. We are hoping that others may wish to attend. The main speakers will be Sr Mary Ryan RSJ, Executive Officer of the Australian Bishops' Catholic Vocations Ministry, Fr Cyril Halley SSC, a Columban Priest, and Fr Dom Murphy OP, a Dominican Priest, both from Sydney. The general theme is "working in our dioceses to create a friendly environment for vocations". It will be an amazing experience. Registration forms will be available soon. Please contact me for more information.

Good Shepherd House has started the year with three young men living there; Chris Eaton, David Carshalton, and Bacchus Kim. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this journey towards Priesthood.

God Bless – Fr Rick Loughnan, Diocesan Vocations Director.
email gsh@clear.net.nz



Last year was probably our best year as a service agency but also a time of personal loss and grief and struggle for many of our staff. Our courses in schools have really taken off, new courses have been developed and more hours were spent in face-to-face contact with clients. We had more feedback than ever from the community and our clients, positive feedback which encouraged all of us to take on new challenges and get better at what we do constantly.

I would like to thank all of you who supported this agency and made it possible for us to achieve an improved level of service to everyone who needed our help. I would also like to ask those who didn't, to look more closely at this agency and see if our work actually fits in with your ideals of Christian love, care and Social Justice. We are here to express the Catholic Church's concern for the suffering and alienation in today's society by providing the necessary support for positive change. I think all our staff, volunteers and paid staff, are doing a very good job of it. Come and see for yourself, read our pamphlets, newsletters and reports, visit our website, use us if you need us or refer someone to us who does.

Thank you and God bless.

Jon Brian, Manager www.cathosocservs.nz.org

Juniorate Reunion

Marian College in Christchurch went back to its roots on January 8–9 when women from all over New Zealand, Australia, Canada and Scotland gathered for the first St Joseph's Reunion.

In 1950 the College began its life as a secondary school for girls with an interest in joining the order of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. From then until 1971 when the Juniorate was phased out and replaced by McKillop College, which later merged with St Mary's College to become Marian, girls travelled the length of New Zealand to this small boarding school. For North Islanders, this involved the overnight train trip starting in Auckland and the night crossing on the Lyttelton ferry.

Not all went on to become religious, but over fifty years later women from all walks of life – Josephites, wives, mothers, grandmothers, singles, in a variety of professions and careers, returned. They were welcomed by the Principal, Bernadette Devonport, and Assistant Principal, Sr Collette Forde, and introduced to the

transformed school complex. For the next two days stories were shared and moments re-lived as past pupils, teachers and chaplains reminisced. Partners and children present were caught up in the joy and laughter of the occasion.

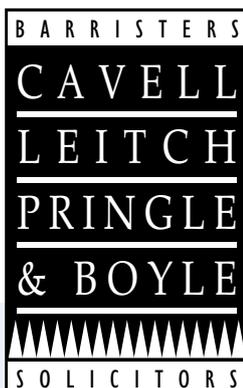
There was time too for a moment of quiet reflection as the names of those deceased were remembered during the reunion Mass in the College Chapel. In a simple farewell ceremony a plaque was unveiled to mark this first reunion.

The concluding words of **An Ode to St Joes** written and read by past pupil, Aneta Tarie, summed up the weekend experience –

Some of the old girls: Diane Tilyard (Winthrop), Mary Neazor (Flynn), Irene Thomas (Schmanski), Glenys Ryan (Smith), Joan McFetridge, Sr Lyndall Brown, Judy Cooper (Doherty), Sr Katrina (Shona) Brill, Sr Carina (Merryll) Cobb, Colleen Davidson (Lawson).

*So all you girls so young of heart
A small glimpse I give you of your past
Stay true to your values, respect one and all
For our time here is but fleetingly small.*

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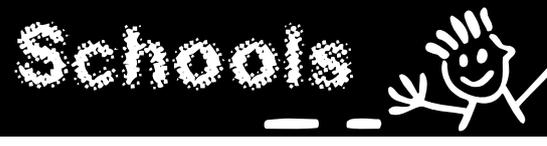
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Catholic Cathedral College



Creator God, you bless us abundantly in all our needs. We thank you for the giftedness that enriches this community and call on the Holy Spirit to touch each one of our elected and appointed leaders. May they all carry out their duties with enthusiasm and fairness, with the knowledge that they have our respect and support, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This prayer of support was made by the students, staff, BOT members and parents at Catholic Cathedral's Leadership Commissioning Mass in the Cathedral on February 12, which was concelebrated by Monsignor Power (St. Peter's Beckenham) and Father Cahill (Sacred Heart Addington) whose parishioners include the Head Girl **Meridith Jones** and Head Boy **Simon Clark**. After Mass the newly commissioned leaders joined the staff, BOT members, parents and visitors for morning tea provided by the PTFA.

On February 11 before the drought was broken the swimming sports took place.

Years 9 and 7 have been on camp. As our students come from all over Christchurch these camps are important for them to get to know each other. Living Springs was the venue for the Year 7s camp. Half way through the camp they were visited by Mrs Cheesman

(Director of Religious Studies) and our new chaplain, Brother Peter Brown, who led a liturgy. They were accompanied by Brother Paul Scott (better known as Brother Pastor, a former Headmaster of one of our parent schools Xavier College). The Year 9s went to Quail Island. Our college has a commitment to Quail Island, and over the next few years some of these students will return to the island on working parties. The students were impressed by the replica dog kennel, and leper hut that had been built several years ago by our Construction Class. A liturgy was led by Brother Peter against a backdrop of clear skies, the sea and surrounded by trees.

During Lent, students will have the opportunity to go daily to the 12.15pm Mass in the Cathedral.

On the music scene the newly formed Schola sang at the Commissioning Mass and are practising for the Taize Prayer Around the Cross to be held in the Cathedral in March.

The history students of Year 11 have had a field trip to Lyttelton, which included a trip to Ripapa Island.

If you are attending a major rugby game at Jade Stadium this season, the rugby and netball teams run carparking in the college grounds to fund their forthcoming trip to Australia.



Fr Paddy Cahill and Mgrs Tom Power with Simon Clark and Meredith Jones – Head Boy and Girl of Cathedral College for 2004.

Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima School, Mairehau will be celebrating its **50th Jubilee on Labour Weekend, October 22–24 2004**. All past pupils and teachers are warmly invited to attend. Enquiries to 370 Innes Road or Phone/Fax 03 385 3441 or email jubilee@fatima.school.nz

Mountain Retreat for Hire

Arthur's Pass

The Catholic Outdoor Club has a fully equipped 18 bunk house at Arthur's Pass.

Available for hire by families, schools and groups.

\$30–40 per night for two adults, dependent children free (group and midweek rates on application)

Ask about our May/June specials.

Bookings:

Suzanne ph/fax (03) 342-9841

e-mail: coc@paradise.net.nz

Rosary House Retreats

Guided Retreat March 12–19

Father John Fitzsimmons SM

Jesus the Redeemer. Our drawing closer to Christ brings not only adoration of God, but also a deeper wonder at self. Pope John Paul II in *Redemptor Hominis*.

Life's Healing Journey

March 11–19 Team

A journey towards healing of life's hurts. This is a blend of meditations on the humanity of Jesus, of input on the normal and necessary grieving healing process, private time and individual accompaniment.

Guided Retreat May 11–17

Father Mark Beban SM

The God who nourishes: Dining with Jesus. In this retreat we will sit at table with Jesus, letting what He says and does touch our lives.

EVENING PROGRAMMES

Reclaiming and Championing your Inner Child: Team April 22,

May 6, 20, June 3, 17 Thursday 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Encountering the Divine: the spiritual insight of C. G. Jung

June 9, 16, 23 Wednesday 7.30 – 9.00pm Allan Bloore Jungian Analyst

For Bookings and Registration please contact Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre. Phone 379-1298.

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