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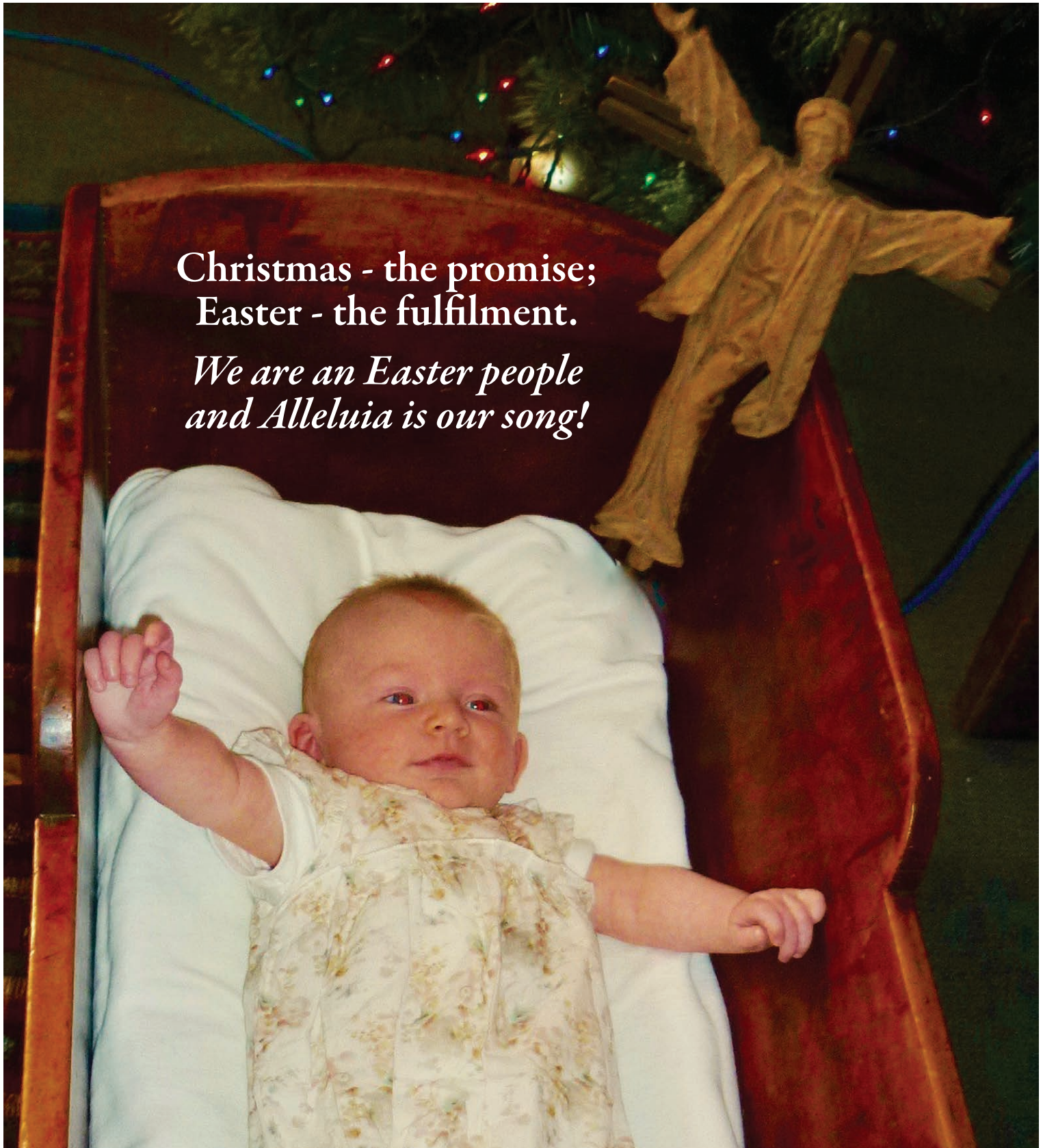
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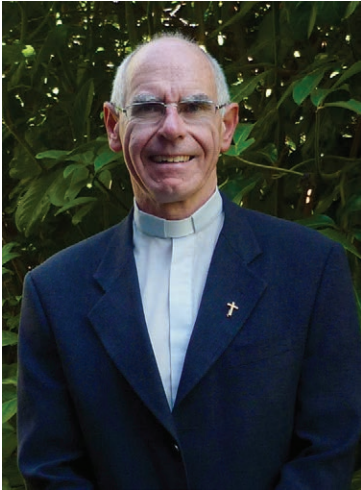


Christmas - the promise;
Easter - the fulfilment.

*We are an Easter people
and Alleluia is our song!*



Bishop Michael's Easter Message



Last year the COVID virus kept all of us at home for Easter. Our commemoration of the death and resurrection of Jesus was celebrated in our “bubbles” or in an on-line situation. All going well we will be able to gather as a community to celebrate Easter this year. I know this will be special for me, I will appreciate the freedom to celebrate my faith with other believers, it is a privilege we have in New Zealand. In Holy Week we reflect on Jesus’ suffering and death on Good Friday and then prepare ourselves to celebrate with joy his victory over death in resurrection. Easter is the fulfilment of our faith. In life we all have our little deaths and little resurrections and these times are given greater significance and hope when we approach them with faith in the risen Christ.

As I write this Easter message I am very aware that this is the last edition of *The Tablet*. It is with sadness that we farewell a publication which has served the Diocese well. It really began as *The Diocesan News* in 1989 and then took over the name of *The Tablet* in 1996 when the New Zealand Tablet ceased publication. Over the years *The Tablet* has recorded many important events in the Diocese and acknowledged the people who make up our faith community. This information will not stop as we will continue with our Diocesan newsletters and the use of social media such as Facebook or our website to inform the people of the Diocese. The decision to finish publication was made to allow us to move to using these newer and more cost effective forms of communication. I want to especially thank the editors of *The Tablet* over the years; Bernadette Murphy, Gillian Vine and Tony Hanning. Our editors have carried out their role with great enthusiasm and competence. I also thank the advertisers who have been loyal in supporting the publication over the years.

While we are fortunate in New Zealand to be able to gather together we are still in the midst of the COVID crisis. The crisis has a positive side in that it has reminded us of our need to trust in God and the importance of supporting one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. The Easter message is the fulfilment of our Christian faith. Jesus has conquered death and won for us eternal life; he gives us hope.

May you receive God’s abundant blessings this Easter Season.

Yours in Christ

✝ MICHAEL

Easter Gospel – Mark 16:1-7

- 1 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him.
- 2 Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb.
- 3 They were saying to one another, “Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”
- 4 When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large.
- 5 On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed.
- 6 He said to them, “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him.
- 7 But go and tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.’”





Photo: Bill Haydon responding to toasts.

Congratulations and Thanks, Bill Haydon 40 years serving the Diocese as its Property Manager

Lunch with Bishop Michael and a small group of professional colleagues, work colleagues, and friends marked the achievement of 40 years of loyal and valuable service to the Diocese by Bill Haydon. He continues to provide part-time services as Project Manager alongside the new Property Manager, Craig Paterson. Thank you, Bill. Your mark of quality is on every parish and school.

Church Leaders Meet Prime Minister to Talk Vaccines, Housing and Poverty

Leaders of some of the country's major Christian faiths met Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern in Auckland on 12 March to discuss housing, poverty and the Covid-19 pandemic response, including vaccination.

Those at the meeting included Anglican Archbishop Philip Richardson, Baptist Pastor Charles Hewett, Catholic Archbishop Cardinal John Dew, Methodist Church Vice-president Rev Etuini Talakai, Salvation Army Commissioner Mark Campbell and the Rev Dr Richard Waugh of the National Church Leaders Aotearoa New Zealand.

Social Development Minister Carmel Sepuloni and Housing Minister Megan Woods also attended, along with departmental officials.

After the meeting, Cardinal Dew, President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference and Archbishop of Wellington, said Covid-19 vaccinations, welfare and housing were the main topics discussed.

"I spoke about the importance of vaccinations for the common good, and offered support, including offering churches and church facilities for vaccination centres," Cardinal Dew said on his Facebook page. "The engagement with the political leaders was good across the three agenda areas."

New Zealand's Catholic bishops have been strong supporters of the vaccination programme. In a statement on 15 January, Cardinal John as NZCBC president said everyone, including Catholics, had a moral responsibility to protect themselves and others by getting a Covid-19



vaccine as soon as they become eligible for it under the Government's vaccine programme.

"We reject the false information circulating on the internet and elsewhere that claims vaccines should not be used," Cardinal Dew said then on behalf of the bishops. "Vaccines work, and they protect against a wide range of illnesses. Because of vaccines, once-universal diseases such as smallpox have been wiped out, saving countless lives."

Meetings like today's between Christian leaders and the prime minister were established following the 1998 Anglican Church-led Hikoī of Hope, when tens of thousands of church members marched to Parliament asking for action on social and economic matters.

The meetings have been held annually since with few exceptions – the 2020 meeting was cancelled because of the Covid-19 lockdown.



Reunion - St Patrick's College, Teschemakers

From 12 - 14 March, twenty-eight past pupils from the "Final Years" (1976 -77) from Teschemakers gathered to celebrate St Patrick's Day early. Two revered former staff members who joined them for the weekend, Sr Elizabeth Mackie OP and Sr Helen Bolger OP (formerly Sr Patrice), had been integral to the move of boarders to St Thomas's Girls School in Oamaru. The 'old girls' enjoyed 45 years of catching up and filling in the gaps with hilarity and animation, but also some solemnity when classmates who have died were honoured in a ceremony, complete with a kaikaranga, in the beautiful chapel.

"The fact that we could meet and stay together at Teschemakers made the weekend even more meaningful and memorable," said one participant.



Catholic Theological College's First Dean

Te Kupenga Chief Executive Dr Areti Metuamate is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr John Evangelista as the first Dean of the new Catholic Theological College.

Dr Evangelista is a medical doctor and leading healthcare executive with 25 years experience in senior management roles. Until now, he has been managing director and CEO of Sanus Vitae, an Auckland-based healthcare consultancy company. He is an active Catholic and has had a strong involvement in the Church both locally and overseas.

Dr Evangelista took up the senior position, approved by all Bishops, this month, replacing the Interim Dean of the Catholic Theological College, Rev Dr Merv Duffy SM, one of New Zealand's pre-eminent Catholic theologians.

As Dean, Dr Evangelista will lead the college, which is one of the three agencies within Te Kupenga-Catholic Leadership Institute. The college has replaced Good Shepherd College (GSC) and The Catholic Institute of Aotearoa New Zealand (TCI) and provides courses for seminarians, teachers in Catholic schools and anyone who wants to study theological disciplines at a tertiary level.

While the Catholic Theological College has staff across New Zealand, Dr Evangelista will be based at the Auckland campus. He will be supported in his role directly by the two Heads of Programme, Dr Duffy (Level 7), and Ms Susan Wilson (Levels 5 and 6).



Exciting changes ahead for Webb Farry

After more than 40 years' at 79 Lower Stuart Street we are excited to share the news that we are on the move!

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When presented with an impressive blank canvas with character features and the opportunity for a fresh modern look it was too good to miss.

For the next few months, our reception, boardroom and client meeting areas will be at Level 8, ASB House. Some of our team will remain in our office on the first floor of 101 Stuart Street (new entrance between Poipourri Café and Gallery De Novo).

These temporary arrangements will enable the exciting fitout of our new offices to be completed for us later this year.

Our postal address (PO Box and DX), phone number, website and email addresses will all remain the same. We welcome you to visit us at ASB House from Monday, 15 March 2021 and look forward to unveiling our new building later in the year.

Nano Nagle Fundraising Group - A Successful Team

The Nano Nagle Fund Raising Group (NNFRG) and Trustees met together in December 2020 to celebrate the success and do the draw for the Christmas Raffle. Behind every successful enterprise you need a group of dedicated individuals putting in an outstanding fundraising effort.

To help us to continue with this great cause, tax deductible donations can be sent to:

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Normally there are two events held each year; however, as we all know, along came Covid-19 and disrupted the work of many organisations. NNFRG rolled up its sleeves to obtain all the Christmas Raffle prizes and then proceeded to raise an excellent \$6,780 in sales (including donations). Of course, some banter went on at the gathering, on what each one wanted to win and would do with their prize. We all know about Murphy's Law! The draw was done with many witnesses, winners contacted, and prizes delivered, and we all went home empty handed, except for being proud to be involved with the venture.

The Nano Nagle Charitable Trust (NNCT) has come a long way since its beginning in 2009.

At our meetings in July and December 2020, 55 children were given grants totalling \$38,499 to help them stay and receive an education at a Catholic school. There was an added pressure with some of the applicants having lost their jobs due to Covid-19.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the Nano Nagle Charitable Trust has been able to assist with all the eligible applicants.



Nano Nagle Fund Raising Group, Back row: Pauline Campbell, Philippa O'Neill, Corinne Guthrie, Front row: Deborah Whitty, & Shona Brown. Absent: Lee-Ann Henry, Kris Bennett, Sandra Nixon & Lee Nichol.

Pope Francis makes historic visit to Iraq's top Shiite cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani



Pope Francis meets Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani in Najaf, Iraq, March 6, 2021. Credit: Vatican Media.

Credit CNA Staff, 6 March, 2021.

Pope Francis on Saturday made a landmark visit to the home of Iraq's top Shiite cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

Matteo Bruni, director of the Holy See press office, said March 6 that the two men spoke for almost an hour during a private meeting at al-Sistani's residence in Najaf, central Iraq.

"During the courtesy visit, which lasted about 45 minutes, the Holy Father stressed the importance of cooperation and friendship between religious communities for contributing – through the cultivation of mutual respect and dialogue – to the good of Iraq, the region and the entire human family," Bruni said.

The meeting – a milestone in relations between the Catholic Church and Shiite Islam – came on the second day of the pope's historic visit to Iraq.

Francis stayed overnight at the apostolic nunciature in Baghdad. He left the residence early on Saturday morning, traveling by car to Baghdad International Airport.

He took an Iraqi Airways flight to Najaf, the third holiest city of Shiite Islam after Mecca and Medina. He was welcomed by Najaf province governor Louay al-Yasiri at Najaf Airport.

He then traveled by car to the 90-year-old al-Sistani's modest residence. He was greeted at the entrance by the Grand Ayatollah's son, Mohammed Rida, who led him to the room where his father holds private conversations with visitors.

The Shiite leader is believed to have played a critical role in the defeat of the Islamic State in Iraq. As Iraqi forces faced Islamic State fighters in 2017, al-Sistani urged all Iraqi citizens to take arms to defend the country, regardless of their ethnicity or religious beliefs. Thousands of volunteers responded to the call and formed the Popular

Mobilization Forces, playing a critical role in stopping the Islamic State.

Bruni said: "The meeting was an occasion for the Pope to thank Grand Ayatollah al-Sistani for speaking up – together with the Shiite community – in defense of those most vulnerable and persecuted amid the violence and great hardships of recent years, and for affirming the sacredness of human life and the importance of the unity of the Iraqi people."

After the private meeting and an official photo, the pope returned to Najaf Airport. He boarded a plane to Nassiriya, a city along the banks of the Euphrates River. He was welcomed by Chaldean Archbishop Habib Jajou of Basra and Bishop Firas Dardar, leader of the Syriac Patriarchal Exarchate of Basra and the Gulf. Civil and religious authorities were also present.

He then traveled by car to the Plain of Ur for an interreligious meeting.

"In taking leave of the Grand Ayatollah, the Holy Father stated that he continues to pray that God, the Creator of all, will grant a future of peace and fraternity for the beloved land of Iraq, for the Middle East and for the whole world," Bruni said.

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Food for Critical Reflection

Reflections on Pope Francis's Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* on the 150th Anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church

BY BISHOP MICHAEL DOOLEY, BISHOP OF DUNEDIN

Pope Francis has declared a "Year of St Joseph" from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021. My first thought was, why would the Pope do that now? On reading his short but simple Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, I understood better his motivation. Pope Francis writes that during the Covid 19 pandemic, he noticed the doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, and the cleaners, caregivers and transport workers, who often go unnoticed but sustain our life by their work and presence. This goes on in families and communities where people pray, make sacrifices and help others all in an often unrecognised way. This observation moved him to think about St Joseph and the way he expressed his fatherly love for Jesus.

Pope Francis sees Joseph as the great example of this hidden love and care: "Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble."

During our time of Covid lockdown in New Zealand I noticed many people from our parishes and communities who carried out this unrecognised work for others. St Joseph is the great patron of these people, who look for no special thanks but gain a joy from serving others when there is a need.

Within Christian spirituality St Joseph has often seemed the forgotten man. He hovers in the background, in the shadows. It was a struggle to fit him into the usual biological definition of a father so he was often called a foster father. Pope Francis points out that "fathers are not born but made... when a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person."

The importance of fatherhood is being reassessed in our society. It is not primarily biological but rather based on a responsibility to love and care for a child. St Joseph provides a great model for those men who wish to be good fathers.

I have a personal affinity with Joseph. My own father's name was Joseph and he was named after his uncle Joseph who died at a young age. In the next generation my 16-year-old nephew has the name Joseph. For me the name Joseph and the idea of family goes together. In our Diocese of Dunedin the cathedral church is dedicated to St Joseph who is our patron. In his quiet fatherly way Joseph intercedes for us in this southern outpost of the Church. He watches over the family of God's people, much like he watched over Jesus as he learned to walk, as he



worked at a trade and as he eventually left home to carry out his mission. Joseph shows us that holiness is found in a very normal and human way, carrying out the day to day responsibilities of family life and being a caring citizen in the community.

I am sure that this year will bring out further reflections on how St Joseph can show us how to live. He shows us something important about the dignity and importance of work; he reminds us of the significance of good fathering, and he teaches us to place our trust in God in the midst of problems and anxieties.

St Joseph is certainly a very relevant and helpful saint for the times that we live in.

DOMINICAN SISTERS IN NEW ZEALAND - The Beginning...

When Bishop Patrick Moran was appointed to the newly established Diocese of Dunedin in 1869, he had been serving as a Bishop in South Africa since 1856, his age at that time being 33. His deep interest in education and desire to establish schools for girls as well as boys led to a successful request in 1867 to the Dominican Sisters of Sion Hill, Blackrock Co. Dublin, for nuns to staff schools at Port Elizabeth. In 1870, before taking up his Dunedin appointment, and after attending the Vatican Council in Rome, he visited Sion Hill to give the Sisters news of their convent at Port Elizabeth. He took the opportunity to ask for Sisters for Dunedin. The Sisters agreed and a rigorous process of selection was undertaken to choose ten from those who had volunteered to go.

On 1 October 1870, the following Sisters were announced as chosen for the New Zealand Mission:

- Sister Mary Agnes Rooney (59; professed 34 years)
- Sister Mary Frances Sullivan (45; professed 19 years)
- Sister Mary Vincent Whitty (37; professed 18 years)
- Sister Mary Gabriel Gill (33; professed 16 years)
- Sister Mary Catherine Hughes (40; professed 13 years)
- Sister Mary Gertrude Dooley (33; professed 11 years)
- Sister Mary De Ricci Kirby (33; professed 11 years)
- Sister Mary Bertrand McLaughlin (19; professed 1 year)
- Sister Mary Lucy Tracy (professed 12 years)
- Sister Mary Peter Jordan (21; professed two days after announcement)

A formal letter of agreement, drawn up by Bishop Moran, was signed by him the following day, 2 October 1870. It read:

"The undersigned, the Bishop of Dunedin, proposes to the Nuns of the Order of St Dominic at Sion Hill, County Dublin, to establish a house of their Order at Dunedin in New Zealand on the following conditions:

1. *The Bishop undertakes to provide a suitable house and school-rooms, to provide plain, necessary furniture, and also to secure the services of a Chaplain till such time as the Community be enabled to pay a Chaplain's salary, provided,*

2. *That the Community of Sion Hill will send out qualified Nuns in a number not greater than ten at present, to teach two schools - a High School and a Poor School, at their own expense.*

The Bishop desires to say that in reference to the Rules of the Community, there will be no interference whatever on his part."

P. MORAN
Bishop of Dunedin
2nd October, 1870.

The Sisters accompanied Bishop Moran and Fr William Coleman on a sea voyage to Melbourne where they boarded the s.s. Gothenburg on 11 February 1871.

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REMEMBERING THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

An invitation from Bishop Michael...

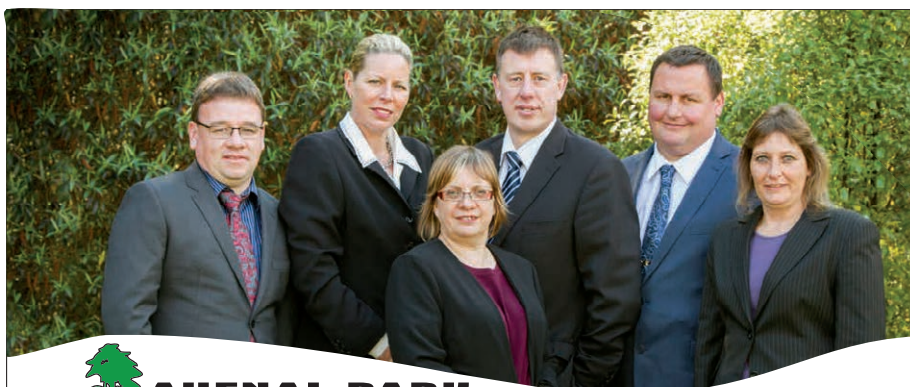
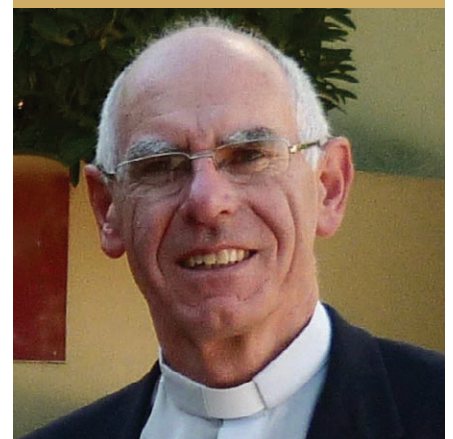
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150 years later, we renew that welcome and give prayerful thanks.

Rather than holding celebrations, which can be expensive, the sisters hope to mark the 150th anniversary by donating to three specific charities. These are:

- The Rosary Sisters of Jerusalem who work in Gaza, Aleppo, Syria, Jordan, for their support after their hospital was destroyed in the Beirut explosion,
- The Jane of Aza project run by Dominican Sisters in the Solomon Islands to provide safe accommodation for young women studying in Honiara, and
- Caritas NZ's project to support local communities to settle above-quota refugee families in New Zealand.

If you would like to join the sisters in this passing on of gifts received you may do so through the following account number:
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New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Interfaith Committee marks second anniversary of mosques atrocity

The Interfaith Relations Committee of the Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand has sent a letter of support to the country's Muslim communities on the second anniversary of the Christchurch mosques atrocity.

"In a spirit of peace and prayer we reach out at this time to those who live in this land, and especially the Muslim community of New Zealand," says the letter, signed by committee chair, Colin MacLeod, who is also the director of the Church's National Centre for Religious Studies.

"We give thanks for the diversity of deeply held religious beliefs which draw people to embrace one another with compassion, healing and hope.

"While many may hold that religious beliefs are the cause of violence, we know from our rich relationships with those of many faiths, that the choice to cause harm to others is grounded not in the divine but in other attitudes such as selfishness or fear.

"We pray to our loving God, that all violence may cease, and that diversity of faith may be seen as opportunity for dialogue through which all may be blessed."

Fifty-one worshippers died and many more were wounded when a gunman opened fire in attacks on the Masjid Al-Noor and Linwood mosques two years ago today.



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Otago and Southland Catholic Holy Week/Easter Ceremony Times 2021

Alexandra Pastoral Area

Alexandra

Holy Thursday	7:00pm
Good Friday	3:00pm
Holy Saturday	8:30pm
Easter Sunday	9:00am

Omakau

Holy Saturday	6:00pm Easter Vigil
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Roxburgh

Easter Sunday	11:00am
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Balclutha

Holy Thursday	7:30pm
Good Friday	3:00pm
Holy Saturday	8:00pm Easter Vigil

Brockville (see Cathedral and Hills Suburbs Pastoral Area)

Cathedral and Hills Suburbs Pastoral Area

Holy Thursday	7:00pm (Cathedral)
Good Friday	3:00pm (Cathedral and Brockville)
Holy Saturday	8:00pm Easter Vigil (Cathedral)
Easter Sunday	9:30am (Morningside) 10:00am (Cathedral) 11:00am (Brockville)

Cromwell

Holy Thursday	7:30pm
Good Friday	3:00pm
Holy Saturday	7:30pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	11:00am

Wanaka

Thursday	7:30pm
Good Friday	3:00pm
Holy Saturday	7:30pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	9:00am

Dunedin North (see Dunedin North Pastoral Area)

Dunedin North Pastoral Area

Holy Thursday:	7:00pm (at Sacred Heart, North East Valley)
Good Friday:	3:00pm (Holy Name, Dunedin North)
Holy Saturday:	5:00pm Easter Vigil (Port Chalmers) 7:00pm Easter Vigil (at Sacred Heart, North East Valley)

Easter Sunday:	12:00pm (Palmerston) 9:30am (at Sacred Heart, North East Valley) 7:30am, 10:00am, 7:00pm (Holy Name, Dunedin North)
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Dunedin South (Mercy Parish) St Patrick's Basilica, Macandrew Road

Holy Thursday	7:00pm
Good Friday	3:00pm
Holy Saturday	8:00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	10:00am

Broad Bay

Easter Sunday	No Mass
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Georgetown - Invercargill (see Invercargill Central)

Gore

Holy Thursday	7:00pm
Good Friday	3:00pm
Holy Saturday	8:00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	9:00am

Balfour

Easter Sunday	11:00am
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Tapanui

(No Mass)

Waikaka

(No Mass)

Green Island and Mosgiel

Holy Thursday	7:30pm (Green Island)
Good Friday	3:00pm (Mosgiel)
Holy Saturday	7:30pm Easter Vigil (Mosgiel)
Easter Sunday	9:00am (Mosgiel) 10:30am (Green Island)

Invercargill Central

Holy Thursday	7:00pm (St Mary's Basilica)
Good Friday	3:00pm (St Mary's Basilica)
Holy Saturday	8:00pm Easter Vigil (St Mary's Basilica)
Easter Sunday	8:30am (St Mary Star of the Sea Bluff) 9:00am (St Patrick's Georgetown) 10:30am (St Mary's Basilica)

Invercargill North

Holy Thursday	7:30pm (St Theresa's)
Good Friday	3:00pm (St Theresa's)
Holy Saturday	8:00pm Easter Vigil (St Theresa's)
Easter Sunday	9:00am, 7:00pm (St Theresa's) 10:30am (Sacred Heart) 11:00am (Rakauhauka)

Kaikorai (see Cathedral and Hills Suburbs Pastoral Area)

Lawrence

Good Friday	3:00pm
Easter Sunday	11:00am

Milton

Easter Sunday	9:00am
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Morningside (see Cathedral and Hills Suburbs Pastoral Area)

Mosgiel (see Green Island)

North East Valley (see Dunedin North Pastoral Area)

Oamaru

Holy Thursday	7:00pm
Good Friday	3:00pm
Holy Saturday	8:00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	9:30am

Kurow

Easter Vigil	6:00pm
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Hampden

(No Mass)

Omakau (see Alexandra Pastoral Area)

Palmerston (see Dunedin North Area)

Queenstown

Holy Thursday	7:30pm
Good Friday	3:00pm
Holy Saturday	8:00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	9:00am

Arrowtown

Holy Thursday	7:30pm
Good Friday	3:00pm
Holy Saturday	7:30pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	11:00am

Ranfurlly

Easter Sunday 9:30am

Roxburgh (see Alexandra Pastoral Area)

Waikiwi

Holy Thursday (See Invercargill Central or Invercargill North)

Good Friday (See Invercargill Central or Invercargill North)

Holy Saturday (See Invercargill Central or Invercargill North)

Easter Sunday 10:30am

Western Southland

Holy Thursday 7:30pm Riverton

Good Friday 3:00pm Riverton

Holy Saturday 7:00pm (Easter Vigil)
Riverton

Easter Sunday 9:00am Otautau
11:00 Nightcaps

Winton

Holy Thursday: 7:00pm

Good Friday: 1:00pm

Easter Sunday: 10:30am

Te Anau

Good Friday: 7:00pm

Holy Saturday: 7:00pm (Easter Vigil)

Dipton

Holy Saturday: 5:00pm (Easter Vigil)

Mossburn

Easter Sunday: 9:00am

Lumsden

Easter Sunday: 7:00pm

CHRISM MASS

Wednesday 31 March

10.00am

St Joseph's Cathedral
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Good Friday

Meditation on the Cross



Holy Name Church

420 Great King Street
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Good Friday Collection

On Good Friday each year we have the annual collection for the Holy Places. As we commemorate the death of Jesus we call to mind his homeland and the many needs that are still present there today. This collection goes to the support of the holy places in the Holy Land also to social and pastoral works for the local communities that still live there. This collection helps support such projects as scholarships for young people, employment schemes and medical care for the poor.

† MICHAEL

Saint Mary MacKillop and Fr. William Newport - Port Chalmers

MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY CAROL MEIKLE, ADDED TO BY THE EDITOR

Fr. William Newport and Saint Mary MacKillop both share the same birthday, 15 January. Mary was born in Fitzroy, Australia, in 1842 and Father Newport in Dublin in 1848. 15 January is also a very significant and historic date for Port Chalmers and Dunedin as it is the same date that Mother Mary and her Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart arrived at Port Chalmers in 1898.

To acknowledge this historic occasion, Carol Meikle, Graham Bain and grandson MacGyver Smith placed flowers by Saint Mary MacKillop's picture at Star of the Sea Church, Port Chalmers, then went on to locate Fr. Newport's grave at the Southern Cemetery, Dunedin. After cleaning around the grave-site, a special flower was placed on it. The significance of this flower is that it grows where the presbytery once stood, at St Mary's 'Star of the Sea' Church grounds, Port Chalmers.

A special visit was made to Christchurch to locate the grave of St. Mary MacKillop's much loved brother, John. After a clean up, roses from Star of the Sea Church grounds were placed on John's grave.

On the 15 January 2013, Carol had gifted a rose named 'Mary's Love', which was blessed and planted in the grounds of Star of the Sea church in Port Chalmers to acknowledge Mary MacKillop's birthday and day of arrival there in 1898.

"It was an honour and a privilege to pass on Mary's love via her namesake rose to Mary's much loved brother, John MacKillop," said Carol.

Fr William Newport was the first residential Parish Priest in Port Chalmers and was very instrumental in establishing the first Catholic school in Port Chalmers, as well as the church and presbytery.

On 30 August 1896, Father Newport lost his life in a boating accident in Otago Harbour when returning to Port Chalmers after saying Mass at Portobello. He was accompanied by John Docherty, steamboat fireman, and two altar boys, Lawrence Ruddy (16) and Thomas Pound (11). When the boat capsized off Quarantine Island Father Newport assisted Thomas Pound to reach and hang on to the sprit of the upturned boat but he, himself, drowned in the cold waters.

In 1914, Thomas married Katie McGrath in St Mary's Basilica, Invercargill. They named the son born to them in 1915, John Newport Pound, known to many of our older readers as Father John Pound who served as a priest of the Dunedin Diocese until his death in 2002.



Bishop Paul Martin appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of Wellington



Pope Francis has appointed the Bishop of Christchurch, Paul Martin SM, to the role of Coadjutor Archbishop of Wellington, where he will assist Cardinal John Dew, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Aotearoa New Zealand.

A coadjutor usually becomes the bishop or archbishop of a diocese when the incumbent bishop retires.

Cardinal Dew, who is also President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, says he is delighted with the appointment, which comes at a time of a heavy workload in the Wellington Diocese

“He is well known to clergy and many people of the diocese, and will be warmly welcomed by all,” says Cardinal Dew. “I am fully confident that he will lead the diocese into the future with new vision and energy.”

Archbishop Martin says: “This appointment was a surprise, and I will be sorry to leave the diocese of Christchurch and the work we have been doing. However it is a privilege to take up this role in the Church of Wellington and I look forward to being with the people in the Archdiocese again.”

Archbishop Martin was appointed the tenth Catholic Bishop of Christchurch in December 2017, with his consecration in March 2018. He replaced Bishop Barry Jones, who died in February 2016.

Paul Martin SM was born in Hastings in 1967, one of five children. He entered formation for the Society of Mary in February 1985 and studied theology and arts at Victoria University of Wellington. He completed a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology at the Angelicum University in Rome and studied to become a teacher. He worked for 20 years in schools including as rector at St Patrick’s College in Wellington. He has also been bursar general of the Society of Mary in Rome. He was a part of the Marist community at the time it was working in Māori pastoral care at Rawene in the South Hokianga.

Although the appointment was effective immediately upon announcement, Archbishop Martin will maintain his southern connection by acting as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Christchurch until the Pope appoints a new bishop.

Father Mathew Vadakkevettuvazhiyil will be the next Rector of Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland



The appointment has been confirmed by the Vatican’s Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples. Fr Mathew will succeed the present Rector, Fr Brendan Ward, at the end of 2021.

Fr Mathew is widely known as a parish priest in the Auckland Diocese. He is currently a priest at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Epsom, Auckland. From the beginning of February he will be parish priest at Holy Cross, Papatoetoe before starting his seminary role at year’s end. He was parish priest at St Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Avondale, Auckland, from 2013 to June 2020.

Fr Mathew was born in Kerala, India in 1960 and ordained a priest there in 1992 with the Society of St Francis de Sales (Salesians of Don Bosco). He was a missionary, teacher and administrator at Salesian education institutes in Tanzania and Kenya and an assistant parish priest and administrator in Kenya until coming to New Zealand in 2009, serving in several Auckland parishes before his 2013 St Mary’s appointment.

As a diocesan priest in Auckland, Fr Mathew is Deputy Chair of the Justice and Peace Commission, and a member of the Council of Priests and College of Consultors.

Cardinal John Dew, Archbishop of Wellington and President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, welcomed the announcement on behalf of the bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand.

“We congratulate Fr Mathew, offer him our prayerful support, and will give him the practical support he needs.”

Holy Cross Seminary (HCS) is the national seminary for the education and formation of diocesan priests for the Catholic Church in New Zealand.

Clergy appointments announced by Bishop Michael

On 25 February Bishop Michael announced the following clergy changes and appointments, effective from the weekend 17/18 April 2021.

Gore Pastoral Area: **Fr Jaime Lalaguna MSP** is appointed parish priest of the Gore Pastoral Area.

St Joseph's Queenstown Parish: **Fr Cipriano Fernandes** is appointed administrator of St Joseph's parish Queenstown.

Fr Damian Wynn-Williams will retire and will be resident in Mosgiel. I thank Fr Damian for his many years of service as a parish priest and his generosity in offering to continue to assist with sacramental ministry when called upon.

The Charcoal Fire

From night to night,
In cold and fright,
Stood I near charcoal fire,
And, warming there,
Did curse and swear,
And show myself a liar.
"Are you not he
From Galilee,
The friend of Him all meek?"
The cock did crow.
"I do not know
The Man of Whom you speak."
But then He turned,
And in me burned
A flame, lit from His gaze,
At which I wept
For oaths unkept
And all my lukewarm days.
When He was tried
Him I denied
And failed to pass the test,
Though promised I
With Him to die,
Should fail Him all the rest.
Filled with regrets
And empty nets,
I turned to former hire.
But when dawn came,
He spoke my name,
While burned the charcoal fire.
Now at the shore,
He asks once more
If I will be His friend
And, on the sands,
With pierced hands,
Gives me His sheep to tend.

Fr. Timothy J. Draper



Sacred Heart College Ashburton Reunion Labour Weekend 2021

50th Anniversary of the 1971 closure after 87 years serving the Community will be held at Hotel Ashburton.

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Prayers & Petitions

As this is our final publication, thank you to all our regular contributors to this column.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

O most beautiful flower of Mt Carmel, fruitful vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here thou art my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand thy power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this prayer in thy hands (three times). This prayer must be said for three days and the prayer published. C.S., M.O.O.)

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, honoured, adored and glorified throughout the world forever. Amen. (Say six times for nine days and promise publication.) (Published on behalf of M.R.P. and M.O.O.)

DEAR HEART OF JESUS

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favours, and I ask you for this special one. Take it, Dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within your broken heart, where your Holy Father sees it. Then in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour and not mine. Published on behalf of M.R.P. and C.S. (also, with thanks for prayers answered M.R.P., and M.W.)

NOVENA TO ST JUDE

Oh, Holy St Jude, apostle and martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles; Near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need. To you I have recourse from the depth of my heart, and humbly beg you to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present, urgent petition (make request). In return, I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and three Glorias. St Jude pray for me and all who invoke your aid, humbly in need of your intercession. Amen. This novena must be said on nine consecutive days. (Published on behalf of C.S.), G.F., C.J.)

PRAYERS FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED, AND THE COMFORT OF THEIR FAMILIES

May the souls of the following, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

CORKERY, Mary Margeret, Invercargill
 CROWE, Mary Sr Denise) RSM, Dunedin
 DODD, Gwendoline Alice (Gwen) nee McKendry, Oamaru
 DRYDEN, Wilson Peter (Peter) Invercargill
 DYER, Brida Francis, Invercargill
 GALLAGHER, Pauline Josephine (formerly Sr. M. David) RSM, Auckland
 GALLIVEN, Rosaleen Teresa (Rose) Mosgiel
 HEENAN, Shirley Mary, Dunedin
 KIMBLE, Wendy P. nee Hurndell, Timaru
 PERRY, Louise May (May), Dunedin
 POTTS, Christine Melva (Chrissy), Mosgiel
 SCHUCK, Wilhelm Peter (Bill), Invercargill
 THOMSON, Rosemary Ellen (nee Wyatt) Riverton
 TITHER, Mary Elizabeth (nee Kerr) Te Anau

ANZAC Day

Sunday 25 April 2021

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The Ode of Remembrance

E kore rātou e kaumātuatia
 Pēnei i a tātou kua mahue nei
 E kore hoki rātou e ngoikore
 Ahakoa pehea i ngā āhuatanga
 o te wā

I te hekenga atu o te rā
 Tae noa ki te aranga mai i te ata
 Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki
 a rātou

**Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki
 a rātou.**

They shall grow not old, as we
 that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor
 the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun,
 and in the morning,

We will remember them

We will remember them.

Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

God of love and liberty, we
 bring our thanks this day for the
 peace and security we enjoy,
 which was won for us through
 the courage and devotion of
 those who gave their lives, or
 their service, in time of war.

We pray that their labour and
 sacrifice may not be in vain, but
 that their spirit may live on in
 us and in generations to come.
 That the liberty, truth and justice
 which they sought to preserve
 may be seen and known in all
 the nations upon earth.

This we pray in the name of the
 one who gave His life for the
 sake of the world, Jesus Christ
 our Lord. Amen.



The Tablet - time to say goodbye...

As Bishop Michael announced in December, this will be the final issue of *The Tablet*. The Diocese will move to keep fresh news before people through electronic ways, and produce an online newsletter from time to time. Please check the Diocesan website cdd.org.nz for news releases, and make sure that you register for the newsletter.

For my part, I was engaged by the Diocese to edit *The Tablet* from February 2013 after Gillian Vine resigned in December 2012. 65 issues, 1040 pages, and one worn out computer later, I thank Bishop Michael, and Bishop Colin before him, for their support and trust. Deadlines, yes, but dead lines, no. They were always alive to fresh ideas, and their personal messages conveyed through *The Tablet* have been thoughtful and appreciated.

Others on my "thank you" list are the loyal and regular advertisers who deserve our continuing support. Thank you.

Judy Robinson of Judy Robinson Consultancy Ltd has provided excellent service in document design and layout. She is a capable professional, easy to work with, and I recommend her highly. Thank you, Judy.

Jim Swann, for many years, and, in the last few months, Nigel Faulkner, have been the representatives of Southern Colour Print, our valuable printer and distributor. Jim and Nigel have served their firm well, and provided *The Tablet* with great service and support. Thank you.

Recently I have been spending some time in the Arrowtown area, and from the dining room window I look across at the blue peaks of the Remarkables. Today, as I write, with them in the background, I pause to contemplate that when Moses came down from the mountain he carried two Tablets of stone. Well, Bernadette Murphy, Gillian Vine and I, as editors, have been privileged to produce 247 since the first one in 1989. Although paper weighs a lot less than stone, I'm sure that Moses would still win the race down the mountain, and when all is said and done, his are *The Tablets* that survive all change. Read them and follow them.



Thank you, and may God bless all our readers and families.

Tony Hanning
EDITOR

February 2008

The Tablet

'Silly song' the prelude to 19 years work

By GILLIAN VINE

LOOKING back on almost two decades as editor of *The Tablet*, Bernadette Murphy says: "Nineteen years is long enough."

She might have carried on except that a year ago, she and her husband, Brendan, decided to build a new home at Otematata for their retirement.

Although she had worked for Crown Print before marriage in 1972, Mrs Murphy blames "a silly song", written as a tribute to the then-editor of *New Zealand Tablet*, the late John Kennedy, for her long involvement in Catholic publishing.

Mr Kennedy loved the song and when he was looking for someone to take over the children's page of the national Catholic weekly paper, he asked Mrs Murphy. She agreed and for 13 years was Bernadette - "I refused to be Auntie Bernadette" - to thousands of children throughout New Zealand.

"About five years into that, just before our youngest went to school, in the mid-80s, a circulation/subediting job came up at *New Zealand Tablet* and I took it."

That role was added to her children's page responsibilities and expanded to include writing a column.

"Then, when Bishop Boyle decided [in 1989] he wanted a diocesan paper as a vehicle to work towards the diocesan synod a year later, he asked me if I would be the editor," Mrs Murphy said. "I was actually on the point of leaving *New Zealand Tablet* to form a company called Right Words, which offered business writing and editing services."

As Bishop Boyle was happy for her to run Right Words as well as edit *The Diocesan News*, Mrs Murphy did both for eight years, until she sold Right Words.

The Diocesan News was inserted monthly into copies of *New Zealand Tablet* sold in the Dunedin Diocese.

"At the beginning, it [*The Diocesan News*] was eight pages and it was purple to differentiate it from *New Zealand Tablet*."

"I had many, many terrified nights and gallons of midnight oil were burned," Mrs Murphy recalled.

"In 1996, *New Zealand Tablet* ceased publication and *The Diocesan News* became *The Tablet* because the bishop didn't want to lose the name."

Mrs Murphy has worked from home to produce *The Tablet* and until a few months ago, there was another family member involved. Tim (26), youngest of the Murphys' five children, was employed by printers Rogan McIndoe, where he worked on the pre-production stages of *The Tablet*. When he learned he was to work with his mother, Tim told his sister that he was very nervous but Mrs Murphy said it had worked well.

Looking back on 19 years, which she feels have passed very quickly, she said: "It's amazing. If I hadn't written that silly song for John Kennedy, it never would have come to this."

And, finally, how about a photograph? "I never have my photo taken for publication," a camera-shy Mrs Murphy said.

Feb. 2013

Gillian planted a fine garden

After five years as editor of *The Tablet*, Gillian Vine resigned in December 2012 to concentrate on her other writing interests, particularly her gardening columns and notes, for which she has a passion.

Gillian planted a wonderful garden, "The Tablet," and handed it over weed free and blooming. On behalf of the Catholic community of the Diocese of Dunedin, Thank You, and prayerful best wishes to you and Geoffrey for the success of future shared ventures.

Tony Hanning, Editor.