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Education & Property News

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity – Psalm 133:1

Communication Database

Across the Diocese we are trying to create a database to better connect with and communicate to our people. This is part of a wider communication strategy aimed at being informative, collaborative and transparent as a Diocese.

The Covid 19 experience has taught us all the value of remaining connected and reaching out to our community. It would be great if you were able to share the link widely that Father Gerard has sent out and encourage people to share their details and gifts with us all. Please reassure people that we promise not to bombard them with endless information.

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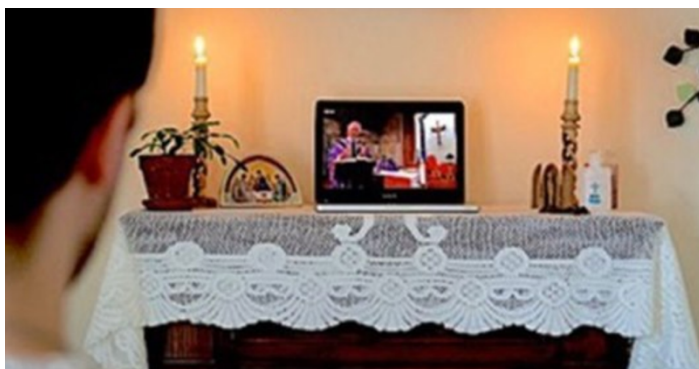
COVID:19 RESPONSE

We would like to take this chance to acknowledge the fantastic job schools have done over the past 2 months in response to the Covid 19 Pandemic. This situation has been an unprecedented one in living memory and a lot has been asked of schools. The ability of schools across our Diocese from our largest Secondary schools to our smallest Primary schools to adapt and change to the ever-changing landscape has been a credit to you all.

Staff have needed to teach in totally different and innovative ways and Principals and leadership teams have needed to keep abreast of vast amounts of information and convey this to staff and communities in a timely and measured manner. This is no easy task and right throughout it has been great to see schools keep student and their needs at the centre of the decisions made.

It has also been a challenging time from a special character perspective with the absence of Masses and other opportunities to gather and celebrate the message of Christ, none more so than a contactless Easter. Schools, alongside Parishes have done amazingly well to provide spiritual nourishment to children and their families throughout this time.

As we come to the end of this journey let us hope that the good aspects of the lockdown such as precious time with family, a slower pace of life, the reaching out to others in a time of need and a collective community approach in our often, individualized world, are not lost. May we carry these important lessons forward to enrich the everyday lives of those near and dear to us and in doing so be the face of Christ to others.



Even the way in which we have celebrated the Mass has changed, though we are all looking forward to reuniting with our Parishes in the near future!

Principal Induction Programme

Over the lockdown period we have been working on the bones of a Principal induction programme that looks specifically at the Catholic aspects of school leadership.

This has resulted in a document which can be worked through with incoming principals but also shared with more experienced principals as a resource.

Over and above this we plan to have face to face opportunities for our new principals to meet and discuss aspects of their new role with the Bishop, the Property manager, the Education Manager and The Religious Education Advisor. Through this process hopefully the new principals to our Diocese feel supported and connected.



The Lockdown Look

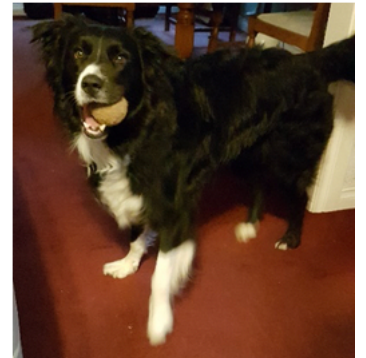
Welcome to Craig Paterson – Property Manager

Recently I was delighted to accept the position of Diocese Property Manager and the opportunity to work with Bill Haydon in a transitional phase as he heads towards his retirement. This is an important time as Bill brings me up to speed on all matters relating to our extensive property portfolio.

A little background. As a 17-year-old I joined the Ministry of Works and Development as an architectural draughting cadet, (this was in 1980 and interestingly the same year Bill became the Diocesan Property Manager!). Projects have been many and varied, including the Cromwell Town Centre build, (part of the Clyde Dam Project), the University of Otago's Information Services Building and Hocken Library; and Dunedin Police Station.

In the early 2000's I transitioned into facilities management (FM) work. Project variety included LPG depot developments, infrastructure improvements at Clyde and Roxburgh hydro's and 8 years management of Transpower's sub-station buildings and grounds that required quarterly inspections of nearly 20 sites throughout Otago and Southland including Weston (Oamaru), Frankton, North Makarewa, Manapouri, Tiwai, Gore and Balclutha. More recently I've been involved in delivery of building governance advice and FM planning for Invercargill and Dunedin City and Clutha District Councils.

I live in Macandrew Bay, Dunedin with my wife Shona, and daughters Lauren and Esme', two cats and my mate Cooper. And yes – that is indeed the Millennium Falcon recently spotted packed up at Disneyland California.



Please check out the update on a *selection* of school projects as well as other interesting snip-bits from the Property Team.

Hei konā mai

Bill Haydon & Craig Paterson



Learning Support Coordinator Building Project Underway

The Ministry of Education has confirmed the first tranche of Learning Support Coordinator (LSC) work for Integrated Schools. This project essentially involves the delivery of single office/consulting space for LSC staff into 15 of our schools.

Whilst seemingly a simple exercise - delivering these spaces into some of our schools already short on space might prove difficult. However Bill and I have a plan – and principals that are part of the LSC delivery can expect a detailed update from us next week.

Loose Stone Pillars Required Prompt Attention

Four decorative Oamaru stone pillars adjacent St Joseph's Cathedral main entry were found to be loose. Whilst we are unsure how this occurred works to re-secure each column was quickly arranged and completed. Finishing grout was coloured to ensure a good match with the existing stonework.



Diocese looks the Priory's Future

A diocesan working group is actively investigating development and funding options to breathe new life into the Priory Building. This follows on from repair works a couple of years ago that included replacement of the original slate tiled roof, gutters and spouting with a new slate roof and improved stormwater disposal. This Category 1 historic place which contains wonderful lead-light windows and majestic views over Dunedin's CBD and harbour awaits redevelopment. We will keep you posted on future developments.



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