



ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Sunday 12th January 2025 | The Baptism of the Lord- Year C | Issue 2

“A BRUISED REED HE SHALL NOT BREAK, A SMOULDERING WICK HE SHALL NOT QUENCH” ISAIAH 42.3

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is one of my favourite Old Testament Proverbs, also quoted in Matthew 20.20 in reference to Jesus. It is quoted in our first reading today. God always gives us a second chance. He won't give up on us, or punish.

The bruised reed he won't break and the smouldering wick he won't put out . Where there is a possibility. God will give it. So should we.

The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan by John is another Epiphany, a revelation that Jesus gives mankind a second chance, he gives mankind a life in God.

Many of the incidents which accompany Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happens at our Baptism.



"A bruised reed he shall not break,
A smouldering wick he shall not quench"



At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him;
At our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul.

At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father;
At our Baptism we become the adopted sons and daughters of God.

At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened.
At our Baptism heaven was opened to us.

At his baptism, Jesus experienced a change in his life, leaving his "private" and quiet life to an active one, a mission to fulfil.

Us too. Through our baptism, we have a personal Mission to discern and follow.

Jesus came to John by the Jordan,
John baptised him under the water.
Spirit of God came down like a dove,
A voice from heaven called out in love.
"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased,
This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased".



In Our Parish/ I roto i to tatou Pārihe

THE WHARENUI “NGA KAWAI MAHA” & THE “FALE FONO” RE-ROOFING PROJECTS ST ANNE’S PARISH, MANUREWA



Dear Parishioners,

In 1988, two class rooms were transferred from the old site, one the Whareniui “Nga Kawai Maha” and the other the “Fale Fono” - both property of the parish but designated to be used by the “Maori Whanau” and “Ekalesia Samoa St Annes” cherished places of prayer, community, and cultural heritage, as well as to thus avoid congestion in the other locations of the parish, like the hall, the board room, the Kenefick and the parish lounge as well as the chapel and church.

The primary and historical occupants, the kaitiaki (guardians) continue to use and care for these facilities, whilst the parish covers the cost of utilities, insurance and maintenance.

Both buildings help avoid congestion in other spaces of the parish plant and are available for overflow from other groups.

On a visit by the Diocesan General Manager and the Property Manager in 2023 , they suggested that whilst “Rebuild” was a future reality , the present infra-structure should not be neglected, hence the wash of the principal buildings in 2023, and in 2024 the repair of upholstery in the church, maintenance of the sewer system, spring clean of the hall floor, carpet cleaning of the lounge and atrium and a complete Asbestos evaluation. were carried out.

The two classrooms were found to have asbestos present in the walls . This is not a problem as long as they are not disturbed. The walls can be given a “soft wash” and then be protected by paint to deter the asbestos from becoming airborne and a health risk.

However both roofs are leaking, irreparable and in risk of leaking asbestos. By following professional asbestos control regulations the roofs should be replaced.



The buildings themselves structurally could last 20 years, maybe longer than the completion of the actual “Rebuild’ if the church and plant is constructed nearer to Russell Road.

I met with the Finance Committee and they voted, agreeing with me and the parish manager to the replacement of the two roofs recognizing that this would be the most effective and economical way of asbestos control as well as maintaining the availability of sufficient facilities for our parish groups.



In Our Parish/ I roto i to tatou Pārihe

ST ANNE'S 2025

CALENDAR/MARAMATAKA

January/Hānuere

- 12: 12pm First Tonga Mass 2025
- 14: 12:05pm Anointing of the Sick Mass
- 17: 11am Mass at Elmwood
- 21: 9am Parish Office reopens
- 27: Auckland Anniversary Day
- 29: St Anne's Primary starts

February/Pēpuere

- 06: Waitangi Day
- 11: 12:05pm Anointing of the Sick Mass
- 16: Sacramental Programme begins
- 21: 11am Mass at Elmwood



Recently Deceased/Ngā Mate

Jim Stapleton, Okesene Ikinepe, Alice Stowers Filipo, Dave Drollét & Epifania Pasā Pita

The Sick/Ngā Turoro

Fotulafai Chungsum, Phong Lan, Su'a Pese, Elham Kemp, Anne Wallbank, Anne Stickney, Punipua Su'a, Anarosa Tofaeono, Gloria Williams, Lorraine Va'a, Lourdes Collins, Pauline Arthur, Helmut Rudolph, Mirjana Dorotich, Felise Segā, Carmela & Jon Maplesden and Marie Mani

Birthday Blessings/ Manaakitanga Huritau

Alafaga (Lala) Lilovale, Barbara Edwards, Lui Lui, Niah England, Aiga Leo, Sheila Tabaco, John Misa, Maria Sanele, Katriona Ikenasio, Theresa McFarland-Faaaliga, Hope Avau, Isabella Iosefa, John Brown, Noelani Chan, Jayzelle Panahon, Joanna Iosefa, Pauline Braden-Brown, Belinda Randles, Devon Kendall, Jasleen Singh, Ezra Peseta, Feliuai Lone Matapula, Shelley Carr

Milestone Birthdays:

Teokotai Uepi-Mataiti turning 5!

Praneeth Fernando &

Silipa Kaihau

both celebrating their 40th birthdays!

The three quotes for such an undertaking were similar in their detailed description of the work to be done strictly adhering to Asbestos control. The prices differed considerably. The Finance Committee fixed on the lowest quote of \$72,864.00. The financing would be covered by funds of the Maintenance account, plus a recent windfalls and a bequest, all which can be designated to the project leaving a reasonable balance in the maintenance account to cover future needs. Note, the "Rebuild" fund is separate and invested.

Given that the Parish Priest after listening to the opinion of the Parish Finance Committee has the authority to invest parish money only to the sum of \$15,000.00. We reached out to the bishop who after consulting with his Diocesan Administration Council and College of Consultors can authorize such an expenditure.

We are pleased to report that such authorization has been granted.

Given that this project must adhere to professional asbestos control regulations, the authorization was fast-tracked so that the work can be done in the third full week of January 2025 during the school vacations to avoid the remote possibility that asbestos windblown fibers affect the children and staff in St Anne's school next door.

This project is not a fly by night one. It has developed over the last ten months, with a narrative that could make interesting reading were this bulletin a magazine and not just a notice board.

"Nga Kawai maha" the original name of the Wharenui refers to the strands of the flax being woven together to make a strong rope. It is used to represent Manurewa, a place where members of many tribes (many strands) come together. The original name of the Wharenui therefore for us is a fitting symbol of this project: "to plait the strands of our many cultures together into a united community although with many strands, many distinct cultures and ethnicities". Our primary parish structures are not just buildings but are "relational".

"A parish is not bricks and mortar. A parish is its people" "It's us!!"

This is why in this first year of our parish synodal process we have come to solve not only a problem but better meet a challenge in which there have been "Koreros" and "Talanoas", and why I write to inform you that through this project, places to meet for all of us are assured in the future.

*As always, Nga Mihi Nui.
Father Tony O'Connor s.m.
Parish Priest*

Sacramental Programme 2025



FIRST MEETING FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN
THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
7:00pm - 7:30pm

PLEASE COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM
 Paper form in atrium OR online. Scan QR CODE -->
<https://manurewacatholic.org.nz/confirmation/>

CATECHISTS NEEDED

This programme will only be as successful as the volunteers to deliver it, so if you are able to help, please let us know. Please email stannesacrament@gmail.com

We need a copy of your child's birth certificate and baptism certificate. These documents are necessary, so if you do not have them, please make arrangements before the programme begins.



MISA FAKATONGA
TONGAN MASS

Join us at St Anne's Manurewa at 12pm to celebrate Mass in the Tongan language.

ALL WELCOME

Starting

SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY
AT 12.00PM



Otua ke tapuekina - God bless

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS AND COMING HOME

Please contact the **Office** or **Langi Nunan**, 0225272193
rcia.stannes@gmail.com

1ST RECONCILIATION, HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN 8 - 17

The programme will begin **16th Feb 2025** and ends **20th May 2025**. Here is the form link to complete for each child. Please fill in the form and supply the documents required before the start date. Please contact the Office 266 5826 or stannesacrament@gmail.com



MARRIAGE PREPARATION
6 WEEK PROGRAMME

The next round begins in 2025, **May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and June 5th**.



Registrations are now open online via this [link](#) or scan the QR code on the right

INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM
FOR CHILDREN 0 - 7

For Catholic parents who want to baptise their children, must attend two classes before booking the ceremony. To register please fill in the form via this [link](#). For more info please contact the Parish Office 09 266 5826 or email baptism.stannes@gmail.com



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SAFEGUARDING / TIKANGA HAUMARU

Safeguarding is making a safe space for **all** our people

Children always need a caregiver accompanying them to the bathroom.



COMPLAINTS AND CONCERNS: (Strictly Confidential) For any feedback, complaints and concerns. Your first point of contact for this Parish is Tina Pakipaki: opsmanager.stannes@gmail.com

Use this bank account for Weekly Offerings:

02-0108-0707622-000

Reference: Your Giving Number

Particulars: Your Last Name

Code: Weekly

PREVIOUS OFFERINGS

November - \$35, 467.99
 December - \$36, 787.77

Use this bank account for the new church building:

02-0108-0707622-004

Reference: Your Giving Number

Particulars: Your Last Name

Code: Rebuild

	Saturday 18/01 5.30pm	Sunday 19/01 8am	Sunday 19/01 10am	Sunday 19/01 5pm
ALTAR SERVER 1	Jacob Brzozowski	Wendy England	Anastasia Leuea	Latoya Tully
ALTAR SERVER 2	Aryan Pereira Dsor	Florence Tumua	Angelina Leuea	Sarona Ioane
ALTAR SERVER 3	Mehr Pereira Dsor	Amanda Esekia	Matua Samuel	Faivaalofilima Ioane
ALTAR SERVER 4	Laurielle Masoe	Wayne Esekia	Mataele Takai	
COMMENTATOR	Sieni Telea Ioane	TONGAN COMMUNITY	Saoatulagi-ole-Tagaloa Penina Ifopo	Hoy Neng Wong Soon
LECTOR 1	Mark Baice		Martha Ligamate	Crispin Montilde
LECTOR 2	Mateo Baice		Faaulu Lueata-Taulolo	Ursula Tamiano
SP. MINISTER	Jose Darwin Dela Cruz	Sally Roberts	Katalina Tautolo	Sela Koaneti
SP. MINISTER	Alfonso Dela Cruz	Langi Nunan	Susana Nofu'akifolau	Andrew Malele
SP. MINISTER	Hazel Dela Cruz	Malia Faafoi	Soane Nofu'akifolau	Olivia Malele
SP. MINISTER		Soonafai Taulanga	Edward Pilitati	
SP. MINISTER			Henry Pilitati	