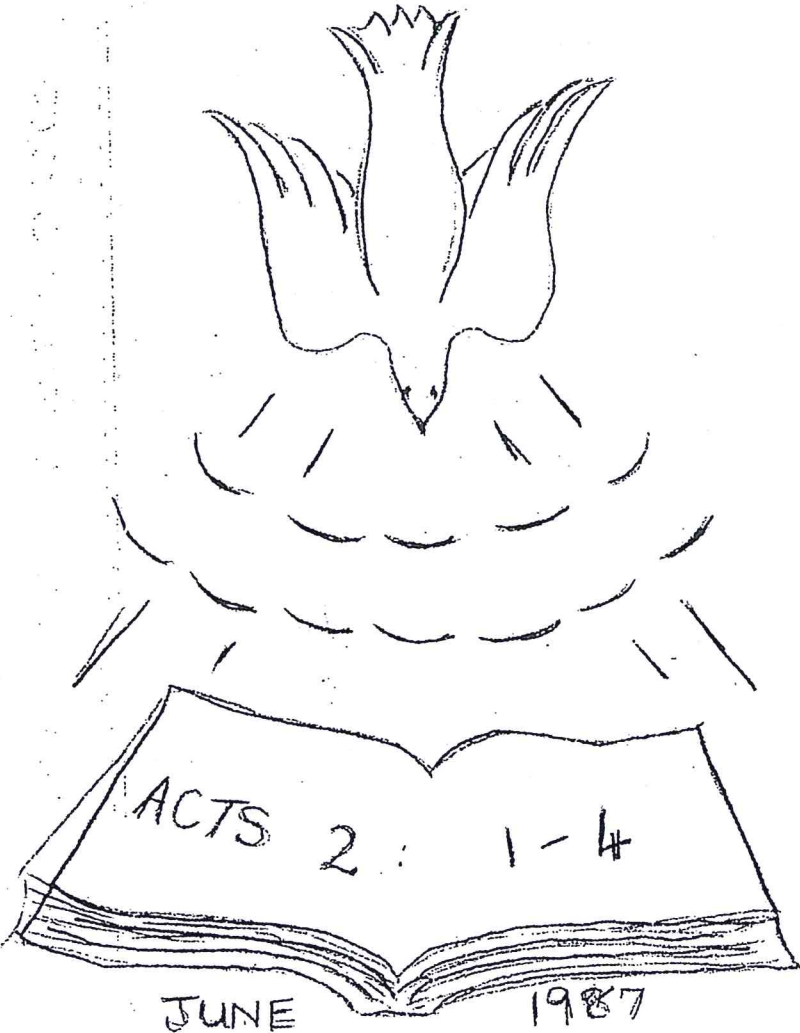
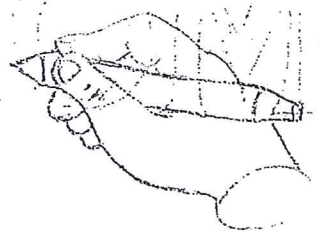


MORE NEWS



Pope John Paul 11 has declared a special year in honour of Our Lady, starting on Pentecost Sunday which is June 7th. It is important that we all take this opportunity to renew our belief in what Mary stands for, and rekindle our devotion to her.



There has been great debate within the Christian Community and also within the Catholic Community, on the position of Mary in our Faith. Some have charged that a certain high devotion to Mary has obscured an adult appreciation of Jesus as Son of God. Others, within the Catholic Faith, have been dismayed at the lack of devotion to Mary in our present day Church, and movement away from devotions such as The Rosary, The Angelus, and Novenas.

Wherever we stand in this debate, it is still important to view Mary in her central rôle as the human Mother of Jesus. A Woman who from Scripture we can see, loved and cared for Jesus her son. Mary brought Jesus to the Temple for the Presentation and on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. She saw Jesus leave home to tell the Good News. She was the woman who, sadly, saw her son die on a cross and witnessed his Resurrection from the dead. Mary too was with the Apostles, when the Holy Spirit came to them.

In these activities we catch a glimpse of a very loving and caring woman. She is indeed a model for our faith. We honour her as Mother of God because we believe that her son Jesus is divine. We honour her as Mother of the Church, Spiritual Mother of all believers. In that role we ask her to pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death!

FATHER BROWNE

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PRAYERS ANSWERED: There is great excitement and counting of days within the Heeney, Redmore and Smy Families, as they look forward to the arrival of the final member of the Heeney Clan. HAZEL, Daughter of Monica and Albert Heeney with Husband Neil and sons Andrew & Michael Blackhurst arrive on June 22nd. They would like to thank The Family of St. Thomas More for all the Prayer Support over the many years it has taken to reach this unity of a Family.

ENGAGED: MAXINE, second Daughter of JERRY & MARGARET SMY to STEVEN PIPER also of Glenfield, joining brother CHRIS, who became engaged earlier this year. CONGRATULATIONS to you both. Rumours that Jerry has offered both boys substantial sums of money to elope, are untrue!

SPORT: Our intrepid Judo Exponent, GARETH KNIGHT, Has done it again. He was placed 3rd in the under 50kg Section of the Senior National Judo Champs held in April. WELL DONE GARETH!

For the 2nd year running RUSS FLATT of Ayton Drive has won the N.Z. Mens Freestyle Roller Skating Championships. RUSS just 16 on 26 May was off to Melbourne to compete against the Australian Junior Squad on 30th May. Runner up last year, it will be his last Competition with the Juniors as he competes in the World Championships in Oct. MORE NEWS will keep you in touch with this very talented youngster!

OVERSEAS: My valuable typist, CAROL MOGRIDGE - Carol with her husband and family, are on a two month trip to England and the Continent. My thanks to TERESA MEGERNEY, who didn't so much volunteer, as had her arm twisted, to type this edition!

FAREWELL: To BILL & JUNE BREEN, who have moved to Rotorua.

ALSO: To MONA & WALLY CLEVELAND who finally sold their much prayed for house and move to MT. MAUNGANUI on 19th June!

COMING OUT: MEGAN DOWD, AND VALERIE MARRA, at the Mercy Debutante Ball in April. Valerie is now at Teachers Training College. We hope that you both enjoy your years 'out in the real world!

E D I T O R I A L

One of the problems of hearing a lot about a person, but not knowing them well, is that it is very easy to allow the imagination to run riot. Such has often been the case with Mary, the Mother of God. Very little factual evidence has been written about her, so that, through the ages, she has been interpreted in different ways according to the influence of the era.

Thus, she has been simply 'Mary, the Mother of Jesus' in early Christian times, 'Our Lady' in the chivalrous mid centuries, 'The Glorious Virgin Mary' of the Renaissance years, to 'Our Lady, Help of Christians' in more recent times. Always she has been the Mother of the Church, and an inspiration to Catholic Mothers.

As Catholic women of the 20th century, we would do well to take time out to look at our role, not just at a family level, but at our participation in the life of the Church. The Marian Year, proclaimed by the Pope, is our golden opportunity to do just that.

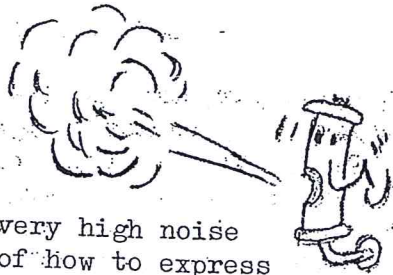
We live in an age of rapid change and confusion. We have come from the years of learning-by-rote our Catechism to actively debating points of our Faith, from it being a 'once-in-a-lifetime privilege to be on the Altar of God at our Nuptial Mass, to demanding the right to be Priests, from having nothing what-so-ever to do with Protestants, to holding Ecumenical Services with them.

Where does that leave Catholic Mothers of today? There are several groups of people already looking to Mary for guidance and help. During Lent, we had the Rosary Statue going around the Parish, we have our Marian Mothers group and our Prayer Groups. Most importantly many, many, people are devoted to Mary and prayers to her are part of their daily life.

It is my earnest hope that the Mothers of Glenfield, young and not-so-young, will be able to meet during this Marian year, to discuss our feelings, to share our hopes, and to be led by Mary, the Mother of us all, into the 21st Century.

The Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

Many Parishioners have become aware of the very high noise levels at 10.am Mass, but have been unsure of how to express their feelings on the matter, other than verbally amongst themselves. It seems that Bishop Mackey has suggested an avenue of thought for us to explore. In several of his barely heard sermons lately the idea of "Spring Cleaning" has surfaced and in particular the phrase, "If a house has been lived in long enough it needs a spring clean". This, of course, we take to mean a Spiritual sweep out and tidy up but perhaps we may also think along a more earthy plane.

Although God's House is in each one of us, many of us like to think of our Church as God's House, a place we can enter to talk with and listen to Him. It's to be supposed that we visit a friends' home because we like them, have some care and respect for them and wish to speak with them. How much more of a friend to us is God? Should we allow our children to run about unsupervised and noisy and our adolescents to chatter amongst themselves during Mass? Has it ever been considered that although the little ones may be gaining Grace, who is being denied it? What of the elderly and hard of hearing.

It must be presumed that many people attend Mass for the Grace gained from the Eucharist and the Spiritual direction of the Sermon. What point in joining together as a congregation? Is prayer possible for us at 10.am Mass at St. Thomas More?

Father Browne and Bishop Mackey are very tolerant of our failings; Is it possible for us to consider repaying them in some small way - perhaps at Mass by becoming more thoughtful and caring of them and our fellow Parishioners.

(Name supplied - Ed)
(Abridged)

- LUIS PALAU -

In response to your comments in the last "More News". The reason for the "success" of the Luis Palau Mission to Auckland is not to be measured in terms of the dollar sign as you fear. Rather, it was the availability and commitment of Christians, coming together for a cause, which led to large numbers being involved. Those two words, "availability" and "commitment" seem to be key words.

Whether a large scale endeavour such as the Mission or a Parish involvement in Renew or for that matter any Parish activity, there have to be enough people prepared to be "available" and prepared to make a "commitment" to ensure any activity is a success.

Christine Roberts

- LATECOMERS -

I would like to reply to the 'Young Grandma' who sounds agitated over late comers occupying seats which have already been obtained by the early comers, in this case, the young Mothers and their families at St. Thomas More Parish. It sounds to me as though we have to book seats and God forbid that it ever should come to that. We are only at Church roughly one hour, is it too much to have to put up with inconveniences in the House of God. It's wonderful to see young Mothers with their children at Liturgy Classes and I am sure there's another way where they could be seated without having people ridiculed into having "common decency" as was referred. I would like to think we are all welcome and not just select certain people, after all, who knows what might be going on in the minds and hearts of these late comers. To me, it's great they come to Church and given time, through kindness and understanding, I'm sure they will learn the same as we have too.

May God Bless us all,

Nellie Woods.

- CURIOUS -

I would like to know what future developments are planned around the Church. Could someone please put some details in the next issue of this magazine. I would like to know things like:

What buildings or developments are planned,

What are the uses of the buildings,

In what stages, estimated costs,

When are they expected to be completed

And their location in regard to the Church.

A Sketch Plan would be appreciated.

"Interested"

(Name supplied - Ed)

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LIFE IN ABUNDANCE - 2.2.87

All my fears are gone. The Lord has blessed my family with every piece of goodness we could imagine.

Friends to share, money to spare, a house, a home, too rich to compare. Life is sweet -- our Joy is complete.

God is so good to those who put themselves at His feet.

No time to spare, no time to compare as we lay down our lives at His feet.

Sunshine in abundance -- could this be real?

Is life in New Zealand to have so much appeal.

Glory to God, I've found heaven at last -- a community that none of us can surpass.

PRAISE THE LORD.

A CONTRIBUTION BY A GLENFIELD PARISHIONER, FRED ZOMBOS, FROM HIS COLLECTION OF POEMS AND REFLECTIONS, 'GLORY TO GOD!'

June 1987.

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A PILGRIM'S JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND
(Around the World in 42 Days)

- ISLE OF CAPRI -

Our last full day before departing from Rome was to be spent visiting the Isle of Capri and as it turned out we were to experience our first and only contact with the Italian Mafia. Our coach took us from Rome to Naples where, unfortunately, our time schedule gave us no opportunity to look around before embarking on a hovercraft that was to take us to Capri. The trip to the Island took approximately three-quarters of an hour and as we were crawling towards a vacant berth the engines suddenly stopped and then placed in reverse. We had retraced our steps for perhaps a hundred metres when another ferry boat came abreast slipped past us and berthed at the wharf we so nearly occupied. Asking why the other ferry had been given precedence, we were told that the Captain of our boat was probably not a member of the Mafia, whereas the Captain of the other, most likely was a member. To us this seemed an almost incredulous situation but we had no alternative but to accept or reject it. Fortunately it so happened that only minutes later another ferry vacated a berth and we were allowed to take its place.

- PANORAMIC VIEWS -

A mini-bus took us up the steep, winding and rather narrow road to the top of the island and occasionally we were able to catch a glimpse of the sea and harbour below. While ordinary household goods were available in some of the shops, it was obvious that most were geared to take advantage of the flourishing tourist trade. Having made our purchases and quenched our thirst with a cup of tea (it was a scorching hot day) we were ready for the return journey.

- SORRENTO -

Homeward bound, we did the round trip by landing at Sorrento where we had time to browse through a few shops and to visit a factory where we saw some of the most magnificent inlaid woodwork. Not only had the panels been cut, laid and matched meticulously, but the french polishing also had been done to perfection, each panel reflecting a mirror-like surface. After a rather exhausting day we eventually arrived back at our hotel at 11pm.

APENNINES

The next day, Friday 13th June, we commenced our overland journey from Rome to London. The first stage took us as far as Florence and the most interesting part of the trip was the negotiation of the Apennines, a mountain chain extending from the Ligurian Alps in the North West, right through the Italian Peninsula. It is interesting to note that Mt. Vesuvius, the active volcano about which most of us would have heard, is part of this range. It would not be strictly correct to say we went "over" these mountains because for the most part we went "through" them, traversing no less than 170 tunnels of varying length. Noteworthy, too, from a safety point of view, was the fact that north-bound traffic had its own set of tunnels and south-bound traffic its own structures. There were times of course when we were on the open road and this gave us the opportunity of seeing the small villages nestling on the plateaus.

FLORENCE

On arrival in Florence we had a quick look at the Cathedral which struck me as being very ornate on the outside, but spacious and plain on the inside. Next we visited the Academia (Academy of Fine Arts) where there were exhibited some of the world's finest sculptures including works by Michael Angelo. Perhaps one of the more notable of his achievements is the depiction of David (not suitable for the eyes of the genteel woman) but Moses too looked fit and well. This was a place where one could spend hours, but time demanded that we push on to the Santa Croce Church (Church of the Holy Cross) sometimes known as the Santa Maria Fiore. It is noted for the fact that it has three organs that are capable of being played as one on four keyboards. In addition it is an extraordinarily large Church and quite a number of famous people are buried within its walls, including Michael Angelo himself, who asked to be buried there. A monument next to the grave expresses three themes - Painting, Sculpture and Engineering - all of which this remarkably talented man was master. While it almost defies the imagination, the flood waters in Florence in 1984 rose to a height of 14 feet. This was a catastrophe of the highest order for a lot of water damaged, and in some cases completely destroyed, many irreplaceable works of art. After spending the night here in Florence at the Monginevro Hotel, we shall take our next hop which is to Nice.

God Bless you all.

"Katrina Rose"

Kids' Page

Pope John Paul has decided that starting on June 7th this year the Church will have a Marian Year. This will be a special time when we can think of, and especially pray to Mary the Mother of Jesus who is our Mother too.

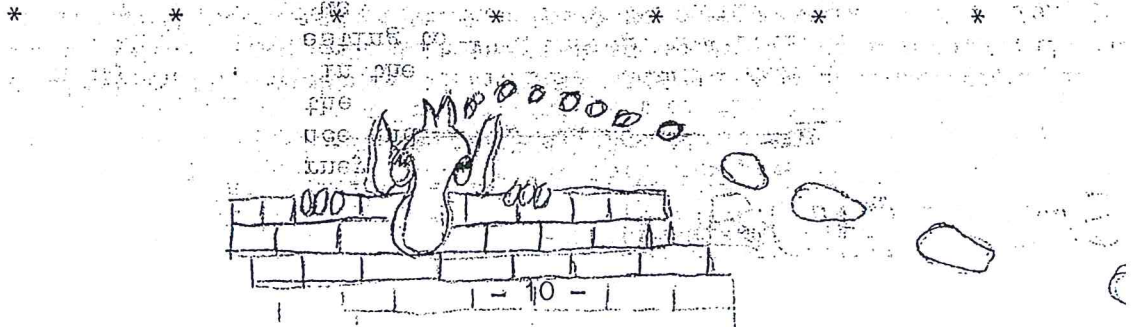
Sometimes Mary gets forgotten a bit these days which is a shame because she has always been someone very special, someone very very easy to talk to and someone who loves us a lot. She was a pretty amazing woman, with a lot of faith in God. But what the Church has always remembered her for the most was for her purity. By giving her an honoured place in its memory, and by making this year special to her, the Catholic Church is showing how important this still is today. In fact Mary is especially needed today because sometimes it seems everyone thinks it is so cool to tell dirty jokes or sneak into R13 or R16 movies, or swear.



So remember to say a 'Hail Mary' occasionally, because there are some people who will always stick by you no matter what, your Mum and Dad to start with, and Mary is another. That is why the Pope has decided its time we remembered her again, and what she stands for. And how much she can help us, and how very very much she loves us and just wants us to start talking to her again.

See you next time...

Love NIKKI



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THERE ARE OVER THIRTY WORDS HIDDEN IN THIS PUZZLE, MOST OF WHICH ARE TO DO WITH THE CHURCH.

THE HARDER ONES ARE LISTED BELOW, BUT YOU WILL FIND MANY OTHERS:

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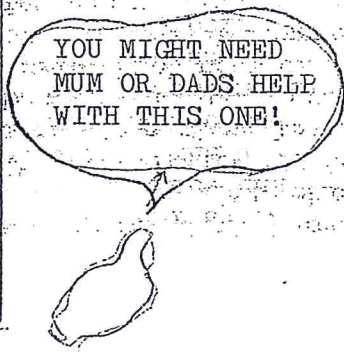
- * CONSECRATE
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- * MONSTRANCE
- * LECTIONARY
- * PEW

THIS POEM WAS SENT IN BY ANITA ZOMBOS
AGE 10
"MY BRAND NEW BROTHER & SISTER"

My Mum had a set of twins
They were a girl and boy
We were all so happy
That we jumped up with joy!

I'm glad we've got a Brother now
And a Sister too
I wonder how they manage
Without using the loo!

I like it when my Mother
Dresses them together
But my Mum is very lucky
That she doesn't have to do it forever!



A LITTLE BIT MORE NEWS

CARING COMMUNITY

Hopefully, the Parishioners of Glenfield will be more aware of us as a functioning Group within the Parish these days. We recently put out a survey form, nineteen of which have been returned. Many Thanks to all those people for your generosity.

Would it be possible for a few more of you people out there to complete, and return one? We especially need help in the 'cooking' line. With winter here, we often get calls to help out in emergencies. Our Mums are precious, and need, and deserve our help when calamity strikes. A meal provided for an evening or two, until more permanent help arrives is always gratefully received. No-one is expecting you to tick the whole sheet - just one will do!

Remember, one small act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention!

Clare Russell
Co-ordinator.

- SENIOR PARISHIONERS JOTTINGS -

May saw the departure of BILL & JUNE BREEN for Rotorua, they will be sadly missed for their good works in our Parish. The Ladies Visiting Group of which June was an ardent member, farewelled her at a lunch at Langtons, a most enjoyable occasion. We wish them both every happiness in the future.

On 18th May the Group arranged morning tea followed by a sing-along to the accompaniment of Mona Cleveland at GlenHaven Rest Home. This was very enthusiastically received.

We should like to thank those kind people who offered to help with transport etc. for our Senior Parishioners, we will call on you when the occasion arises.

May God Bless you all.

MOVING - ON

It is always sad to say goodbye to friends, but the sadness is softened by the realisation of the blessings and joys which will be part of the new way of life for those who are leaving us.

So, it is in this light that we wish a fond farewell and heaps of happiness, to our dear friends and beloved fellow parishioners, BILL & JUNE BREEN. This tireless and jovial couple, have worked hard over the years in this Parish, and will be most remembered for their loving concern and charitable activities. Their participation in Parish family life, through the "Ladies visiting Group" and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, will be missed by all who know them.

Bill was a founder member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Glenfield, and served as President for many years. His leadership has been a great example and cornerstone in the Society.

Bill and June have been blessed with the stewardship of a new home in Rotorua, where they will be close to the extension of their family and all the joys that grandchildren can bring.

We say Thanks and God Bless you.

SVP Society Glenfield

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A PRAYER FOR JUNE

Give me, good Lord, a full faith and a fervent charity, A love of you, good Lord, incomparable above the love of myself; and that I love nothing to your displeasure but everything in an order to you.

Take from me, good Lord, this lukewarm fashion, or rather key-cold manner of meditation and this dullness in praying to you. And give me warmth, delight and life in thinking about you. And give me your grace to long for your holy Sacraments and specially to rejoice in the presence of your Blessed Body, sweet Saviour Christ, in the holy Sacrament of the Altar, and duly to thank you for your gracious coming.

St. Thomas More...

His Feast Day is on June 22nd.

A RELECTION ON FAMILY LIFE BY A PARISHIONER AND MOTHER OF FIVE
MARY AND FAMILY

How dead and barren my life would have been without the loving guidance of Mary from above. Her hand was always close to me from childhoods early days. She always had the time to listen to all my girlish dreams. It was her hand I held when I first encountered Boys. Unsure of how to act with them or know what to expect. But always from above came the encouragement and love of a Mother who understood the pains of growing up.

In consultation with the Father, they chose a boy for me, one to share my life with, who would love and cherish me. One that I could put my trust in and who would put his trust in me. That we could build the best family with guidance from above. It was not an easy task we set, in fact at times the road was very rough, we often forgot our promise to use guidance.

The foundations of a Family took longer than we thought, we made it harder on ourselves because we tried it all alone. It took us many many years of correcting our mistakes and more often we felt beaten and just wanted to give up. Then the two messages came from above to give us hope to carry on, "Ask and you shall receive" and this we did and our reward was indeed Great!

Then came the "Difficult" years of our Beloved Young, we were at Peace before, then suddenly it was War! Through lack of understanding, each one had pain and all felt lost. Once more our heavenly Mother lent us a helping hand and the message was quite clear "Let go the ties you have on them and give them to the Father. He will put the finishing touches in refining all their Souls". How wise is Mary, Enriched with Love from God, Guides us in all our Motherly ways to Glorify The Lord.

May Marys example in Love and Trust be a Blessing to all Mothers and Families.

M. Smy

A MOTHERS PRAYER TO MARY

It's morning Mary,
and I face an impossible day.
House to clean,
Groceries to buy
Children to drive,
Meetings to attend
... Miracles to contemplate.
I don't see how
I can get through the day
without your help.
Mary,
Keep everyone well today.
Keep interruptions at a minimum.
Give me the courage to say no.
Most of all,
Blessed Mother,
Nudge me to recognise the joys of
This day,
The Glory of God,
And the availability of you...

From the 'Marist
Messenger'

'FEAST DAYS FOR JUNE'

3rd St. Charles Lwanga & companions
7th Pentecost Sunday
13th St. Anthony of Padua
14th Trinity Sunday
21st Corpus Christi
22nd St. Thomas More & St. John Fisher
24th Birthday of St. John the Baptist
26th Sacred Heart of Jesus

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LUIS PALAU: MISSION TO AUCKLAND -- A FOLLOW ON...

Well, the Mission itself is over, but as a result of it we at present have three home groups (known as 'Nuture Groups') meeting together and studying a Mission Workbook, "Living in Christ". These Groups consist of those that responded at the Mission plus trained leaders and helpers.

Another continuing benefit was the tremendous unity experienced among all the Christians involved in the Mission.

To quote Capt. Chris Pack the Executive Secretary:

"The Unity in this Mission is Historic and Unique. Catholics and Protestants, Charismatics, Pentecostals and Evangelicals have stood together. We've rallied around the centrality of the Christian message while respecting our doctrinal distinctives and differences. It's been a unique, beautiful experience".

Also, Luis Palau: "The Unity among Christians expressed in this Mission was the strongest I've witnessed anywhere in the world".

The Parish response to the Mission was through:

Erecting a billboard (sponsored by a Parish Group).

Delivering a copy of the Gospel of St. Luke plus a Mission Invitation to nearly 500 Glenfield Homes.

Booking and sending a full busload to two of the meetings.

(Cost underwritten by a Parish Group)

And by having trained Counsellors at the Meetings.

Though I recognize that this Mission couldn't please everyone, I know the Spirit of God was working through it. This was best illustrated for me when on two different nights I counselled two young men from non-practicing Catholic backgrounds, who made a decision that night to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

The Childrens Meeting, "The Rainbow Special" was a fulfilled afternoon with a crowd of 17,000 all joining in the story of Noah's Ark. It has been described as the largest children's religious rally in Auckland's History.

The Special "Youth Night" was also a popular Meeting with a crowd estimated at 29,000! An interesting statistic was that 72% of those

responding to the Meetings were under 26 years. Are young people much more open to Christ than the older generation, I wonder? Are we meeting their needs?

One feature which greatly contributed to the success of the Mission was the amount of commitment given by all involved in both time and funding. It was our Mission and the success or failure of it depending on our commitment.

Perhaps there are things we can learn from this Mission in planning our own Church projects?

And finally, to all those workers for Christ, a big thank you and may God Bless You.

Yours in Christ,
William Roberts:
(Mission Contact Person)

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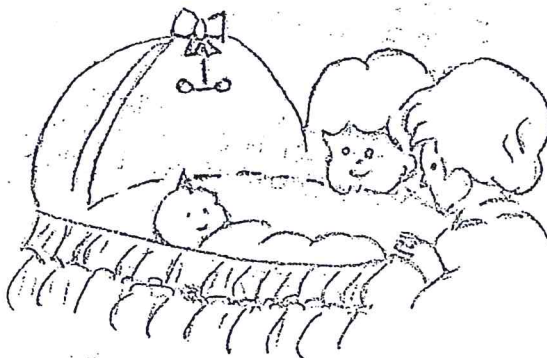
Proclaim
the greatness
of the LORD
together let us
extol His Name!

Psalm 34



"MORE BABIES"

Marianne Wullings
Anthony Mark Dixon
Hollie Maree Yukich
Genna Maree Yukich
Sahar Frances Perkin
Emily Makere Taylforth
Matthew John Davis
Simon Bruce Young
James Raymond Poole



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. THOMAS MORE
WELCOMES THESE CHILDREN WITH LOVE

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WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
WHO WERE RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH
AT EASTER...

Peter Vedder
Phillip Young
William Roberts

Many thanks to Father Browne and to those people who were involved
in the Journey to Faith course over the last six months.

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- DEATHS -

Maata Botica
Emilia Olivares
Thomas Norris

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM, O LORD.

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EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER BY FIONA JUJNOVICH (26yrs) TRAVELLING IN AFRICA. Fiona is a former Glenfield and Matamata Parishioner - a farm advisory officer, and is currently seeking work in Africa. Fiona has a degree in Agriculture at Massey University. She has been overseas since May '86 and is in Kenya at the moment....

Hi, this is my one and only, but mammoth effort from Zaire (16th November). It won't get posted from Zaire either, but from Ruanda where the post is more reliable. I will, however, send some post-cards from Goma, which will get to N.Z. a lot later, if at all!

We crossed into Zaire on the 16th November at the smallest crossing of the Oubangui River - from Mobaye (C.A.R.) to Mobayi-Mbongo. The crossing and custom/immigration formalities only took from 7am to 12,00 noon! - and we didn't even fill in declaration forms, or have to be searched. We didn't cross at Bangassou 'cos we met a couple who had come that way out of Zaire and said the roads were the worst experience of their lives. The road from Mbayo-Mbongo was relatively good because an important Govt. member lives there so they've been upgraded. Nevertheless it took us 4 days to travel the 390km to Bumba on the Zaire (Congo) River. We changed money and got 70 Zaires per \$US. Eggs cost about 5Z, oranges 1Z, Pineapples 5 to 10Z, bananas 1/2 to 2Z, etc; so day to day living is very cheap.

We camped the first night on a Belgian Army airfield at Dondo. It's a commando training camp, situated for the proximity to rock-climbing and abseiling terrain. The commander and his wife visited us that night and told us a bit about the area, which is very under-developed. It has a huge potential for agriculture but very little in evidence. Men go hunting for two or three nights for monkeys and small antelope with spears, bows and arrows, and sometimes guns. He said many children die at weaning, and also at about 6 years old from pneumonia and measles. Also lots of V.D. in adults.

First impressions as we drove through of tropical, dense rainforest, many small villages of houses similar to Cameroon (square, baked mud leaves or grass/reeds for the roof). Paw paw, bananas and pineapples growing in abundance. Also coffee plantations, large areas (well sort of) cleared but producing very little. People direct friendly and out-going; open smiling faces. But, very easily aggravated as evidenced by children throwing stones....

We will continue Fiona's letter as space allows!!! - Editor.....

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MASS TIMETABLE

SUNDAY MASSES:

- Saturday - 5.30 pm
- Sunday - 8.00 am
- " - 10.00 am

WEEKDAYS:

- Monday - Thursday - 8.30 am
- Friday - 10.00 am
- Saturday - 8.30 am

- First TUESDAY of the Month - 9.30 am Senior Parishioners' Mass
- First SUNDAY of the Month - 10.00 am Family Mass

RECONCILIATION:

- Saturday, following Mass

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS:

- By Arrangement with Father

PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

- Ann Bentley Ph. 444-05479

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Elizabeth O'Reilly Ph. 444-7625

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

- Paul O'Connor Ph. 444-5956

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- Pat Cooley Ph. 444-6522

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- Clare Russell Ph. 444-8843

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- Gerry Smy Ph. 485-388

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- Sheila Baker Ph. 444-5320

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