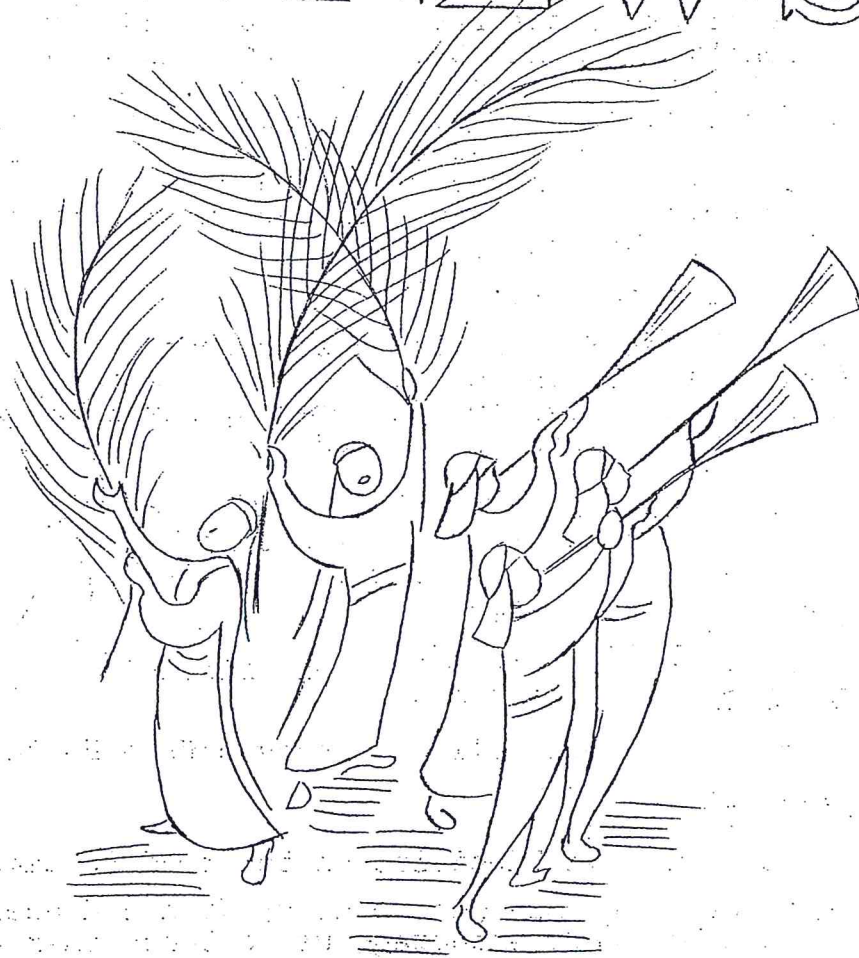


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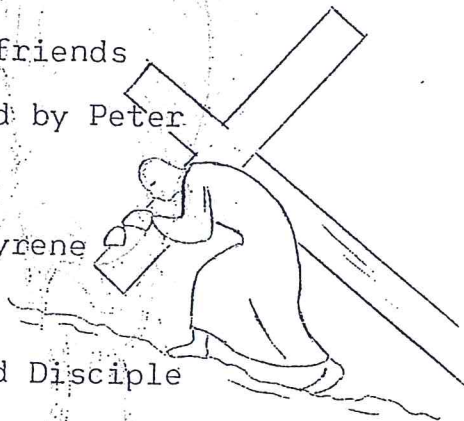
## FATHER BROWNE'S NOTEBOOK

### THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Over the past few weeks you will have noticed the Stations of the Cross in the Church and it is very gratifying to see so many people paying such close attention to them. For some they may be different from what we were used to in the past. The beauty of these Stations is that they take us back to the scene in Our Lord's life, especially from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. The sculptor has taken the various scenes from these days and given us the opportunity to think about them by some very subtle positions of the various people involved. As the first Station, Judas at the end of the table doing up his sandal as he prepares to leave to betray Christ. Each time you look at the Station you will find something different to help you think of the scene and so enable you to pray the Stations of the Cross.

The various Stations are:

- I Jesus shares Supper with His friends
- II Jesus Prays in the Garden
- III Jesus is betrayed and disowned by Peter
- IV Jesus is scourged and mocked
- V Jesus is condemned
- VI Jesus carries His Cross
- VII Jesus is helped by Simon of Cyrene  
as He falls along the way
- VIII Jesus meets the Women
- IX Jesus is nailed to the Cross
- X Jesus speaks to His Mother and Disciple
- XI JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS



The following will hopefully be ready before Easter:

- XII Jesus is buried
- XIII Jesus is Risen
- XIV Jesus meets His Disciples on the road to Emmaus

The sculptures in bronze were made by Mr Ken Kendall of Titirangi and he would encourage us to touch them as he sees bronze as a metal that ages by touch.

FATHER BROWNE

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CONGRATULATIONS to JIM NEALE, on his recent appointment as a Justice of the Peace. Jim has been involved in St Thomas More Parish for many years, and is very active in the community at large. Jim says that it's an honour to be nominated for the position, and is looking forward to serving the people of Glenfield. His wife, PHYLLIS, is naturally delighted to see Jim's achievement, after leading so public a life. Glenfield Catholics are also served by another parishioner, MR JIM WHITE, J.P.

Jim has been a J.P. for about thirty years. His wife, DAWN, is very used to fronting the family business on the days Jim is busy with his J.P. duties.

TRACEY TAYLOR, granddaughter of ELMA, and daughter of ALLISON and WAYNE, has been elected Head Girl of Carmel College this year. We hope you enjoy your year, Tracey.

The wanderings of FIONA JUJNOVICH, daughter of NED and THERESE of Greenhithe, have taken her to London and onto Africa (at present in Kenya). Having gained a degree in Agriculture from Massey, Fiona is looking at the possibility of working in Africa. Watch out for extracts from her letters home in future copies of MORE NEWS.

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## THE CARPENTER

He had a way with wood.  
The yokes He made were light,  
The ploughs He made were good,  
Their joints firm, their handles right.  
He had a way with wood.  
He touched the cross's ugly span,  
Barren and blood-stained where it stood,  
And built a bridge from God to man.

- Frank Cheavens



## EDITORIAL

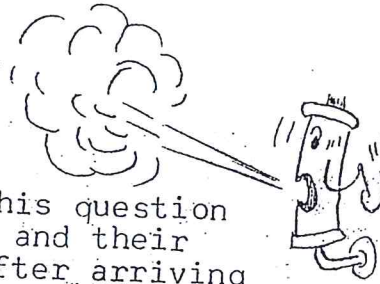
It is doubtful if there is an Aucklander around at the moment who hasn't heard of Luis Palau. For weeks before he arrived, advertisements appeared in the major newspapers, billboards were put up on corners, and literature has been handed out. We know that Luis Palau is a world-travelled evangelist - and the head of a \$48 million a year business. A few Aucklanders will also know that the Fifth Season of the "Renew" process has just finished - a process designed to revitalise the Christian life of Catholics.

The two events have much in common - both required extensive preparation from a "core" group of people, working in teams, through a diocesan, regional and then parish level. Both require a great deal of commitment from the people concerned, and interestingly, both claim to have a 75%-80% success rate in increasing people's faith. Both are based on reaching the natural network of friends, relatives and acquaintances each Christian has. What a pity then, if Luis Palau should prove that it takes the big dollar sign to succeed.

It is too early for any kind of assessment to be made, but, in the case of our parish "Renew" process, the number of people participating has dropped from approximately 150-175 to about 90. The core group, established with ten people to organise the running of "Renew", has dropped to six. It was never intended that the original group leaders and core group people should never change, but that fresh, revitalised people would come forward to offer their services. Numbers, however, never tell the whole story, and we know that many Catholics have found a new richness of Faith.

One of the best points of the Luis Palau mission is the good follow-up. New Christians are placed in nurture groups within their own church. It is my sincere hope that there are enough caring Catholics in this parish to not only welcome them back, but to live their faith alongside our "new" brothers and sisters in Christ.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

Is that seat really empty? I ask this question on behalf of the many young mothers and their children at the 10 a.m. Mass, who after arriving early and seating the rest of the family, leave their seats to take their younger children out for Liturgy lessons, come back to those seats only to find them occupied by "latecomers".

Come on you latecomers, isn't it about time some of you have the common decency to at least ask "Is that space empty?" before settling yourselves in.

As for the rest of us sitting next to these "empty spaces", let us speak up on behalf of these young mums by telling the latecomers that "that seat is already occupied".

No, I am not one of the patient young mums; just a fed up young grandma who is tired of seeing these young mums getting treated in this manner by members of their Parish Family.

P.C.P.

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Thank you all for participating in Season IV of RENEW - "Discipleship". We need your prayers as we are being asked to pray for all those Catholics who have become alienated from the Church, and also for those people who do not have any Church or community.

We have a loving Father and He will hear our prayers. RENEW Season V, "Evangelisation" is from 13 September to 18 October 1987.

RENEW Co-ordinator: Anne Williams

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## 1 9 8 7 F A I R

At a recent Works and Finance Meeting, Fr Browne raised the question of a Fair this year and he advised that Gemma Nobile was unable to be a convenor this time.

I assured Fr Browne that a fair was going to be held and I undertook the responsibility. I am not able to devote the time that both previous convenors have put into the Fair but with everyone's help I'm sure we can realise another successful day.

We will be calling a meeting for all stall holders, and anyone interested in assisting is asked to be at that meeting. Most people who have been involved in previous fairs know what to do and I would appreciate their continuing support and involvement. For the new parishioners and those who have not had the opportunity to help in the past, I extend an invitation to get involved in what I would describe as a fun day with a fund-raising social. It is an important event in this parish that gives us the opportunity to meet many other families and people. This success has been a credit to four years' hard work by many parishioners and co-ordinated by Dorothy McGuire and then Gemma Nobile.

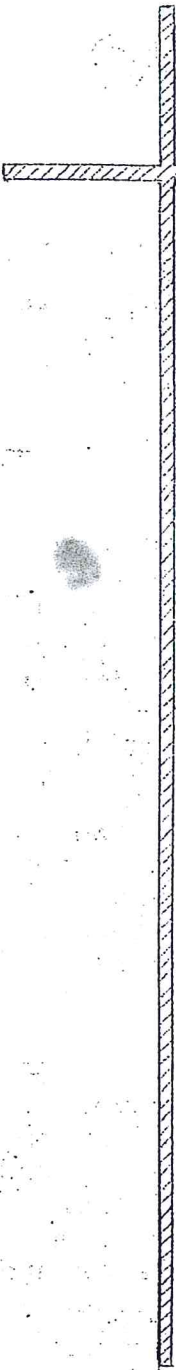
Our thanks to all those involved in previous Fairs would only be an insult unless we all put our weight behind future Fairs to ensure their continuing support. Our parish has had a recent increase in the level of weekly gifting and we can already see the results in the new sealing of the driveway and inside the Church with the new Stations of the Cross.

We can be proud of our efforts, and with your prayers and actions (both physical and financial) we believe St Thomas More parish will grow even stronger in every respect.

The hall is booked for Saturday 26 September 1987 - FAIR DAY. Please start your planning now - craft work, sewing, making jams and preserves, etc. are always good starters. We are only 20 weeks away!!

Norman Price

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THE EMMAUS ROAD

No shining angel came that day  
To share the heartache of the way,  
No heavenly anthem filled the sky  
Nor seraphim His praise to cry,  
They did not see the skies unfold  
Nor visions that could not be told,  
They only walked in grief and pain.  
The quiet, familiar road again.

They did not know the tears they shed  
Were needless, wasted; joy instead  
Was theirs to take, did they but know;  
And feet that stumbled, fearful, slow  
Were meant to run -

And so He came, and with them, then  
He walked, a seeking Man, with men,  
And on that glad, victorious day  
Shared patiently a saddened way.  
He turned aside to give them rest,  
And tenderly this loving Guest  
Took bread, and broke, with nail-pierced Hand  
That they might see, and understand.

Does He not often walk, unknown  
The road of sorrow with His Own,  
And share the heartbreak and the tears  
And patiently allay the fears?

And does He marvel still, to see  
How slow of heart His followers be?

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# A PILGRIM'S JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND

"AROUND THE WORLD IN 42 DAYS"

## - ROME -

The following morning we joined the coach for a tour of the city. There were many fine, architecturally-attractive buildings, modern and old, but there were also some bordering on the hideous. The piazzas, however, were, generally speaking, pleasing and enjoyable, their sculptures, fountains, waterfalls, ponds, trees and shrubs all helping to enhance the beauty of the city.

## - COLOSSEUM -

Perhaps, however, one of the most interesting places we visited was the Colosseum, or more correctly, its ruins. Despite its infamous reputation in its heyday, it would undoubtedly have been a structure of great splendour and glory. In our day and age it is difficult to visualise, or even to imagine, that right here gladiators were forced to fight to the death for no other reason than to amuse the Emperor, his entourage and people of Rome. As well as this, it is also generally believed that this was the arena into which early Christians were thrown to be devoured by wild animals. However, I understand that this belief is now being contested, the theory being that the martyrs were thrown to their deaths in another place altogether, and which place is no longer in existence.

## - VATICAN SQUARE -

Since our Audience with the Pope was scheduled for 10.30 a.m., our tour was somewhat restricted but we arrived at Vatican Square to find, much to our joy and satisfaction, that we had been allotted seats very handy to the covered, raised platform that was to be used by the Holy Father. Seemingly, our Spiritual Director, Father Goulter from Wellington, knew the right people in the right places and so we had him to thank for our proximity to the proceedings. Indeed, we were more than thankful, particularly for the seats, for as the day advanced the sun continued



to punish us more and more mercilessly. Furthermore, as the programme lasted for two and a quarter hours, we could not help but feel sorry and very concerned for those hundreds of people who were standing at the back - no wonder the "Zambuks" were busy.

- CHEERS! -

The Master of Ceremonies was a very efficient, capable priest and, like the Pope himself, quite fluent in many languages. As soon as he announced the name of the country or the group that the Pope would be addressing next, that group would make its position known by cheering His Holiness who would then wave in acknowledgment before commencing his address. When the Australians were announced there was a real roar so a whisper soon spread through our group "Beat the Aussies". When our turn came the air we expelled from our lungs blew two white small clouds right out of the sky, but whether we beat the Aussies will, I am afraid, remain a secret for all time, as we didn't get a chance to ask His Holiness.

The Audience over, we were able to procure a lunch from a food stall standing in a courtyard adjacent to Vatican Square. Refreshed, and after haggling over prices with some of the ever-present purveyors of religious objects, we decided to test the security of St Peters. Our efforts, however, to get another glimpse of this great edifice were doomed to failure for there was a Vatican Guardsman on every entrance. Hopefully, in our next instalment we will visit the Isle of Capri.

God bless you all.

"Katrina Rose"

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A bus that refused to arrive will do so only when the would-be rider has walked to a point so close to the destination that it is no longer worthwhile to board the bus.

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A SURVEY OF POSSIBLE HELPERS  
IN THE PARISH

The Community of St Thomas More Parish  
INVITE YOU

to join in discipleship to Christ.

CAN YOU HELP US TO DEVELOP A CARING COMMUNITY IN GLENFIELD?

You may be able to help in one or more of these areas, if needed, without becoming too involved. If so, would you complete this form.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

VISITING

- a) New parishioners .. ..
- b) Sick at home.. ..
- c) Recently bereaved .. ..
- d) To deliver Parish magazine .. ..

ASSISTANCE TO ELDERLY

- a) Visiting rest homes .. ..
- b) Transport to Senior Parishioners' Mass  
(First Tuesday of month) .. ..
- c) Join the entertainment group .. ..

- a) To doctors/hospital .. .. .
- b) To Sunday Mass .. .. .
- c) Shopping .. .. .

BABYSITTING

- a) In your home .. .. .
- b) In parents' home .. .. .

MANUAL WORK

- a) Carpentry/maintenance .. .. .
- b) Gardening/lawn mowing .. .. .
- c) Painting/wallpapering .. .. .

COOKING

- a) Family meals .. .. .
- b) Individual meals .. .. .
- c) Baking for "welcome home" .. .. .

ANY OTHER AREAS? Please detail below:

Thank you for your support. Would you please return this form to the Church, or post to:

Clare Russell  
 Caring Community Co-ordinator  
 13 Locket Road  
 Glenfield



# Our Caring Community

This group has been in existence for seven years now. Started by Sister Margaret with Jim and Phyllis Neale as co-ordinators, it was based on the need to make contact with the Catholics of the parish, and to establish a community spirit in a parish whose physical shape made this almost impossible. Many of these people were young mothers with pre-schoolers. Others had no transport during the day, and some simply knew no other Catholics to say "hello" to at Mass.

Originally, the parish was divided into twenty-three areas, with the aim of having an area contact person in each. These people would get to know the Catholics in their neighbourhood, and be a point of contact with the church. They are not called on to do great things - their caring is always at a grass-roots level - but simply aim to do what Jesus said - "He who continues to believe in me, will also do the works that I do."

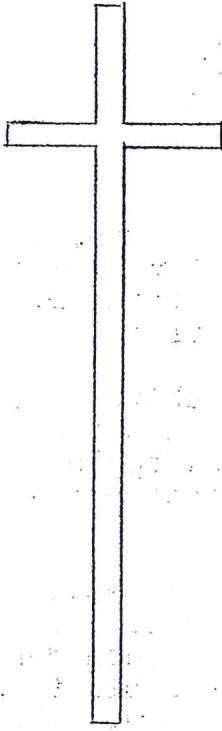
With the rapid growth of Glenfield, it became increasingly difficult to function efficiently, and so most groups have now been sub-divided. It is our hope that each contact person should have no more than 12-15 families in their area - hopefully even less!

Glenfield parish needs this group - there is so much we could do if we had the support of the parish. Even better, we hope that we could draw more people into the parish life of St Thomas More. If we had more helpers we could function more fully.

In the centre of this magazine is the survey of helpers which was handed out at Mass recently. If you missed it, and would like to help, please tick what you can, and return it, either to church, or to the co-ordinator. I would like to leave you with this statement from "Renew": The community of Christian discipleship living the life of the Spirit is an authentic witness of Christ and a prophetic voice to the world. Their very lifestyle is an ongoing invitation to others to join in discipleship to Christ.

Clare Russell  
Caring Community Co-ordinator

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IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Before the dawn of Easter  
 There came Gethsemane ...  
 Before the Resurrection  
 There were hours of agony ...  
 For there can be no crown of stars  
 Without a cross to bear,  
 And there is no salvation  
 Without Faith and Love and Prayer,  
 And when we take our needs to God  
 Let us pray as did his Son  
 That dark night in Gethsemane -  
 "Thy Will, not Mine, be Done".  
 - Helen Steiner Rice

FEAST DAYS FOR APRIL

- 4th St Benedict
- 10th Our Lady of Sorrows
- 16th Holy Thursday
- 17th Good Friday
- 18th Easter Saturday
- 19th Easter Sunday
- 23rd St Peter Chanel
- 25th St Mark
- 30th St Catherine of Sienna

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# Kids' Page

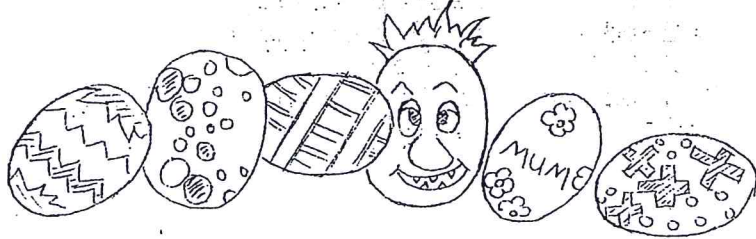
Hi everyone,

Good Friday, the day we remember Christ's death, is on 17th April this year and that isn't very far away now. In the top half of the world it is Spring then and the whole world seems to come alive after their cold winter.

That is what the Easter eggs and bunny rabbits help to celebrate, because from long before Jesus was even born they have been the symbols of new life and spring time. Now, they symbolise for us the new life that Jesus gave us by rising from the dead.

Good Friday is a good time to make your own Easter eggs. You must hard boil hens' eggs, with plenty of salt in the water to help stop them splitting, and then decorate them with paint, or with felt tips, or dye, glitter, wool, or anything you can find that would look good. Then you give them as gifts on Easter morning; they make a nice change after all those sweets and chocolate!!

Or, you could try making your own marshmallow eggs. This recipe makes a real mess so remember to ask Mum first, and to CLEAN UP afterwards. Thanks a lot to Rachel, Sarah, David, Michael, and their Mum for the recipe. Thanks too, to those who sent in poetry. Although we have no room to print it this time, keep sending it in and we'll put some in the next issue.





### MARSHMALLOW EGGS

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 tablespoon gelatine        | 1 teaspoon lemon juice         |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cold water | $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ cup hot water  | 2 cups coconut                 |
| 1 cup sugar                  | food colouring                 |
|                              | apricot jam                    |

#### METHOD:

1. Put the cold water in a bowl and gradually stir in the gelatine; let stand 5 minutes.
2. Put hot water and sugar in a large saucepan and stir over a low heat until sugar is dissolved.
3. Add the gelatine, bring to the boil and boil gently, uncovered, for 6 minutes.
4. Remove from heat and let cool till lukewarm.
5. Meanwhile you can colour the 2 cups of coconut by adding to it a few drops of colouring and rubbing it through with slightly damp hands.
6. When the marshmallow mixture is lukewarm, put it into a small bowl, add the vanilla and lemon juice and beat it on high speed until thick and frothy. You can beat in a few drops of colouring towards the end.
7. To make egg-shaped moulds for the marshmallow, fill a big oven dish with flour and press a hen's egg into it, half way. Then spoon the mixture into the hollow that is left and when it sets, 10-15 minutes later, join two halves together with warm, sieved apricot jam, cover the outside in jam and roll them in coconut. (Return the flour to its container!)

When I made them, the half eggs were so big that I didn't bother even joining two together. You can also cover them in just-melted cooking chocolate, instead of the coconut if you like, but this does make them very sweet.

HAPPY EASTER to you all. Until next time,

love

Nikki

John has contributed this article, in the hope that you may share some of the spirituality within it, with him.

### INDIA 1939-1945

During the seven years of the Second World War, I lived as the eldest of three, later four, children, with my mother and father in India.

Where we lived was a beautiful hill station at the foot of the grey granite ranges of the majestic Himalayas - always covered in deep snow in the winter and washed grey in the monsoon rains, when the wild flowers grew in profusion. The trees were swathed in abundant ferns on their trunks and branches during the rains. In the spring the foothills were ablaze with red rhododendron trees. God had made the place beautiful.

Once a month a Franciscan Missionary priest, a Belgian, came up by bus from Jullunder, many miles away in the plains, and said Mass for us. There were three Catholic families that took turns in being his host. His name was father Everest - most apt. We were joined at Mass by a few Catholic Army Officers, and an Anglo-Indian nurse, from the Gurkha hospital for women and children.

We had a very memorable midnight Mass in Yol - an Italian Prisoner of War camp in the Kangra Valley. They built a beautiful chapel. The prisoners often gave concerts for the Red Cross patients and staff in the camp.

We were joined by an Irish Doctor and his wife and made the trip in an open jeep, wrapped in blankets, animal skins, fur-lined coats, boots and gloves against the bitter winter wind at 6,000 feet above sea level. The track was rough and rocky, off the motor road, and we had to cross several streams, arriving safely for Mass at the Chapel. The music and choir and midnight Mass was filled with meaning, international human relationships and the spirit of The Lord. I know that I can be thankful we have a carpeted, warm, spacious church, and a priest to say Mass daily at St Thomas More parish in Glenfield.



## WHIRINAKI 1987

One of the places you will find on a good map, between Kaikohe and Opononi on the Hokianga Harbour is the small village of Whirinaki. Recently Frances and I were invited to a wedding held in the tiny Catholic Church, surrounded by a paddock of waist-high grass.

During Mass, Simon's father stood up and on behalf of his wife and himself gave thanks to the Lord for the son they had been blessed with and gave him their blessing. Both Sarah and Simon, bride and groom, read the epistles. Three priests concelebrated. The mouth organ, guitars, taped music, choir and congregation each contributed their part in the hymns and prayers in both Maori and English. It was so evident that not only were two individuals joining themselves together in this sacrament, but two large families, who had first met in the course of Renew and the search for greater spirituality, were, together with many friends, joining closer together on the paths and in the work of the Lord.

The all-day and all-evening long gathering of these 300 people at the home, retreat centre, haven, farmland of Sarah's parents in Whirinaki, was an unforgettable experience.

Perhaps the very simple lifestyle of the permanent residents of the small community at Sarah's parents' farmland was something many of us from the city found difficult to accept as more than just a way of living for a weekend. There was much of the spirituality of James K. Baxter and the Wanganui River lifestyle and community which seems to be reflected, but with a meaning for 1986/1987. The presence of the spirit of The Lord gave strength to all who were there.

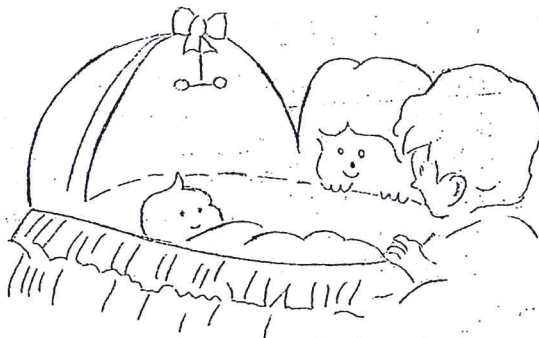
- John O'Ferrall

One of the best ways to appreciate your loved ones and your home is to travel half way round the world without them.



"MORE BABIES"

Sarah Catherine MURPHY  
Sharnee Maree LEWIS  
Annette Johanna LYONS  
James Anthony HALILOVICH



THE COMMUNITY OF ST THOMAS MORE  
WELCOMES THESE CHILDREN WITH LOVE

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MARRIAGES

Congratulations and best wishes to:  
Louis John SING and Marisha Margaret READE  
Gerald Thomas DENNY and Mary Ann KELLY

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DEATHS

Noel Desmond HIGGINSON.  
Steve CRILLY. May they Rest in Peace

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C A R I N G C O M M U N I T Y

AREA CONTACTS OF ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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|-----|-----------------|--------------------|----------|
| 1.  | Manuka          | Sheila Baker       | 444-5320 |
| 2.  | Bayview         | Susan Baker        | 444-2122 |
| 3.  | Easton Park     |                    |          |
| 4.  | James O'Connell | Elizabeth Auger    | 444-7047 |
| 5.  | Girrahween      | Anne Flatt         | 444-2877 |
| 6.  | Sunset          | Kerry Budel        | 444-8327 |
| 7.  | Sunnynook       | Sheila McAnnalley  | 444-3636 |
| 8.  | Wairau          | Elizabeth O'Reilly | 444-7625 |
| 9.  | Weldene         | Christine Murphy   | 444-7429 |
| 10. | Diana           | Erin Hobbs         | 444-9450 |
| 11. | Bruce           | Clare Russell      | 444-8843 |
| 12. | Velma           |                    |          |
| 13. | Chartwell       |                    |          |
| 14. | Marlborough     | Christine Munro    | 444-8951 |
| 15. | Agincourt       | Doreen Thurlow     | 444-5223 |
| 16. | High Road       |                    |          |
| 17. | Valley View     | Eileen O'Loan      | 444-4378 |
| 18. | Stanley         |                    |          |
| 19. | Kaipatiki       | Teresa Wolfgram    | 444-3465 |
| 20. | Glenfield       |                    |          |
| 21. | Greenhithe      |                    |          |
| 22. | Albany          | Peggy McDonald     | 4159-007 |
| 23. | Paremoremo      |                    |          |
| 24. | Coatsville      |                    |          |

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PARISH DIRECTORY

PARISH PRIEST

Father N. Browne - 334 Wairau Rd, Glenfield. Ph 444-8624

MASS TIMETABLE

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday - 5.30 pm  
Sunday - 8.00 am and 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

EASTER TIMETABLE

Holy Thursday - 16 April

Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper .. .. . 7.30 pm

Good Friday - 17 April

Stations of the Cross .. .. . 11.00 am

Celebration of The Lord's Passion .. .. . 3.00 pm

Easter Saturday - 18 April

Easter Vigil and Mass .. .. . 5.30 pm

Easter Sunday - 19 April Masses: 8.00 am and 10.00 am

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 14 April: Second Rite of Reconciliation 7.30 pm

Good Friday 17 April: 10.00-11.00 am, 1.00-2.00 pm  
and after the 3.00 pm service

Easter Saturday 18 April: .. .. . 9.00-10.00 am

CHILDREN'S HOLY WEEK

Monday 13 April: Paraliturgы 4.00 pm in the Church  
All children and parents welcome

Good Friday 17 April: Children's liturgies will be held  
during the 3.00 pm Celebration of  
The Lord's Passion.