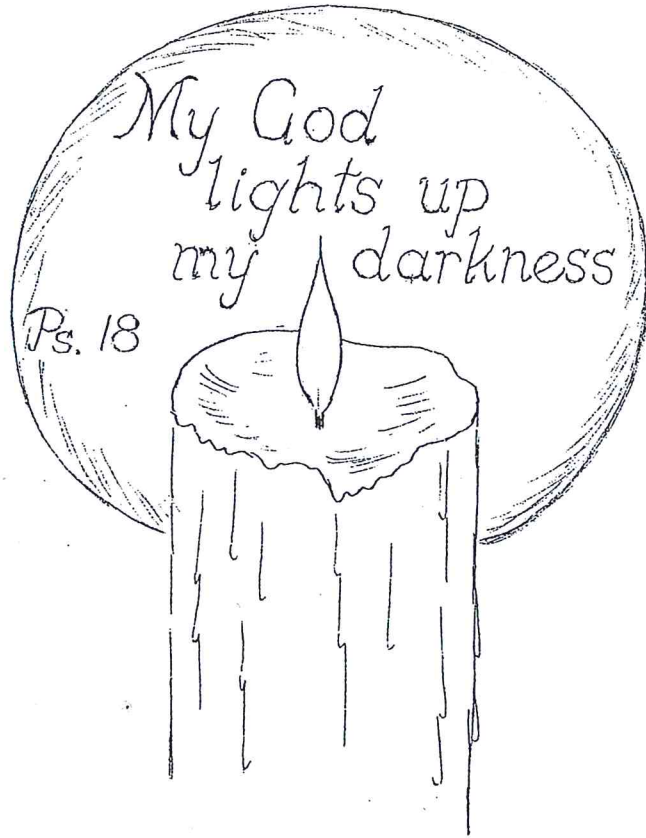


MORE NEWS



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH
JULY/AUGUST 1988

FATHER BROWNE'S NOTEBOOK

In the last issue of MORE NEWS we spoke about the special Marian year that is taking place in the Church at this time. This event concludes on August 15th and we here at St Thomas More are to celebrate the conclusion with a special day of Prayer on Saturday August 13th. This day of Prayer begins with the 8.30 am Mass and concludes with the 5.30 pm Mass. During the day each of the various groups within the parish are asked to set aside an hour of Devotion to which the whole parish is invited. It is an opportunity for us to honour Our Lady as a parish.

The day also marks the beginning of our preparation for the Synod of the Diocese. This Synod is to take place during Labour Weekend of 1989, but prior to that a great deal of the work will be done by us meeting in neighbourhood groups, discussing and praying together, and sharing ideas and visions of how we feel the Church should be in the decade to come. The Synod is when we gather together as the Church of the Diocese of Auckland and seek God's guidance in developing a pastoral plan to carry our Church Community through to the next century.

May I also ask your prayers for the success of our next "Journey of Faith". This is a programme that we have held in the parish for the last three years mainly to enable non-Catholics to learn about the Faith, and if the Lord offers them that gift, to readily accept it. It is also a programme that enables Catholics to understand their Faith better. Our next programme will start in the first week of September and will go through till Christmas. If you know of anyone who would be interested please feel free to let me know. The person may be only interested to find out about the Faith, and by joining us does not make any commitment to becoming a Catholic. On the other hand, you may know of someone who has lost association with the Church over the years and now wishes to know more. All are most welcome.

Finally, may I just ask you to put in your diary the date of October 27th for the Parish Fair.

FATHER BROWNE

SYNOD 1989

We, as Church, have to be continually looking to where we can bring the Church to where it is needed. We have a special commitment to people with tenuous Catholic links.

It is hoped the whole community will feel involved in the preparation through the pre-Synod Small Group sessions. It is hoped the whole community will reflect on many things that will come out of the Small Groups - This is as important as the actual Synod.

Bishop Denis Browne

WHAT IS A DIOCESAN SYNOD?

Canon 460

A diocesan synod is a group of selected priests and other Christian faithful of a particular church (i.e. diocese) which offers assistance to the diocesan bishop for the good of the entire diocesan community according to the norms of the following canons.

A synod is:

- called by the bishop
- an identifiable group, not just any group which comes together
- to assist the bishop
- in his roles of leadership, governing, legislating
- to take part in community reflection and discussion
- an assisting group not an executive group

WHO GOES TO THE SYNOD?

Canon 643 speaks of three groups of people:

1. Those who must be called and who must attend.

These include the Vicar General, the members of the priests' council, chairmen of the deaneries of priests, lay members selected by the diocesan pastoral council, some superiors of religious congregations which have houses in the diocese.

There may be between 50 and 60 people in this group.

2. Those who can be called.

These people do not have the same obligation to accept their bishop's call, but they have some responsibility because they are called, not simply invited.

This group includes parish and community representatives.

There may be between 120 and 150 people in this group.

3. Bishop Denis may choose to invite observers from other dioceses, other Christian churches, non-Christian communities, from among the unbaptised.

Since these observers are simply invited, not called, they have no responsibility to accept the invitation.

Observers are not members of the synod. This means that they do not have the rights of the members.

THE RIGHTS OF SYNOD MEMBERS

Synod members (those in groups 1 and 2 above) have the rights of:

1. free discussion

AND

2. consultative vote.

Bishop Denis could allow the observers to take part in the free discussions, but observers do not have a right to do so. Nor can they be given the right of consultative vote.

THE TASK OF THE SYNOD

To take part in SHARED LEADERSHIP for the good of the diocese.

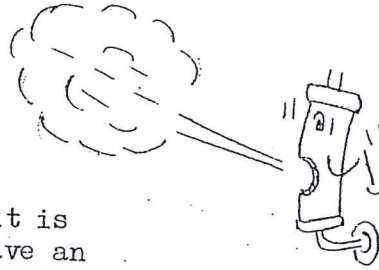
To assist the whole diocesan family to focus on the same issues and priorities.

So that a PLAN FOR THE WORK OF THE CHURCH OF THE DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND for the next 5 to 10 years can be worked out.

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For a parishioner's personal view, see P.6

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

It was brought to my attention lately that it is required by Canon Law for all parishes to have an active pastoral council and an active financial council. Could you clarify this for me, and if we do have these in our parish who are they, and when and how often do they meet?

Judith Gillan

Canon Law states that each parish must have a finance committee. In Glenfield, ours is chaired by Mr Norman Price, and meets on the second Wednesday of the month. Pastoral councils are not compulsory, but strongly desired by our Bishop. Glenfield had an active parish pastoral council until three years ago, when the "Renew" programme commenced. At the A.G.M. held that year, advertised in the parish bulletin and open to the parish, only six people arrived, and three of those wished to resign in order to devote their time to "Renew". It was agreed that the three remaining councillors did not constitute a parish council, and it lapsed.

Editor

Dear Editor,

My sincere thanks are offered to Father Browne, the various Prayer Groups and to all who offered prayer, not only for the success of my recent operation, but also for the recovery of my sister from a severe illness. I am pleased to be able to report that the good Lord has seen fit to restore her to full health.

My gratitude, too, to my wife and family for their help and support during a difficult period. God bless you all.

Bill Blandford

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THE SYNOD - OUR ROLE IN IT

by Christine Roberts

Well, what's this Synod all about, you may ask. "I can't see that anything I say is going to make any difference to the Auckland Diocese." Well, you won't know until you try. True, you're not going to be asked your opinion on whether priests should be married, or whether women should become priests, or anything else that is decreed by Rome, but Bishop Denis is very interested in your opinions and thoughts for the church of Auckland. It's not very often that the laity (that's us) is invited to help with the planning of the needs of the church for the next ten years. It would seem to follow therefore, that unless things religious are just the way you want them, you probably have a lot of thoughts on the matter.

Over the next months there will be lots of opportunity to become involved. Whilst Renew involved a lot of "deep sharing", the Synod groups will lean more towards practical discussions, accompanied of course by prayer.

The people expected to be interested in joining the discussions would encompass a wide range of the community, that is, whether you're 16, 36, 66 or 96, male or female, practising Catholic or non-practising, alienated, inactive, bored, fed-up, just to name a few. Do you fit?

Maybe you'd like to think for a time about how you could become involved. Pray about it, especially pray for Bishop Denis and the success of the Synod, and for our own parish, and our involvement in it.

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LETTER from FIONA

In this issue, we complete our adventures with Fiona, a St. Thomas More parishioner, previously living in Greenhithe. Fiona, who has been teaching at a girls' high school in Masai, is at present on Safari in Nimidia, Southern Africa. She hopes to be home for Christmas. For the final instalment, see Page 10.

THE CHURCH OF THE NEAR NORTH

A REGIONAL DAY

On a cold and blustery Saturday in mid-June, over sixty people from the nine parishes on the North Shore came together at Carmel College. Eight of those people were from the parish of St Thomas More -- an excellent representation.

As a region, we looked at ourselves as part of the church of the 'Near North' -- that is, from Devonport to Wellsford. For this is what a regional day is all about. It is so easy to become immersed in our day-to-day parish activities, that sometimes we need to go a little distance, in order to look back, and see ourselves more clearly.

We have heard our Bishop talk of the needs of the 'Church of Auckland'. But now even the diocese of Auckland is too far spread, and so we were gathered together that day to look specifically at our local needs and problems, strengths and weaknesses.

We did that by dividing into separate groups, according to our interests, and discussing and sharing among ourselves, how different parishes carried out the work of the Lord.

Among the interesting points I picked up that day were the fact that East Coast Bays parish presents all their new mums with a cane baby rattle!; that Hibiscus Coast parish have an 'adopt a grandparent' scheme, and that Northcote parish liaise closely with the police and C.A.B. as necessary.

As a part of this 'Caring Community' group, I saw the wisdom in our regional meetings, when representatives of this group in all parishes will meet three or four times a year.

During the afternoon session, the other groups too, saw the need for meeting regularly on a regional basis, and this will almost certainly get under way. The sharing of resources and personnel will be particularly important in committees such as Religious Education and Liturgy.

Later that afternoon, after a really gruelling session, it was decided to establish a regional body. Its purpose would be: to facilitate this co-operation; to organise regional days; to allow diocesan pastoral council members to hear what the region is saying; and to build a 'Church of the Near North'.

The regional body was formed by electing a representative from each interest group, plus any person from a parish still not having a rep.

However, in spite of our large representation, no-one from Glenfield was sufficiently free to go on this body. Unless a parishioner with a little time to give to the church in this way can fill the gap, our link in the chain of communication from parishioner to bishop, will be broken. This is particularly sad in the light of the fact that neither do we have an active parish council.

We were all encouraged, just the same, to realise that our parish does some fine work, and certainly that our problems were no worse than anyone else's! It became fairly obvious, that with close co-operation among our active groups, we will grow to greater strengths yet - God willing, and with your support.

Clare Russell

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SPECIAL!
Today
- relate to everybody
except, of course,
those you're related to.

'HERESAY'

A new column for MORE readers to express their views on NEWS

We were greeted on the feast of Sts Peter and Paul with the news that finally the Octagenerian, Frenchman Archbishop Lefebvre, had decided that if the church was not going to retain, amongst other things, his obviously "sound" traditional stance and say its masses in Latin, then he would have to go his own way. Of course his followers will join him.

No doubt, at least in the first instance, these followers will be delighted and defiant but the mother church will survive and so will Rome. Thank the Lord.

Putting aside, for the moment, the question of the authority of Rome, there can be no argument that any corporate body, political party, martial art or sports team having appointed its leader and adopted its strategy must get on with the job. These rebels may feel they are striking a blow for right (and that's a moot point) but in the end it is to the detriment of the total body of Christ's church and can only be condemned.

Already we have seen the media leap at the opportunity to drool over what it hopes is an ailing beast. It will be disappointed.

There are changes not yet conceded which are inevitable. Like women priests. Unless the appointment of women priests has the consent of the whole church then such appointment would lack validity. Similarly, Archbishop Lefebvre will never again enjoy the authority that was legitimately his,

Time corrects most of history's anomalies and we know God's sense of time must be different from ours. The feast of Peter and Paul 1988 was a sad day for the Church and stresses that as Catholics we owe our obedience to Rome.

Experience shows us all this does not mean we sell our identities but stand in the eyes of non-believers as a model of strength for the glory of God.

by 'Thomas'

L E T T E R F R O M F I O N A

We continue with further extracts from Fiona's letter as she travels through Zaire, Africa ...

9th Dec. DAY ONE HUNDRED! (with Longhaul). A lazy day camping near the gorillas. I had a wash in the stream, washed my hair and clothes in solitude under a bamboo grove. We also bought a goat, cooked this with potatoes, pumpkin and other veges for a big relaxed meal - the goat tasted very nice but was a bit tough.

10th Dec. Wow, what a day! Mary, Graham and I set out at 8.30 for Goma. We had to walk the 30 km down a track to the main road which took 5½ hours. Then we got a local truck for the 70 km left for Goma. Sitting on some flour bags with the locals, the sugar cane, etc, we little know it would take 6½ hours, a change of fan belt, over-heating problems and engine braking (instead of brakes)!! We camped that night in the Cercle Sportif ground for 80 Z (pence) per person. The next day, I looked up Mado (a contact from Lynda and Geoff). The house (and office) is situated right on the shores of Lake Kivu. While sitting by the lake a pirogue full of huge bunches of green bananas glides past. Mado called it over and bought some. We had them with lunch as a vegetable.

From 5 to 9 pm a whirlwind of quick visits, including a visit to the home of a young Zairean vet and his young family. He spoke very good English and we had some interesting discussions. He was in charge of the artificial breeding centre for the area. They have contact with NZ's A.I. centre, and he said that Zaire needs people like me. I slept like a log that night in a big double bed with sheets, etc. I also had my first hot soak in a bath for months! The lap of luxury compared to previous months.

13th Dec. Well, a series of events meant that I didn't get to see the farm after all - it's 50 km away. I was to go yesterday, but Mado had to go to a big reception at short notice.

We were to cross the border for Rwanda yesterday, but just before leaving, Steve had his money-belt and passport stolen!! Result was that we mucked around all day, delaying departure every two hours or so. Steve has his passport and travellers cheques back, but not his cash - so we are awaiting developments on that!

This morning two French-Canadian dairymen came for breakfast as Mado is taking them to the farm today, so had a good all-round conversation about dairying in NZ, Canada and Zaire. At present, there are no milking machines or electric fencing; little pasture improvement; and due to transport problems, cheese and butter is manufactured by hand on the farm, while fresh milk is transported in cream cans to a drying plant to make milk powder for local consumption. They are working on cattle improvement through the Government's scheme, and private enterprise; and also on pasture improvement via a Zaire/Canadian interest. It is in fencing and grazing management techniques, in this basically temperate climate, where I can really be of use.

I should also say that the breakfast we ate was absolutely delicious: pawpaw with lemon juice squeezed over; a slab of farm cheese fried in fresh herbs, croissant, lots of fresh coffee, and strawberries in a sweet syrup, which resulted in a bitter-sweet flavour. Needless to say I've taken a lot of flak from the rest of the group regarding my totally degenerate lifestyle of the last two days. I'm leaving with a resolution to learn French properly - and also to return.

14th Dec. Kigali - and right on schedule. It's Sunday so we can't pick up any mail until tomorrow. We crossed the border from Goma to Gisengy yesterday. Definitely the most attractive border location so far - situated as it was on the shores of Lake Kivu. The vast differences in development of the two countries was immediately apparent - also the intensity of the agriculture. We stopped for the night just before Ruhengeri after a lovely drive - very scenic with a spectacular view of Mt Nyiragongo. Every part of every hill is cultivated - terraced plots are divided by shelter trees (for firewood). Amazingly, there is no sign of erosion. Well, we're now camped on the outskirts of Kigali in a football paddock surrounded by eucalypt trees. Tomorrow we spend the morning collecting mail in Kigali, and then head straight for Tanzania - the Serengenti and Ngorongoro Crater parks and then Mt Kilimanjaro.

Hi again, in Kigali and I've just read all my mail! Eight letters and a telegram so I'm really happy! I have to go, as we're leaving soon. Thanks again for everything. I guess you may get this for Christmas as mail only seems to take 8 to 10 days.

Lots of love

Fiona

An Open Letter To The Youth

10 June 1988

Hello

My name is Pete Brebner and I am on the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team under the leadership of Fr David Tonks.

Our team is just one of many departments who have become involved in organising the 1989 Diocesan Synod.

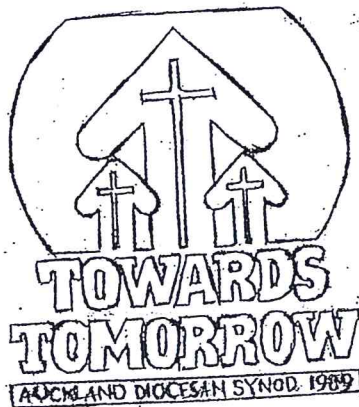
At a time when we are striving to grow into a stronger Church, we must think of those who have a weak voice now, but in the future will be responsible for carrying faith in Christ on to others. I am simply asking you to not only encourage Youth to join in your Small Group discussions in September, but to have Youth involved in your Parish Synod Preparation Team.

I shall be very happy to arrange times so all Youth Synod Co-ordinators could meet to decide the most productive way for the Youth of the Diocese to be made aware of the Synod, so that their voice could join those of the other Catholic communities. In this way also, a balanced view for Youth is well represented at the Synod, for the benefit of all.

Yours sincerely

Pete Brebner
Diocesan Synod Youth Co-ordinator

Ph: 780-470
781-496



A LITTLE BIT MORE NEWS

MUSIC FOR YOUR EARS

Until a couple of weeks ago the music for our 10 am mass has been provided by only a few people in our parish.

The Family Mass on the first Sunday of each month has been organised by the same people who help pick the music for the other Sundays as well. We are a big parish with loads of talent out there - not heard (as yet) by us.

We now have others who are prepared to provide the music for the third Sunday of each month. Many thanks to them - their efforts were certainly appreciated by the congregation.

We would like to hear from more people who are interested in music, or have a good ear for music, to help select music for two masses a month. For years, Gemma Nobile did every Sunday's music with no help. Thank the Lord that this is not so now. CAN YOU HELP? WE NEED YOU!!!

WANTED FOR FAMILY MASS - FLAUTIST

For information, please contact:

John Bergin 415-9481

Judith Gillan 444-5705

Gemma Nobile 415-9459

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UNJUST JUSTICE

Two magistrates had been out on a spree, with the result that both were arrested for being drunk and disorderly. They agreed to try each other's cases, and the first magistrate fined the second two dollars: but when the first came up before the second he was given a fine of \$50 and a month in prison without the option.

"That's a bit steep!" he protested. "I only fined you \$2."
"I know," came the magisterial reply. "But there's too much of this sort of thing going on - you're the second case this morning!"

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A.B.I.L. ~ an update

(ADULT BIBLICAL INTERDEPENDENT LEARNING)

by Margaret Smy

I have been asked on several occasions, by different parishioners: "How are you finding your A.B.I.L. Course?" So I felt it was time to give those who are interested a short up-date.

I find the A.B.I.L. Course very exciting and invigorating - also a bigger challenge than I first imagined. Being a pioneer course in NZ, it is very hard to make any judgements or comparisons, as it is so different from any other scripture group of which I have been a member. I do know that it is a real privilege to witness the wonder joy and growth of a group of learning adults, of an age group 25 to over 60 years.

The Thursday evening group differs in that it contains persons of seven cultures - English, Scottish, Dutch, Swiss, Chinese, Samoan and Kiwis. It feels a little like the United Nations! The Monday morning group is a good size of seventeen members in the same age group as above - all females. They share lunch and household tips in between the sharing and study time of scriptures, which shows a 'fitting together', like a glove. Love is the force that generates the session. Moses, Joshua and Deborah are all becoming real identities to us. Sunday readings really do come alive. After our nine meetings, we have a better understanding of the bondage, the wilderness and the reaching of the promised land. It's been like this with our own study; we've had our own exodus.

The hard work that is put in to learn the A.B.I.L. process, as well as the prayer and Bible study time by each member, has been a struggle, but I feel that with all the differences in the group, they are now on the downward part of the struggle.

It is of great encouragement to have such a diversity of cultures working, struggling, learning and building a warm, loving, caring community together with the help of the Spirit, God and His word, as the foundation.

Reading back over what I have just written makes me feel that the Spirit has been working overtime. We have had only nine meetings

and already we have had two weeks of recapping and are now moving into the Book of Kings. It is so easy to identify with the struggles of Moses, Abraham and Judges, seeing some of the laws that have been carried through the Old and New Testaments, into our lives today. It is truly named the "Living Bible".

Peggy and I would like to thank all who have been remembering A.B.I.L. in their prayers and ask you to please continue. We still have another eighteen months of study ahead of us. I am sure we would have hit a lot of problems without your prayers. Thank you.

If you are interested in A.B.I.L. and would like to join us - even out of curiosity - please ring:

Peggy McDonald 473-0193

Margaret Smy 480-5388

between 7-8 am or 6-7 pm

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BEHOLD THY MOTHER

Some reflections from the saints for Marian Year.

"Behold thy Mother". By these words, Mary, by reason of the love she bore them, became the Mother, not only of St John, but of all men.

- St Bernardine of Sienna (1380-1444)

She seeks for those who approach her devoutly and with reverence, for such she loves, nourishes, and adopts as her children.

- St. Bonaventure (1221-74)

Mary was raised to the dignity of Mother of God rather for sinners than for the just, since Jesus Christ declares that he came to call not the just, but sinners.

- St Anselm (1033-1100)

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A FAMILY PRAYER TO MARY
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Come into our home, Oh most loving mother Mary, and
make yourself a part of our family.
Hear us when we are lonely.
Comfort us when we are sad.
Heal us when we are torn.
Celebrate with us, enjoy with us.
Share with us those moments of intimacy that transform a
family from the mundane to the unique.
Honoured Mother, invite your Son, Jesus, into our hearts
and our midst.
Let us reflect the light of His love in all that we do
here at home, and let the rays of His love extend from
our family to His family everywhere.
Amen.

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FEAST DAYS FOR AUGUST
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- 1st - St Alphonsus de Liguori
- 4th - St John Vianney
- 6th - The Transfiguration
- 8th - St Dominic
- 10th - St Lawrence
- 11th - St Clare
- 15th - Assumption of Our Lady
- 16th - St Stephen of Hungary
- 20th - St Bernard
- 22nd - Queenship of Mary
- 24th - St Bartholomew
- 27th - St Monica

Thank You

Even though I clutch my blankets and groan when the alarm rings each morning, thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes closed tightly against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see. There are many who are blind.

Even though I sometimes maintain a martyred silence when I should speak, and spout forth when I should remain silent, thank you, Lord, for the gift of speech. There are many who are dumb.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, leapers are short, thank you, Lord, for our wonderful children to get off to school. There are many who are childless.

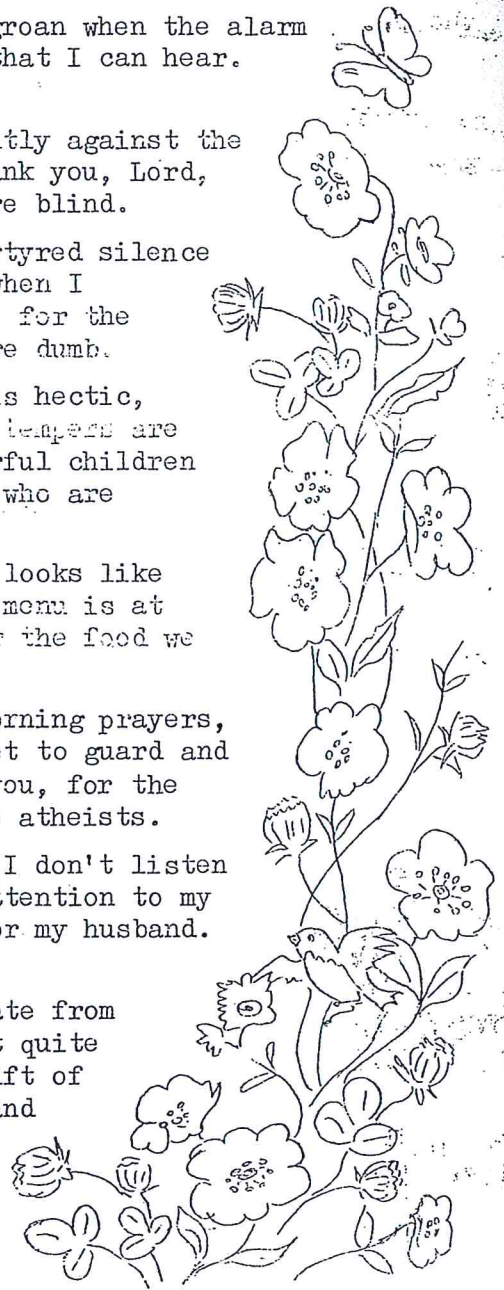
Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in the magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.

Even though we sometimes forget our morning prayers, thank you, Lord, that you do not forget to guard and protect us during the day, and thank you, for the gift of faith. There are many who are atheists.

Even though my husband complains that I don't listen to his words, and he pays even less attention to my wise instructions, thank you, Lord, for my husband. There are many who have none.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day, and wish our home were not quite so modest, thank you, Lord, for the gift of life. Help me to improve my manners and show that I am grateful.

Amen.



MT MAUNGANUI HEALING MISSION

It seems appropriate to begin with a favourite reading I have on my noticeboard -

"Glory be to God whose power, working in us,

can do infinitely more than we can ask or

imagine."

Ephesians 3:20

Our God can certainly do more than we can imagine. Would you believe our Lord could heal the eye of a 14 year old girl who has been blind from birth and give her 100% vision??? Well, that's exactly what happened during a recent "healing mission" to Mount Maunganui - praise God! And this was only one of many healings that took place over the weekend, which also included emotional and spiritual healings.

The mission was organised by all the churches at the Mount - Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian and Salvation Army. They invited Fr. John Moss to lead it, assisted by about 30 people in ministry teams from the Auckland Charismatic Renewal. As well, the local churches had their own ministry teams.

It began on Friday 16 June, with open meetings being held at the Catholic Church on Friday and Sunday evenings, and on Saturday night at the Baptist Church with a special youth programme. About 500 people attended each service, with many people responding to an altar call to give their lives to Jesus, and each service ended with healing ministry. Fr John just asked the Holy Spirit to come and as it touched the various people the nearest team would go and pray with them. Who can resist the touch, the love of Jesus?? The teams were so busy, that we had to reduce the number in each team, to create more teams. Praise God!!

Also included was street evangelism on the Saturday morning, and on Sunday morning small teams of Aucklanders ministered at service at the different churches.

Our parish was represented by Lorna Smy, my wife, Christine, and me who each have a different story to tell of how the healing love of our Lord Jesus touched lives, including our own!

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A PILGRIM'S JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND

'AROUND THE WORLD IN 42 DAYS'

Firstly, I must apologise to the two parishioners, who read our story on a regular basis, for not having a chapter in the last MORE NEWS. However, as the Editor so kindly pointed out, I was in hospital undergoing surgery, and since then I have been pondering quite a lot on a perplexing question: on the last day shall I be raised up with my original hip joint or with my artificial one?

- BORDEAUX -

Now, to try and pick up the threads. I think that we were about to leave Lourdes for Bordeaux. We arrived at that great city in time for dinner after which we held a little party alongside the hotel swimming pool. At 10 pm we were surprised to find that it was still broad daylight and claps of thunder reminded us that, although we had enjoyed a glorious day, rain was still possible before morning. The next day we were on our way to Paris. Our first stop was at Tours for lunch. Unfortunately, however, the cathedral was under repair and closed. When we were on our way again, a couple of our younger members described very adequately, and with some embellishment I am sure, just how they were ripped off one American dollar for the use of the public toilets.

- CHARTRES -

About 50 miles from Paris we reached a comparatively small and relatively unknown city of Chartres but it certainly can boast of a really magnificent cathedral called Notre Dame de Chartres. Impressive it certainly is but perhaps this is not so surprising when it is learned that it took, not one to two hundred years to build, but several centuries. In fact it is recorded that one spire was erected in the year 1145 and another in the year 1506. It would take a far better pen than mine to even attempt to describe such a classic Gothic-style cathedral, but if you are ever passing that way it is well worth a visit.

After a full day's journey we were not sorry to see the Mercure Paris Hotel come into sight.

- PARIS -

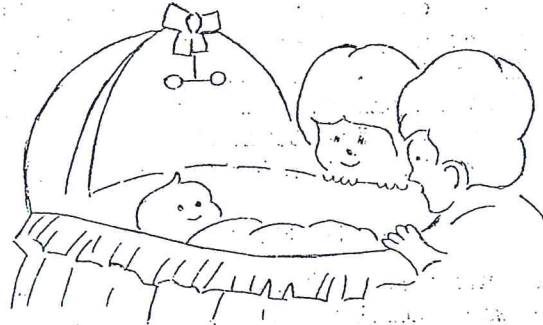
Because Paris covers an area of several square miles, we could hope to see only a small fraction of it in the two days at our disposal.

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"MORE BABIES"

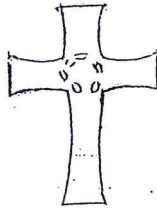
WE WELCOME THESE CHILDREN -

- Meike LYONS
- Sarah WALTERS
- Anthony BAKKER
- Ryan STEPHEN
- Georgina BAKKER
- Michael HALL
- Christopher GERRARD
- Jennifer STEPHENS
- Katrina HEODITCH



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DEATHS



- Donald MILLER
- Muriel WATT

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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THE TROUBLE TREE

A wise business man we know has what he calls his "Trouble Tree". It is located about a block away from his house, where he has to pass it every evening on his way home. "When I reach that tall poplar in the evening," he explains, "I leave all the troubles and worries of the day right there. "Let them hang on the branches if they want to," I say to myself. "I'm through with them for the day." And I throw back my shoulders and stir up a grin and get ready for a fine evening with my family. I used to take my troubles home to my wife, and often they would stay with me all night, and I'd get up the next morning with a grouch. But no more! I hang them on the "Trouble Tree", and five nights out of six they have all blown away by morning.

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It's hard to convey in words the wonder of that weekend, but I will not forget the feeling of joy I had as I looked around at the end of the last meeting in the Catholic Church on the Sunday night, and saw people being prayed with all around the Church - in various stages of ministry. The work of the Holy Spirit was so evident, the love of Christ was certainly flowing through His people - tears, laughter, sobbing, shouts of joy, and faces full of peace as people opened their hearts to God and were set free in the Lord.

So evident was the wonderful unity, that glorious sign of the Holy Spirit, that was among all members of the mission whatever their church.

We were particularly taken by the warmth and welcome at the (first ever) Presbyterian service Christine and I took part in on the Sunday morning, and how it brought home to me how all the Christian churches are parts of the one Body of Christ and as we come together in unity and love so the Body of Christ is healed and strengthened.

Finally, it was a surprise to discover that the Mount Catholic Church is also called St Thomas More, and I wonder when we can expect similar scenes of the power of the Living Lord also in our Church of St Thomas More.

Yours in Christ
William Roberts

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