



Catholic Diocese of Auckland Te Taumata o te Hahi Katorika

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



“O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm.”

(Extract from Pope Francis’ prayer during the Pandemic).

Letter from Bishop Pat

2020: What a year! No Easter ceremonies and no Sunday Masses for weeks on end, here in New Zealand but also for Pope Francis in Rome, and in so many other parts of the world. It was a year we will all remember, along with bubbles and lockdowns and meetings on Zoom.

I found myself reflecting often on our forebears in Faith and how they must have quietly continued to trust in God and serve their neighbour during years and sometimes decades of war or plague or persecution, longing for the time when they could return to some form of “normal” life.

Looking back, the highlight of 2020 for me was the ordination of our new Auxiliary Bishop Michael Gielen. The ceremony featured the beauty and vibrancy of the Diocese, just weeks before we went into lockdown. One woman present, who did not come from a religious background, commented that she had never before witnessed such a moving and sacred occasion. It was a happy memory to carry into the weeks of bubble life that followed.

One particularly interesting fruit of the pandemic has been the

Sunday Masses now broadcast on Shine TV. What began as a response to an emergency situation has come to be appreciated by elderly and infirm parishioners who are no longer able to attend Sunday Mass in person. We received letters from throughout New Zealand asking if these could continue and we are happy to do so as part of our mission outreach.

I am grateful to Bishop Michael for the wonderful support he has been able to offer me in so many ways, especially as I continue to receive treatment for my present eyesight issues.

I am lost in admiration for priests and parishioners, and for those in our schools, who managed somehow to keep working through all the ups and downs of a most challenging year.

Our talented and committed diocesan staff kept local and diocesan projects on track. Many of these works are outlined in this Report.

My thanks to you all.

+ *Patrick Dunn*



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A year in the life of a new Bishop

Tena Koutou Katoa

At my ordination as Auxiliary Bishop on March 7 last year, I shared an analogy with those present of leaving the familiar shores of my previous Diocese to join the waka in the North, the Diocese of Auckland. As we left the shore that day, your incredible welcome, prayers and good wishes launched me into my new ministry. A voyage that has taken me to ngā Maunga (mountains), ngā riu (valleys), ngā awa (rivers) and ngā moana (oceans) of this great Diocese. Throughout this voyage a storm has raged, Covid 19. I have joined with you in fighting to stay afloat, to navigate these uncharted waters and I too have experienced many unexpected graces along the way.

One image has stayed with me throughout, Jesus calming the storm (Mk 4:35 – 41). While the storm raged and the disciples fought to keep from drowning, Jesus slept. The disciples struggling for their lives woke him and asked him, “do you not care.” I have heard and experienced so many stories of struggle and loss as Covid has continued: loss of loved ones overseas, loneliness, fear, isolation, business and employment anxieties. We too have

been tempted to say, “Jesus, do you not care?”

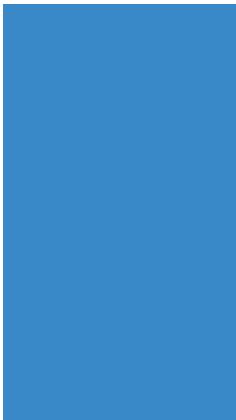
Care and hope

This is what I have seen most throughout my travels – what a caring and hope-filled people you are! There are so many stories of people giving their time and resources for others – food banks, financial assistance, care for the lonely, student outreach, online prayer groups and Masses. As Pope Francis recently reflected, “we have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, each of us in need of comforting the other.” I have seen Jesus’ care through your collective efforts. One experience stands out, the building of St Luke’s new church at Flatbush. It has been such a joy to see people full of hope battling to achieve their dream. Kia kaha St Luke’s.

Thank you for letting me be a part of your waka, for the courage and generosity you have shown throughout this voyage. We have faced storms before, this too will pass. With Jesus on board what have we to fear!

Bishop Michael Gielen
Auxiliary Bishop

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MISSION MAP

Mata kaupapa Mihana



“Pope Francis sometimes makes the point that we are living not simply through an era of change, but through a change of era. His point is that this is a moment of great opportunity and he uses beautiful images to describe what a missionary Church should look like. He says the Church is the House of the Father where the doors are open and all are welcome. It should be like a field hospital where those who are burdened or wounded find comfort and healing. Our ‘Mission Map’ challenges each one of us to be open to a conversion of heart so that we may seek the face of Jesus in our society, especially in the poor and the sick, the young and the old, and serve him with tenderness and love. Our mission is to live and to share the Joy of the Gospel.” Bishop Patrick Dunn (31 July 2020)

Our purpose – to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ

To seek what is to come as a diocesan community requires us to share in the discernment of God’s call through consultation and collaboration of all the baptized. This document is the result of such processes. Seeded by the Vision

Group it comes to fruition from consultative processes of working groups.

The purpose of this discernment is to promote the diversely gifted people of God within the Diocese to be witnesses to Christ, apostolic in their endeavour, at the service of the world – together.

Our priorities

Strengthen our Catholic Communities for missionary discipleship

Our goals

- Grow and develop servant leaders.
- Be strong, inclusive communities of missionary disciples.

Build up the spirituality of our young people

Our goals

- Make schools and parishes visible and active as one faith community.
- Strengthen families.

Care for the Poor

Our goals

- Be visible, present and active, working for the poor and marginalised.
- To advocate for peace and justice.
- To develop and enable people who care.



189,136 CATHOLICS
(2018 CENSUS)

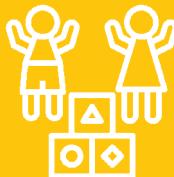
68
PARISHES



15
ETHNIC
COMMUNITIES

PRESCHOOLS

8



SCHOOLS

42 PRIMARY

15 SECONDARY



STUDENTS

10692 PRIMARY

13736 SECONDARY

24,428 TOTAL



ETHNICITY OF STUDENTS

36% EUROPEAN/PAKEHA

10% MĀORI

28% PACIFIC

22% ASIAN

4% OTHER





Strengthen Catholic Communities for Missionary Discipleship

The challenge for all in ministry throughout the Diocese was the closure of Church buildings during Lockdowns. An emphasis at this time was that despite our buildings being closed the Living Church, the People of God was still active. Although Mass was not available on Sundays in this time people were encouraged to celebrate Sunday as domestic Church. Several resources were developed and shared widely through many channels including the diocesan website.

Each Sunday from Level 2 upward Liturgy of the Word was prepared for families and others. Due to the generosity of many clergy, videographers, and editors we were able to provide Shine TV with broadcast quality pre-recorded Masses. This enabled the broadcast of Sunday Mass on free-to-air television. This Mass was also made available on the diocesan website and newly formed YouTube channel. Pre-recorded Mass also enabled the provision of subtitled Mass translated into New Zealand

Sign Language. Kid's Korner a resource for families to explore faith together was developed and is on-going.

These initiatives were highly valued by the diocesan community and resulted in a significant surge in engagement with CDA website. So great, that the website was unable to cope and crashed twice during the Triduum. As a result, a new, more robust, fit for purpose website has been created.

With the use of technology and creativity many of the face to face events, formation and other activities including marriage preparation were able to go ahead in a modified form. Zoom was extensively used. Sometimes this meant teaching participants how to use the technology. It also revealed the reality of the technological divide when potential attendees did not necessarily have the capacity to fully engage.

Sr Siân Owen RSJ
Leader, Pastoral Services

“Despite our buildings being closed the Living Church, the People of God was still active.”

Feature

70 people completed the training and were endorsed as Lay leaders of Liturgical prayer.



“I am baptised, and now I have the training to give me the confidence to carry out leadership roles in liturgical settings. I am grateful for this opportunity.”

Preparing couples for marriage

100 couples were prepared for marriage.



“Got to learn how far we know each other and understanding that the relationship and marriage comes from God.”

NZ Catholic named Publication of the Year

NZ Catholic was successful at the Australasian Religious Press Association Awards 2020, being named publication of the year across all Church publications in Australia and New Zealand. The newspaper was praised for its currency, adaptability, courage, design, and the breadth and depth of its coverage. NZ Catholic articles also received bronze awards in two individual categories. Editor Dr Michael Otto also received a second-place award – in a national or international event coverage category – at the US and Canada Catholic Press Association Awards 2020. This was for his articles published in the wake of the 2019 Christchurch mosque shootings.



Manuel Beazley
Vicar for Māori

“The role of Katekita is vital in Katorika Māori communities. Katekita assist at the celebration of Miha, they lead prayers for tangihanga, hura kōhatu and other hui. Katekita are also involved in Sacramental preparation.”

22 KATORIKA MĀORI
COMMUNITIES



FORMATION FOR MISSION

33 Events by Pastoral
Services Group

1,791 Participants



**PASTORAL CARE
OF THE DEAF**

190 Visits to homes
(private/rest)

102 Digital Support
contacts





Pope Francis begins *Christus Vivit*, a letter to young people and to the entire people of God with these words: “Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!”. We are so blessed to have many young people who are alive in their faith in our parishes, ethnic communities and Catholic schools.

“Schools were living communities of faith through pastoral outreach.”

Building the Spirituality of Young People

‘Recognising that Catholic schools are integral participants in the evangelising mission of the Church, a Catholic school will ensure students receive a quality holistic education that fosters a genuine encounter with Christ: growth in knowledge of Christ, His teachings and the teachings of the Church: and have opportunities to become authentic witnesses of their faith.’

Our schools are the Church in action. This was most evident in the response by schools to the COVID pandemic. Leaders and teachers implemented adaptive ways of delivering teaching and learning. There were many examples of the inspiring ways

in which schools were living communities of faith through pastoral outreach, to ensure students and whānau were fully supported.

We acknowledge and give thanks for our teams of dedicated people who ensure students experience school in an atmosphere that is welcoming, nurturing and safe.

2020 was an opportunity for Catholic education institutions in our Diocese to strengthen their identity and participation in the mission of the church, radiating hope for the future.

Catherine Ryan
Vicar for Education

New school buildings opened

On 17 February 2020 Bishop Pat blessed 12 new classrooms and library at Marist School, Mt Albert.

The official blessing and opening ceremony of St Pius X Catholic School, Glen Innes was held on 21 February with Bishop Pat and many official guests. The project was a complete rebuild further enhancing teaching and learning at St Pius X.



Rangatahi

“In 2020, I led a series of meetings for all teachers in Catholic primary schools in the Auckland Diocese to present concepts of Māori spirituality which could be applied in a school setting. Seven schools thereafter requested an individual session.

“At 1 July 2020, there were 1329 secondary and 978 primary students in our Catholic schools who identified as Māori”

Manuel Beazley
– Vicar for Māori

Safeguarding in our Diocese

We continued to make great strides in our programme of proactive safeguarding for young people, children, and vulnerable adults. Some 1500 volunteers have participated in training, 60 parish coordinators have been appointed, and we are working alongside our Pacifika community to translate and ensure training language and culture is woven through safeguarding.



2,427 young people attended Diocesan Youth Masses.

Celebrating leaders of ministry with young people

At the November Diocesan Youth Mass three people from Auckland received a Delargey Award for their outstanding work in Catholic Youth Ministry. Recipients were:

Susana Fiu-Fetalai, for her work with the Mother of Divine Mercy Refuge and Project Hope.

Jennifer Martinez and Sam Mano, jointly for dedicating many years of service to Catholic youth in New Zealand through the Marist youth development project Logos.



60 Year 13 students took part in Crossroads – school to University program



Leaders formation
21 sessions
273 participants



Digital Engagements
6,500 – per month



Care of the Poor

I want to thank and acknowledge the countless number of people working across our Catholic community in the care of the poor. One initiative I'd like to highlight in particular is *'Pacific Living Without Violence'*.



Initiated by Pacific church ministers and the Pacific community leaders, Sr Cabrini 'Ofa Makasiale, psychotherapist at Catholic Social Services, created a violence prevention programme to specifically address violence within Pacific families. The programme is founded on Gospel values of love, compassion and mercy and draws insights from western psychology

and psychotherapy as well as Pacific cultures.

The aim of the programme is to prevent all forms of violence from occurring in families.

Makasiale believes that if lasting healing and transformation is to occur, the Pacific person needs to be met first, at the point of faith, of spirit and meaning before being invited to the place of cognition and science.

Since 2017, the programme has been run through church communities with positive feedback from facilitators, and participants.

Lorraine Elliott
Vicar for Social Impact
& Communications

“One of our guys had the Police at his place almost every week but since being part of the programme his involvement with the Police has decreased and his time in the hospital has also decreased.”



Catholic school students, social service agencies who receive grants from the Caring Foundation, and donors celebrate together at the annual Caring Foundation Mass.

Supporting Māori Whānau

During the first lockdown in 2020, Whaiora Catholic Marae in Otara was assisted by The Ministry of Social Development in the distribution of *Kai Tiaki* packs.

The Tindall Foundation donated \$10,000 to be used for initiatives to help those in need during COVID 19. These funds were directed to the community of Panguru. The Catholic Caring Foundation, Panguru Parish, Te

Kura Taumata o Panguru and six local marae worked to distribute food packages and hygiene products to over 600 whānau.

In 2020, 35 visitations and 19 streets were door-knocked by the Whānau Faith Coordinator and volunteers. Several families were identified as needing emergency relief which was sought from the Catholic Caring Foundation.



HOUSING

237 families helped into long term housing by Monte Cecilia Housing Trust

92 families helped into long term housing by De Paul House



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

732 families, individuals or children have been counselled or received social services and advocacy at Catholic Social Services

133 families attended Pacific Living Without Violence Fono

14 mothers and 50 children attended Empowerment for Women Programme



JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION

24 written or oral submissions to Parliamentary Select Committees of Government

8000 General Election and 220,000 – issues of euthanasia leaflets delivered

Catholic Caring Foundation

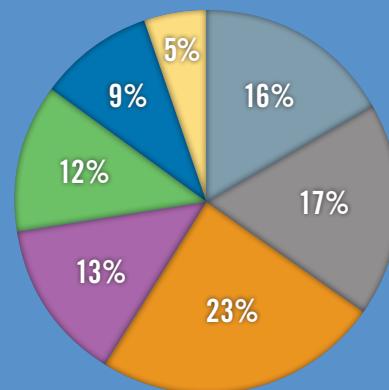
The Catholic Caring Foundation is the philanthropic trust of the Bishop of Auckland. It gives annual grants to care for the poor, the marginalised and the vulnerable.

\$1,078,651

Total grants paid

70

Agencies received a grant



- **16% of grants for Community services**
 (Supporting families and individuals in our community to thrive)
- **17% of grants for Youth**
 (Mentoring, online support, resilience development, youth leadership development)
- **23% of grants for Family**
 (Counselling, advocacy, parenting programmes)
- **13% of grants for Women Refuges**
 (So women and children can find safety and healing from domestic violence)
- **12% of grants for Foodbanks**
- **9% of grants for Pregnancy support**
 (Support for mothers, babies and children, counselling and practical home-help)
- **5% of grants for Eldercare**
 (Support for vulnerable elderly)



General Manager's Update

“We broke ground on the construction of St Luke's Flat Bush – our first new Parish in 40 years.”

A big thank you to all the volunteers, priests, religious and staff in the Diocese for your dedication and service. In particular, I'd like to acknowledge Bishop Pat who has given more than a quarter of a century as Shepherd of the Diocese and continues to do so with inspired calm and generosity.

Financial results for 2020

Like every organisation, the Diocese had to adapt to the extraordinary circumstances arising from the pandemic, and this included an upgrade of our communications infrastructure including a completely new website, new investment in devices and social media platforms, and a partnership with ShineTV to broadcast Mass over the internet and on television. None of these were planned at the start of 2020 but all very much needed.

Careful stewardship of resources allowed the Diocese to boost support to our community in the midst of this crisis through financial relief to parishes, grants to community organisations, and hardship support to Catholic school students.

Our investments performed better than anticipated in 2020 thanks to

strong recovery in the latter part of the year. This remains somewhat volatile in the short-term.

We established the 'Harold Plumley Endowment' in recognition of a generous benefactor whose extraordinary legacy will continue to assist with a range of key projects. Projects receiving the financial support of this endowment will have intergenerational benefits for our community. These projects include emergency housing, the establishment of St Luke's Parish, and the ground works now underway for St Ignatius College in South Auckland.

I want to make special mention of the Tindall Foundation for their longstanding support of the Catholic Caring Foundation and for their inspiration of generosity.

Assets and liabilities

The balance sheet of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland as one of the oldest and longest running organisations in contemporary New Zealand is heavily weighted toward property, comprising more than 80% of our assets. Many generations have built up these assets for pastoral/religious purposes, churches, schools and community facilities.

There are major challenges ahead of us in remediating and repairing some of these much loved places of worship and community. St Anne's Parish Church in Manurewa is just one example of a thriving parish which has significant weather-tightness issues that will need to be tackled in the coming years.

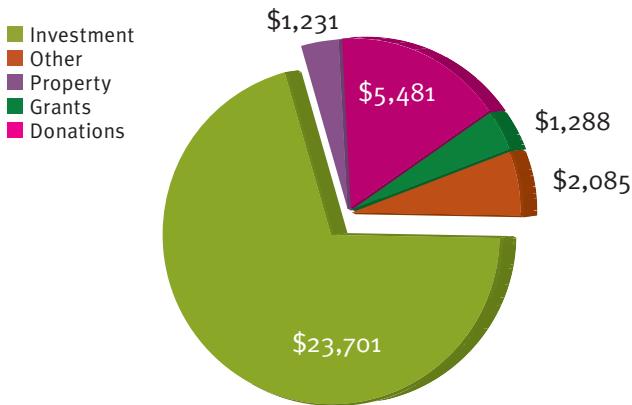
Our liabilities mainly relate to Catholic education and it was pleasing to see the re-build of St Pius X in Glen Innes completed in 2020 and a similar "ground up" redevelopment of St John the Evangelist in Otara now

also underway.

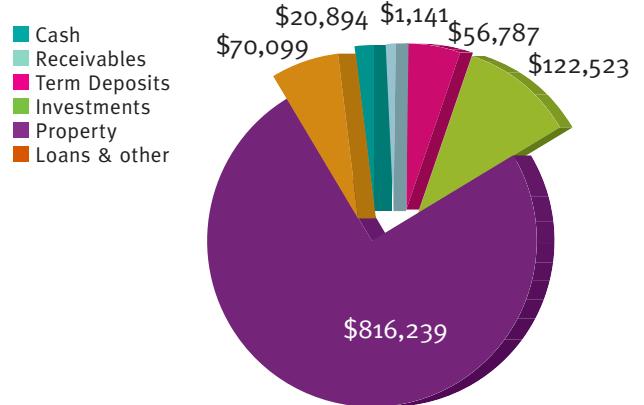
The charts provided here give a quick snapshot of our financial performance for the core operating components of the Diocese. The full consolidated and audited report of the Diocese will be published with the Charities Services later in the year.

James van Schie
General Manager

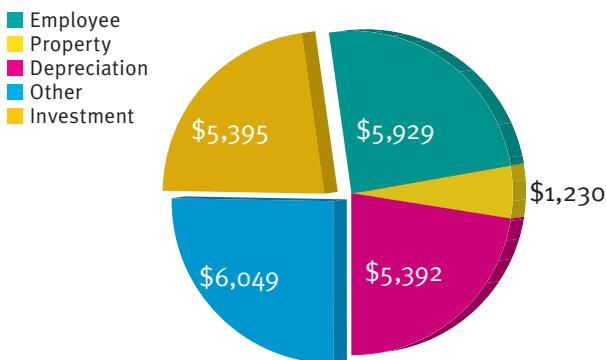
CDA Core Operating Revenue Pre-Audit 2020 – \$'000



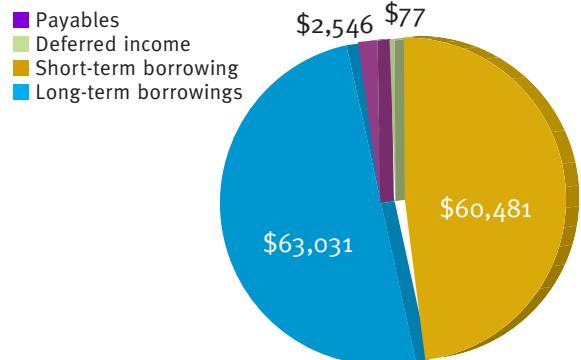
Assets (Pre-Audit 2020) – \$'000



CDA Core Operating Expenses Pre-Audit 2020 – \$'000



Liabilities (Pre-Audit 2020) – \$'000



Financial results are pre-audit. Please refer to Charities Services for our full consolidated annual financial statements at: www.charities.govt.nz.

Mihi whakatau
for new staff
in Diocese



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