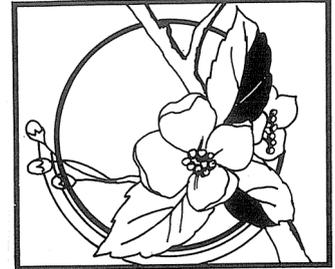


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LENT 2016



We are now well into the Church's season of 'Lent'. The word *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon *Lencten* which means: *spring*. Historically 'Lent' is a time of preparation leading up to Easter and the celebration of what is known in the Church as *The Paschal Mystery*. In the northern hemisphere this period of time is meant to coincide with nature's season of *Spring*. So the themes of 'spiritual growth' during Lent and 'new life' at Easter fit in well with the cycle of *Spring*.

However in the southern hemisphere Lent and Easter occur as nature moves to *Autumn*. An unfortunate consequence of this would appear to be an over-emphasis on a more somber approach to Lent and Easter as it runs parallel to nature's cycle of decay and death. The question we as individuals on our spiritual journeys have to ask is: 'Are Lent's spiritual growth and Easter's new life, being accurately addressed by the traditional focuses the Church portrays during this important season?'

Two of the Church's traditional focuses during Lent have been: *self-denial* and *fasting*. These two practices (which are not necessarily the same) are presumably meant to foster spiritual growth and lead to new life. But how effective are these ideas in really addressing the big underlying issues they are directed at such as *consumerism* or as spiritual masters would say: *acquisition*? We have a tendency to acquire things, and the materialistic society in which we live, exploits this to the full.

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First Hand News - Jackie Overall

Hello Readers,

I hope that you all had a good Christmas and new year. I spend Christmas day with all my girls in Levin and it was so good to spend wonderful time with them. Also I was worked through the holidays and it was very quiet week. I like it.

I was very sick with viral for nearly two weeks and get better slowly. Doctor said there are some people who have the viral going around. Hopefully I will come 100% better soon.

JOINED JESUS - John 15:1-8 :- Jesus talked to his disciples, he said that he is like a vine and his disciples are like the branches, in Verse 4 Jesus said "Stay joined to me and I will stay joined to you. No branch can produce fruit alone. It must stay connected to the vine. It is the same with you. You cannot produce fruit alone. You must stay joined to me." We can stay joined to Jesus through prayer, Bible study and our obedience. But when we do not stayed joined to Jesus, we do not have his power. Then we are not able to show his love and good works to other people. Think about your life today. Be sure that you are joined to Jesus and are growing in Him. Prayer- Dear God I want to always be joined to Jesus. In his name. Amen.



God Bless *Jackie*

Hello Everyone

New Year's greetings to you all! It seems amazing that we are almost at Easter already. Of course Easter is early this year in March and the school holidays are not until later in April. January is traditionally a quieter time at the Catholic Deaf Centre but things certainly picked up in February. We had our first Diocesan Centre Staff meeting on the 5th of February and this provided a good opportunity to set some broad indications of where we are heading this year. A theme for the Diocese is 'Dynamic Consolidation' which indicates growth and continuing to develop the parish amalgamations which have been happening recently not only in our diocese but also around New Zealand's 6 Catholic Dioceses.

This Dynamic Consolidation is also an important focus for the Catholic Deaf Centre and this year we will be approaching it in two main ways. Firstly, I will be endeavouring to establish stronger links Deaf and hearing-impaired children (and their parents) in our Catholic schools in the Palmerston North and Wellington diocese. These young people are the future of our ministry and so concerted efforts will be made to engage with them and discover their aspirations and dreams and how we can support them in attaining them. In the Palmerston North diocese I will be visiting schools in Taranaki in March and Hawke's Bay in April as well as keeping an eye on our schools in the Manawatu area.

As well as meeting the pupils and teachers, I will also try and meet as many of the parents as possible as they obviously play a crucial role in supporting their Deaf and hearing-impaired children. In the Wellington diocese there are significant numbers in the Hutt Valley whom I hope to visit after Easter. Luckily I have a strong Deaf leadership group based at St.'s Peter and Paul's, Lower Hutt. I am confident that once we have set-up a good relationship with the schools, the leadership group will be able to show a lot of support and investigate ways we can involve younger people in our ministry.

The second main way the Catholic Deaf Centre will address Dynamic Consolidation this year will be through the technological revolution. Large numbers of Deaf people are connected to each other through FaceBook. This is the social media forum significantly shaping the way people communicate today. It is therefore important that the Catholic Deaf Centre makes optimum use of this media. To this end we are undertaking a major technological makeover in the first quarter of 2016. We will be acquiring a new up-to-date, fast laptop which will enable us to make maximum use of communicating by technology.

We will also be setting up a Catholic Deaf Centre page which will hopefully put us in touch with a lot more people. Once this is established I will put our *link* in the next Deaf Southern Star—due out in June and you will all be able to experience our ministry and what we are on about in a new way. To achieve this we will be getting expert advice and help with page design etc. Hopefully it will involve being able to access our services through more NZSL and videos. These two areas of ministry growth will be keys to the future direction of the Catholic Deaf Centre. There will of course be other exciting developments, especially around access to the extensive St. Dominic's Archives which hold some very interesting materials, and also strategies for reaching out to the growing number of older hearing-impaired people in our parishes.

So 2016 has kicked off well and there will be a lot of things happening in the coming months. Two of our Catholic Deaf Leaders: Jackie Overall and Evelyn Seymour-East will be undertaking their 5th TCI paper: PM101—Church and Ministry, which I will be teaching in NZSL this year. Our aim is to have them graduate with a Diploma in Pastoral Ministry by 2018. Each of their previous 4 papers have been done with a number of members of our Catholic Deaf community who have also participated at the teachings for the learning and to support Jackie and Evelyn. We wish them well in their studies this year.

Other exciting developments continuing this year include the growth of the Deaf Café organized by our Wellington Catholic group which meets every month in Lower Hutt, and further developments in strengthening our groups in the Whanganui / Taranaki regions and Hawke's Bay. Finally, very big congratulations to Mary Johnson on becoming a Minister of the Eucharist in her parish: St. Dominic's, Blockhouse Bay. There is a photo of Mary with her Certificate on page 7.

God Bless *David*

Burning Issues

- Reaching out to new Catholic Deaf and hearing-impaired and their parents through the schools
- Catholic Signs Vocab and Prayer Resources in NZSL

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DSS 03:

Lachie Bartlett's Head Prefect Speech



Introduction from David Loving-Molloy: Lachie Bartlett is profoundly Deaf and was Head Prefect at St. Bede's College in Christchurch in 2015. He is now studying Law at Canterbury University. This is Lachie's end-of-the-year speech before leaving school:

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

Good Evening Mr Boyle, Mrs McKendry, Mr Chambers, Staff, parents and fellow Bedeans. This time two years ago I was sitting out there laughing, thinking good luck to the person who has to follow Rahul's speech. This time last year I was too nervous, to find any pointer from Jared's Speech. But even now standing up on this stage with one more day left at this magnificent college, the words spoken from Mr Boyle's mouth **'you are Head Boy'** are still trying to sink in.

The other day I drove past the front field looking out from the dusty windows of a 1997 Toyota Corolla. It was hard to do anything but look in awe at Durham and front fields. It is so hard to put into words. Just that feeling that you belong to somewhere special and that the people of that College placed their trust in me to lead the student body for 2015. At the start of the year if you had asked me what Head Boy was going to be like I would have said an absolute blast. Now though I can only make Mr Cropp proud and quote Socrates for **'the only thing I know is I know nothing.'**

Launched into the Marist Network at the start of this year, they taught the attributes of being a leader, showing how they lead, stirring the confidence within me. However if I have learnt anything this year other than how hard Level 3 Chemistry is, is that leadership cannot be taught or inherited but must be practised every day. For me John Quincey Adams paints the perfect picture of leadership **'If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more you are a leader... So face your challenges head on.'** This mirrors our College's motto. Six Years ago I saw the Latin words on the cover of the enrolment form and I read ***fide et opera***. Six years have passed and not only can I now pronounce the words properly but I have realised the weight in which the words carry. **'Fide et Opere'. '(By) Faith and (by) Works'**. Three words. The Heart of both St Bede's and the Gospel. We are taught that Faith is an incredible gift, however is rendered useless without action.

This has been reflected through how we are asked every day to overcome challenges. Challenges. They aren't racist, they aren't sexist, they don't favour ages, or target those with disabilities. They happen to everyone. A leveller for all. Everyone has their unique challenges. 17 years ago in Dunedin Hospital, a good looking baby was diagnosed with deafness and his mother and father were told he would never talk. Now they wish he didn't talk. I owe everything and a little bit more to my family. To St Bede's College, you have ensured that my deafness has gone from a challenge to a gift.

We as a College have been greeted with challenges, some in which we will face for years to come. But as Michael Jordan once said **'Everything negative- pressure or challenges is an opportunity for me to rise.'** From the years of 2011 to 2015 St Bede's has been faced with challenges which have shaken the very core of this Schools foundations. We have seen buildings be closed, demolished and dismantled to the last brick. However as we have seen many times this year the buildings have been renovated, mended and reconstructed. The physical revival of this College is a metaphor for the strength of the Bedean Spirit. From the field to the stage, classroom to the chapel we have all been greeted with challenges which are the bricks of the buildings that surround us.

As Bedeans it is our choice to use these bricks to build a wall or a bridge. The First Fifteen are the perfect illustration of Bedeans overcoming their challenges. Losing their first two games they had their critics, one being me. However supported by the distinctive leadership of Declan, Dylan and Mr Langley, they turned their wall into a bridge going on to achieve one of the biggest highlights of the year, winning the UC Cup. This year we have had amazing successes which have emerged out of challenges. From the rugby, to football, cricket and hockey, to rowing to the Variety Concert to the 40 hour adoration to the Bishop Lyons debate where the B.R.A made their first appearance. Supporting Bedeans in their challenges has been the biggest highlight of my year.

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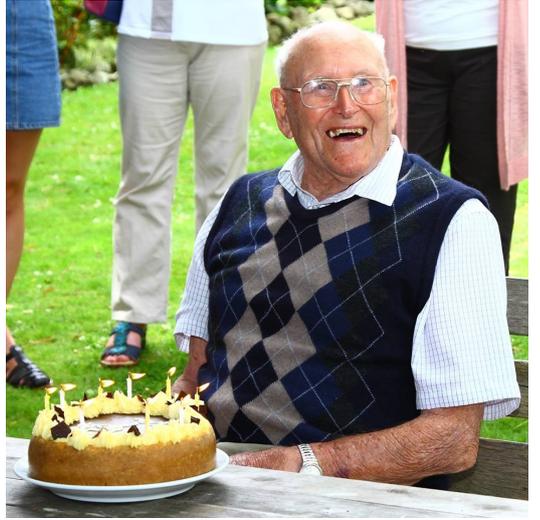
December 2015 Photos



Deaf at our December Interpreted Mass celebrations: Above the Palmerston North group at St. Mary's, Palmerston North, and below the Wellington group at St.'s Peter and Paul's, Lower Hutt



Photos of Celebrations



Photos above and on the right taken at Jack Koat's 90th Birthday celebration. Above, Jack with his children and nieces and nephews and at right he is with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Photos on the left and below taken at Pat and Patsy Kuklinski's Golden Wedding anniversary celebrations. On the left are the Kuklinski mafia smoking Havana's! Below left is the family and below right are the two Gate-crashers!



Photo Gallery



Photos from a recent Dominican Sisters gathering in Dunedin. Above is a photo of some Sisters who were at St. Dominic's Feilding. In the back row L to R: Sr. Paddy (Antonia), Sr. Maureen (Liguori), Sr. Judith (Virginia), and sitting L to R: Sr. Molly (Mercedes), and Sr. Nola (Martin)

Below is a photo of the Sisters celebrating their Jubilees this year: Back row L to R: Sr. Elizabeth Mackie (60th Jubilee), Sr. Joan Hardiman (60th Jubilee), Sr. Maureen O'Hanlon (60th Jubilee), and sitting L to R: Sr. Roxane Parkinson (60th Jubilee) and Sr. Paddy McCann (50th Jubilee)



Recent Photos



Auckland photos—on the left is Christina Van der Hooft. On the right is Mary Johnson holding her Certificate upon becoming a Minister of the Eucharist for her parish of St. Dominic's, Blockhouse Bay.



Below is a group photo of Dominican Sisters who attended the gathering in Dunedin recently. See if you can spot the St. Dominic's ones? Who is missing?



A TIME FOR PRAYER

Special Prayers:

We pray for those who have died recently and we remember all those below whose anniversaries occur in the next 3 months. We also pray for those who are sick or in need of our prayers.

Anniversaries—

March:

07 / 03 / : Ms. Rose Maher
02 / 03 / 91: Andrew Smith
17 / 03 / 92: S.M. St. John OP
15 / 03 / 97: S.M. Theophane OP
06 / 03 / 02: Cecelia Burr
03 / 03 / 04: Maria Molloy
27 / 03 / 05: Claude Norman
15 / 03 / 13: Johannes Ooteman

April:

01 / 04 / 88: Herbert Mayall
04 / 04 / 95: Alice Wong
04 / 04 / 00: Jack Johnston
09 / 04 / 02: Maurice Brough
15 / 04 / 03: Mr. Overall
13 / 04 / 04: Christina Galvin
15 / 04 / 04: Catherine Belcher
29 / 04 / 04: Charles Wong
11 / 04 / 05: Patricia Dugdale
14 / 04 / 07: Cullum Florence
15 / 04 / 07: Edwin Mackie
30 / 04 / 09: Judy Creighton
27 / 04 / 14: Nancy Barker

May:

11 / 05 / 86: Peter Tait
28 / 05 / 87: Herbert Thomas Allen
15 / 05 / 88: Mitchell Tait
26 / 05 / 91: Harold Griffin
14 / 05 / 93: Marlyn Crayton
21 / 05 / 92: Stuart Reid
03 / 05 / 95: Kevin Meyer
06 / 05 / 97: Joan Bailey
13 / 05 / 97: Patrick Morgan
29 / 05 / 98: Priscilla Woods
05 / 05 / 03: S.M. Declan OP
22 / 05 / 03: Michael O'Hanlon
21 / 05 / 05: Lyndsey Rush
20 / 05 / 06: Gay Halcrow
20 / 05 / 09: Leonie Nicolle
31 / 05 / 12: Keith Gordon
19 / 05 / 14: Ray McMillan
26 / 05 / 14: Pearl Cairns

Lachie Bartlett's Speech continued:

Each Bedean wears the Blazer with pride and by proving to themselves what they are capable of they inspire others, they lead. Despite all the challenges that the St Bede's community has faced, there is something timeless that binds this College. The Bedean. In Year 9 Mr Ven asked the infamous 9L when we thought we were confirmed as Bedeans. Some boys answered, the first day you step into the College, others on your last day driving down Momorangi. For me it is each morning I put on that blazer, a new day, new promises, new challenges, but with the same Bedeans brothers. Regardless of whether you are receiving your Old Boy ties tomorrow or getting ready for another four years we will always have the duty to be a Bedean each day whether it be on the farm, in a lecture hall, the field but most importantly at home.

This year would have been impossible to get through without the help of so many people. Thank You for me are two words which will never be able to be enough for what you have done.

Working with Mr Boyle and Mr Davidson, two completely different men was amazing for regardless of their differences they are driven by the same desire, ensuring each Bedean becomes the best possible version of the person God created them to be. For this thank you to both of you.

Mrs Pitcaithly has shown some stern Bedean ticker to put up with this Year's charismatic prefect team. Your laugh and smile will be missed by all us boys. To the learning support ladies. Regardless of whether I was scared to be alone in the quad in Year 9, or needed a break in Year 13 your door was always open. Your support ensures every Bedean, especially those who face one or more challenges each day can leave with a smile on their face.

To Mrs Kissick, you are the true definition of a Bedean, thank you for all your guidance in helping us overcome more than just our sporting challenges.

To the Prefects you have been some of the most diverse and charismatic guys I have ever had to work with. Thanks for the endless hours that you have put in behind the scenes that so many people are unlucky enough to see. To George, Gerard, Josh and Cogs thank you for always going the extra mile.

To the teachers, for those who taught me thank you for giving me the extra help when I needed it, and for those who didn't thank you for all the work you put into every Bedean.

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Wellington News

Wellington Catholic Deaf Community News – written by Clare Holtham and Mary Fifield

Our monthly Masses continue each month – after Mass we join together for a cuppa, friendship and a time of sharing.

Our last Mass for 2015 was in December - after Mass we gathered, as usual, in the presbytery for our Christmas morning tea. Each of us shared our plans for our Christmas celebrations – it was a joyful time.

The Wellington Catholic Deaf Committee met in December to plan for our Masses and gatherings for 2016. The Deaf Cafe team also met in December to plan Deaf Cafe for 2016.

Our first Mass for the year was on Sunday 14 February – it was great to catch up with each other again. After we had enjoyed our cuppa and catching up with each other's news from the holiday period we reflected on the works of mercy in our everyday lives and shared how we do this – lots of ideas were shared – we learned a lot about mercy from each other.

Our first Deaf Cafe for the year was on Wednesday 24 February – it went well. We remembered to take a few photos. Some are below.

Our next interpreted Mass will be on Sunday 6 March at St Peter & Paul's Church, Lower Hutt at 9.30am. Alisha Davidson will interpret.

The next Deaf Cafe will be on Wednesday 16 March at St Peter & Paul's Church Hall, 60 Knights Road, Lower Hutt at 10am. Deaf Cafe is free – all are very welcome to join us.



Deaf Café

For Deaf and Hearing Impaired People



Readers News

News from Marilyn Welham:

Hi, my name is Marilyn Welham. Last year (25th December) I was volunteer to help table hosts for Christmas lunch and very busy to help people. This year, last month (January) I have one month off work to clean up my flat, gardens, mow lawn. The flat is clean now might be sell. I pray for my whole year will be good for my 65th birthday in July and I was Salvation Army soldier since September 2006, will be 10 years in September 2016. I can't believe my eyes. I love it very much.

On the 5th February I started back at work at Burger King. My boss and staff all missed me very much. All the people who work there love me and were very happy to see me. I will have worked there for 14 years on the 7th March and will be 15 years in March 2017—is pretty long service work. God bless you all from

Marilyn



The Christchurch Catholic Deaf group at their first Interpreted Mass for 2016 at Sacred Heart, Addington on 14th February. L to R: Amy Hewgill (Interpreter), Sophia Janiec, Rebecca Finch, Claire Liddicoat, and Dennis Tod

Lachie Bartlett's Speech continued:

I started off this speech with the words of St Augustine, which has been our special character focus for this year. There are 902 Bedeans, staff and students. It is rare to find a place where everyone wants the best for those around them. The spirit that bounds every Bedean can only be explained by one word. Unbreakable. Everyone at St Bede's wants the best for the person next to them, and it is year. This endless devotion to serving others that makes does not make this a school, but a second home.

To the Year 13's, tomorrow we will leave this home after 5 years. We are the last year of boys who were standing in this College when the Earthquake of 2011 struck. This brought us together. We have seen the physical College been brought to its knees and we have been here to pick it up.

Going from the leaders of this school to nobodies in a world which does not know what's coming. We came to this place as boys and leave as men. We have faced our challenges, and are prepared for those that are waiting for us. To the men of 2016, it's your year, make your own challenges, overcome them and take every opportunity that St Bede's offers you.

Regardless of whether you have one year or four years left at this place, use them. Make mistakes, learn from them, take the opportunities, because your time here will go faster by the day. Stay strong to the unbreakable foundations of the Bedean Spirit. Build on traditions, make your own, shake the foundations of this College for we have seen what happens when they are tested. They stand firm. And each Bedean rises from them.

Corinthians states that *'We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;... For it is God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"*. Your challenges will change you, mould you and make you. Face them regardless of whether the red or black is on or off. Use your faith, use your knowledge, use your brothers, use your family and be a Bedean who through God anything will be possible. Thank You.

It could be argued that consumerism has long had a stranglehold over Christmas. The Christmas season is seen as a time for getting things: presents, big dinners, and entertainment. And so moving into Lent is an opportunity to redress the excesses of the festive season by self-denial and fasting. But what is self-denial and fasting really about? We are often asked: 'What are you giving up for Lent?' There is an assumption here that self-denial, fasting, and spiritual growth during Lent are all about renunciation. But Anthony de Mello once wrote: "Anytime you're practicing renunciation, you're deluded."

Anytime we renounce something, we are tied forever to the thing we renounce. As long as I fight something, I am giving it power. So I must 'receive' my demons. The only way out of it is not to renounce it but to *see through it* and to *understand its true value*. When I understand the true value of something, it has no power over me and I can drop it. Most of the time, we have been hypnotized into believing that we won't be happy without one thing or another. Religious teachings can mistakenly give the impression that some things are inherently bad when the real issue is more about moderation and the true value of something.

Another mistaken view about self-denial is that it can be seen as 'forgetting oneself'. People are often unaware of what they are actually saying when they good-intentionally encourage us to: 'forget yourself and go out in love to others.' This is probably the worst thing we could do when we are trying to help others. I learnt about this during my counselling training some years ago. Of course part of the whole focus in counselling is what could be described as '*effective listening*'. What we student counsellors discovered at the time was that while it is obviously important to listen to a client, it was much more important for me to listen to myself; otherwise I will be reacting from my own prejudices and conditioning. So to go out and try and help others, with the attitude of forgetting oneself, is a huge mistake.

What about fasting? Causing pain to oneself can sometimes be defended under the guise of fasting. However this is in fact self-defeating and counterproductive. We are never so full of ourselves and centered on ourselves as when we are in pain. For example, I can think of how conscious I am of my tooth when I have a toothache. When I don't have a toothache I am not even aware that I have a tooth or a head for that matter when I don't have a headache. But it is very different when I have a toothache or headache. Conversely we are never so free of ourselves, as when we are happy. Happiness releases one from oneself. It is suffering, pain, misery and depression that tie me to myself.

It comes back to that ability to *see through* something and *understand its true value* which will enable us to work towards balance in our lives. This ability is not something which just happens overnight. It takes time, practice, and discipline. It raises the question of if one is in touch with a healthy balance, is there any need for fasting? So instead of seeing fasting as some necessary religious sacrifice, Lent is a time when I could really be looking at how I can achieve a healthy balance in my life.

Donations, Deadlines and...

We hope you have enjoyed this 1st Quarter issue of DSS for 2016. The Catholic Deaf Centre wishes to sincerely thank all the faithful readers who have generously given donations towards the production of our newsletter. Without your support we would not be able to reach as many people as we do. We keep you in our prayers. Don't forget this is your newsletter. The coverage of the DSS depends on who sends the stories and news to us. If you would like to see some news from your area in the DSS, we encourage YOU to send us some news and photos about what is happening in your area. DSS readers are very keen to know how things are going with YOU. DSS comes out quarterly so there is plenty of time to get your news in for the next issue. Our next deadline date for news, stories and photos is:

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