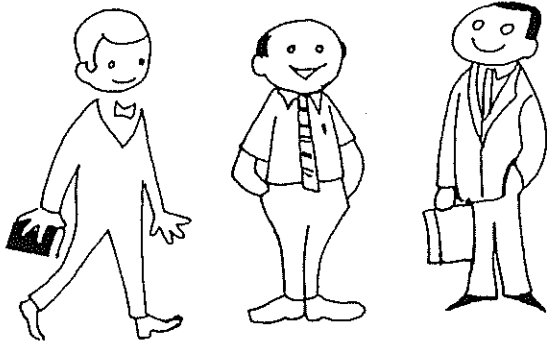


T H E L E A D E R S

St. Anthony's has been served from the beginning by many dedicated and committed parishioners, led by the Parish Pastoral Council. Their Chairmen each stamped their own personalities on various activities over the years.

They were:-

Frank Sullivan
John Faire
Terry Rist
Jack Cranston
Bryan Wannell
Eddie Moesbergen
Joe Doherty



These men, with the Parish Priests, were responsible for the growth and progress of the Parish.

Today, we are developing a new style P.P.C., comprising of 5 Co-ordinators under the banners of LITURGY, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, PARISH MANAGEMENT, SECRETARIAL and OUTREACH. Outside of this, as required by Canon Law, the Parish Priest has a Finance Committee to assist him with financial matters, as and when needed.

PARISH MANAGEMENT is responsible for works, parish plant and maintenance. OUTREACH encompasses all social welfare and family activity. Each Co-ordinator will take the "Chair" in turn for a period of several months. R.E. Co-ordinator Lafaele (Rafe) Setefano is the first Chairman under this new structure.

We ask for your prayers that this evolvement will meet the needs of our continued growth within the Parish and our Mangere Christian community, into the future.

FROM FORMER LONG-SERVING PARISH PRIEST

Fr. Joe Shepherd.

Thank you for inviting me to contribute to this Jubilee Celebration of St. Anthony's Parish. The Franciscans left a wonderful spirit of Faith and life. I was called quickly at the death of Father Bede Bloxham in November 1979 for the First Holy Communion Mass and found great warmth, cooperation and friendliness. Sister Rosa Courtney came to help. A brave lady full of gifts and talents, her time was short and she excited to empower others and to make our parish move. Rosa contributed to R.E., Liturgy and gave her gifts to others generously.

Nine years in Saint Anthony's built unbreakable friendships, gave me the special privilege of being close to my parents in their old age and alerted a new appreciation of the wonders of multi-culture, the song and dance and fun of polynesia, the strong faith, piety, love and loyalty of families to each other and to the parish.

The return of the Franciscans is a compliment, a dream come true, for Brother Andrew and Father Bede were so greatly loved and now I am sure the bond with the Franciscan style will be permanent. We sold a little land, tried to improve our property, left the parish debt free, with a hall for extra community activity. But now the church is redesigned and the property is manicured. The Garden is a witness to the good life and strength in the parish.

Finally let me wish Saint Anthony's a long, strong life, clear and living witness to the alternative that we can all find in Christ.

May the days of celebrations be fine, the future of Saint Anthony's great for God, for all who share her life and those who come to her with need or sorrow.

Great days we shared.

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