Greetings and peace to you!

Over the past several decades, St. Anthony Parish of Mangere Bridge has held its Annual Fair. This year it will be held on the 29th of September. For many parishioners, the Annual Fair is an opportunity to share and unite under a common purpose: through service in faith and generosity, we can ensure the wellness of our Church as one family in Christ. A key enabler of this wellness is establishing the Annual Fair as a financial success. If we can achieve this, it allows us to continue raising more funds towards the parishes' hall project.

St. Anthony Parish has served as a key point for worship and companionship for the Catholic community of both Mangere Bridge and wider South Auckland. The church is under the Auckland Diocese and Father Manoj Kunnath is our Parish Priest. Masses are celebrated at the church every day including Saturdays and Sundays to which everyone is most welcome. The church caters to 300 to 500 parishioners from various ethnic groups including Indian, Chinese, Pakeha, Pasifika and Maori.

It is through St. Anthony Parish's service over the past half century that many initiatives are made available. These include family support services, a childcare centre, foodstuffs donations and participation in wider community services. What may be considered odd to many is that quite often these initiatives are provided by parishioners who don’t have much themselves and who quite often go without. As such, we acknowledge that the efforts to ensure the wellness of our Church and its parishioners can’t take effect unless we have the support of everyone in our community.

This is where you come in!

We are seeking your generosity in helping us to make this year’s Annual Fair a financial success. You can assist by donating any items that we can either sell or raffle off on the day. This includes hampers, frozen foods such as chicken or meat packs, furniture, equipment, clothing, fruits, vegetables, toys, books, pot plants, company-branded balloons, etc. Monetary donations are also gratefully welcomed and accepted. The preferred dates for collection are between the 24th and 28th of September 2018. However, we will gladly make alternative arrangements for collection earlier upon request.

Your kind support and generous donation will be very much appreciated. To make an offer or make arrangements for picking up your donation, please contact our Mangere Catholic Parishes Administrator Teresa Ah Wa on either 09 275 5401 Alternatively, you can send an email to office@mangerecatholic.org.nz.

We hope to hear from you soon, and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Grace and peace,

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