



A place to call home

THIS EXCITEMENT has not been seen before in Auckland City Mission's 100-year history.

The mission will next year finish a purpose-built headquarters including 40 apartments for homeless people and another 40 for people on the social housing register.

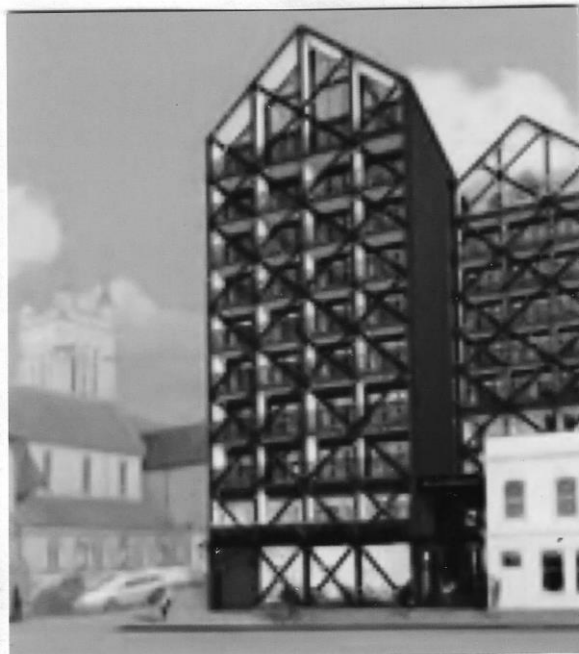
The Mission Home Ground is a project unlike anything ever seen in New Zealand.

It will be - unusually in a city centre - the mission's and people's

turangawaewae – a place to share and eat food, a place for health services and advice, emergency support and activities, and amenities for people already working with the mission and the wider Auckland community.

HomeGround will be the place from which the mission will tackle food insecurity and hunger. The design embodies sustainability, form and function.

"HomeGround will be a building for all of Auckland to be proud of.



Auckland City Mission's new HQ, called HomeGround, will be on Hobson Street, surrounding the original building (right) and near St Matthew's church (left).

How will it be paid for? Already \$74 million is raised, and only \$16 million more is needed.

Says the mission: "We hope we can take you with us... in getting the project over the line".

Every donation is welcome to get this project finished. 100% of anything you can give will be put towards HomeGround. Please visit the website: www.aucklandcitymission.org.nz/homeground or talk to your parish rep about how you can donate.

Bishop Jim on leave

BISHOP JIM White has taken extended sick leave, hoping to deal with illness discovered in late 2017.

Here is how he tells it:

"Most of you will be aware that for a couple of months late in 2017 I was very unwell.

"The doctors decided that my illness was most likely an overreaction by my body to some kind of mystery virus and I seemed to get better. During Christmas and summer (2018/19) I have again been very ill.

"After a long search it has finally been established that I have a rare kind of Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma (Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma). The diagnosis proved elusive because this lymphoma is very rare.

"I began chemotherapy in [mid February]. I will be on extended sick-leave, possibly until the end of the year, as it is expected that the chemotherapy will be very demanding and I will be vulnerable to coughs and colds that, in my case, could be life-threatening.

"I ask that you might pray for me, as I do for you."

Bishop Ross Bay comments:

"We add our prayers to yours for Bishop Jim in all

Turn the page

Annual meeting

next Sunday

March 10, 11am

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Ash Wednesday service

A SIMPLE Ash Wednesday service, with imposition of ashes, will be held on Wednesday evening, March 6, at 7pm at the church. All welcome.

Jesus said:

'I WILL show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose the river burst against that house but could not shake it because it had been well built.'

Luke 6:46-48

Reflections, readings in John's first letter

THERE'S STILL time to join the group reading and reflecting on John's first letter (1 John) in the New Testament.

This is our Lenten study. Collect the handouts from the table near the door.

We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8pm -- but not every Wednesday.

Meetings will run to Easter, as follows: March 13, March 20, April 3, April 17 (final).

The theme of the reflections is 'The Main Things As Told By John', i.e. the main things about being a Christian, as explained by John to church(s) in his region where the teaching and departure of some 'stirrers' had unsettled the believers.

Sunday Bible readings

Mar 3 -- Isa 55:10-13, Ps 92:1-4, 12-15, 1 Cor 15:51-58, Luke 6:39-49.

Mar 10 -- Deut 26:1-11, Ps 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13.

Mar 17 -- Gen 15:1-12, 17-18, Ps 27, Phil 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35.

Mar 24 -- Isa 55:1-9, Ps 63:1-8, 1 Cor 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9.

Mar 31 -- Josh 5:9-12, Ps 32, 2 Cor 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

Pancakes anyone?

ALAS, OUR pancake maker Lindsay Nash will no longer preside over the pleasant custom of Sunday pancakes as a pointer to Lent.

Pancakes are (were?) standard fare on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday which is the beginning of Lent.

D.H. Wheaton explains: "On this day in the Middle Ages the faithful were expected to attend confession with a priest for the purpose of being absolved (or 'shriven') to as to begin Lent in the right spiritual state.



Bishop Jim

that lies ahead. Our first concern is for him and what we can do to support him through this period of treatment.

"We are conscious there will be an impact on our ability to offer care and oversight at the usual level. The episcopal team will be meeting soon to determine how we manage our work in the immediate time ahead, and for the remainder of the year. We will communicate any changes to you.

"In the meantime, keep in touch with us as you need; please make contact with members of the team in the usual way.

"Thank you for your forbearance with us through this time."



A GROUP of St Francis Titirangi folks enjoyed this weekend (Mar 2-3) with fellow 'St Franciscans' at Tairua, Coromandel coast, where the Anglican church is named after our patron saint and has a local shared ministry. Seen at morning tea (from left): Freda, Albie, Trevor and Christine.