**A Brief History**

1921 -29 June- Holy Cross Convent blessed and opened. Sisters go into residence.

1921 - Father O'Byrne takes up residence at 88 St Andrews Road.

1922 - 2 May - Blessing and Opening of Church-school.

1925 - 6 September - New church opened.

1928 - 16 May - 12 Atherton Road was bought as the presbytery.

1928 - 3 September - Old convent building destroyed by fire but no injuries.

1929 - September - Auckland City Council bought a triangle of land to extend Banff Avenue.

1934 - 12 Atherton Road sold.

1935 - The existing presbytery was completed.

1951 - February - New Infant block and two tennis courts blessed and opened by Bishop Liston.

1953 - 7 June - Parish hall opened by Archbishop Liston.

1957/8 - Presbytery enlarged and brick-clad.

1966 - 25 September - New sanctuary and extra seating in church blessed.

1974 - 28 November - A piece of land purchased from convent. Sisters of Mercy leave to live at Onehunga and rent convent building to Mr & Mrs Griffin.

1978 - Alterations to church porch.

1981 - Sisters of Mercy return to convent.

1987 - September - the large Norfolk pine and adjacent trees of Banff Avenue fenceline cut down.

1988 - December - the Mercy Spiritual Life Centre opened.

1989 -29 August - Approval granted to undertake upgrade of hall.

1991- Lurline Avenue (blue) house discussed, shifted and renovated.

1992 - New school buildings opened.

1994 - Sanctuary altered and altar brought closer to congregation.

1995 - Extra classroom created from school library and school library moved into end of the hall.

1995 - Parish 75th Jubilee

1999 - New Classroom and staffroom for school.

2000 - Steering towards 2001

2000 - Confessionals refurbished

2001 - Church entry refurbished

Feb 2002 - Marist priests leave Parish and Diocese