

CHURCH ; ST PATRICK'S, KAPONGA

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# Parishioners to celebrate first Mass

KAPONGA'S St Patrick's Church parishioners will celebrate the centenary of the first Mass in the Kaponga district on March 17.

And in the lead-up to that date nine Masses would be conducted during the next few weeks with various groups in the parish arranging the service, said parish council chairperson Sue Johnson.

Last Thursday international Mass had been organised by the Swiss, Irish and Dutch community.

"The early settlers in Kaponga were predominantly Swiss and Irish and the Dutch came later in the 1950s," said Mrs Johnson.

And on Tuesday the children from the parish school had dressed up in clothes from bygone days and organised the liturgy.

"So each section of the parish is having something to do with the centenary," she said.

After Mass on March 17 a pot luck luncheon would be held in the Kaponga Town Hall.

Mrs Johnson said anyone who had had any involvement with the parish over the years would be most welcome to attend.

**LEFT:** Pictured at the international Mass celebration held in St Patrick's Church in Kaponga on Thursday with their respective nativelyland's flags are (from left) Pat Crowley (Irish), Rudi Dudli (Swiss) and Derek Weel (Dutch).