



# PUKEKARAKA, OTAKI

The Church of Hāto Mere, established in 1840  
**1st December 2024, the first Sunday in Advent, Cycle C**  
Our Sunday Celebration is at 10.00 am

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## Masses & Liturgies & Feast Days for the coming week

Monday	10 am Liturgy & Communion, Old Church	
Tuesday	10 am Mass, Old Church	St Francis Xavier
Wednesday	10 am Mass, Old Church	St John Damascene
Thursday	10 am Mass, Old Church	
Friday	10 am Mass. Old Church	St Nicholas
Saturday		

**Pope Francis said: We need to be vigilant so that our daily life does not become routine, and, as Jesus says, so we are not burdened by life's anxieties. Today is a good moment to ask ourselves: what weighs on my heart, what weighs on my spirit, am I aware or indifferent to the burdens that weigh on the shoulders of [others]? These are good questions as they guard our hearts against apathy, the enemy of the spiritual life.'**

**Pope Francis, Angelus, [First Sunday of Advent](#) 28/11/2021**

*'...we know that authentic faith not only gives strength to the human heart, but also transforms life, transfigures our goals and sheds light on our relationship to others and to creation as a whole'. Laudate Deum 61*

**Action:** What does guarding against apathy and indifference look like for you as you begin your 2024 Advent journey?

**Mass for Life & Adoration** is to be held at St Marys of the Angels in Wellington on Friday, December 6th at 7 pm. **The National March for Life** will be on Saturday 7th, meet at 1 pm for the Rosary at Parliament Grounds, the March will begin at 2 pm.

**Marian Passionist Family Group Monthly Coffee drop in**

**Date:** Saturday 7th December

**Time:** 11:00 am onwards, for coffee or lunch.

**Venue:** Red's Cafe, Arthur Street There's no need to RSVP. All welcome. Any questions phone Jill Robinson 0211032221

**The Sharing Table is coming back, whānau!** Look out for it on Sunday 15th December. The same arrangements as last time: Bring what you don't need and take what you can use. Suggested items to share could be from your pantry, preserves, baking, any excess from the garden, or small kitchen items. Before Mass place your items on the table in the foyer. After Mass, take what you can use.

If you have any questions, phone Jill Robinson, Facilitator, Ohu Arotake, 0211032221

**Archbishop's Appeal: Support Our Seminarians**

Throughout December, Archbishop Paul invites you to contribute to the Archbishop's Appeal, which supports the formation of our Archdiocesan seminarians. Your generous donations will help cover the costs of their education at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland, as well as their travel to and from the Archdiocese and ongoing pastoral care. Please consider making a gift to help nurture and support those preparing for a life of service to the Church. Donations can be made to 02-0536-0003306-13; Reference: your name; Code: AB Appeal.

**Christmas Day Mass times**

Christmas Mass times across the Archdiocese which covers the Greater Wellington region up to Levin and the Upper South Island will be listed on the Archdiocese of Wellington website mid-December. [www.wn.catholic.org.nz](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz)

**Shine TV - Christmas Day**

The Christmas Day Mass on Shine TV will be broadcast at 3.00pm for those unable to make it to Mass.

**The Welcome:** This is to advise that the December/January edition of WelCom will be distributed next week, not this week as previously scheduled. It will have a big feature on Pukekaraka this time so watch out for it,

**Please Consider giving Caritas a donation this Christmas:** Your donation will give families the tools and help they need to take control of their own lives and build a brighter future. Every donation, no matter the size, will make a real difference wherever the need is greatest. By supporting Caritas, you're helping to restore dignity and empower the vulnerable wherever the need is greatest. It is a gift that goes beyond a single individual, impacting a family and the community for generations to come. Thank you for your compassion this Christmas. Visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz> to make a donation

**FOOD FOR FAITH** for Advent.

Sign up at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz) to prepare for Christmas receiving daily email encouragements from Fr. John O'Connor's Food For Faith website.

**On Sale Now is the Columban Calendar** for \$16 and **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards** at \$5 a Packet. See Stephanie

**Parish Stall:** Marie has new Christmas items at the stall for those interested. People wanting to order the Book " God's Word" of the daily scriptures with reflections please let Marie know ASAP

**Family Christmas celebrations at Pukekaraka:** there will be a children's Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve and our Christmas Day Mass at 9 a.m.

**Christian perspectives on the Treaty Principles Bill - invitation to participate**

The government has introduced a Treaty Principles Bill. Ecumenical group Common Grace Aotearoa see this as a critical moment in this country's history. Even if the bill never becomes law, the conversations about it will influence how the Treaty is understood by many in years to come. As an Advent activity, Common Grace invites you to have your say on the Bill as a faith community or with friends, especially between Mon 25 November and Sun 15 December. They have a 90-minute video workshop on what the bill proposes and key concerns about it. Sign up for resources at [treatyandbelonging.nz/speakup](http://treatyandbelonging.nz/speakup). This invitation is supported by the Archdiocesan Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission.

**Year of Jubilee : Ngā Tapuwāe Jubilee Hikoi 2025**

Join in and experience the footsteps of Bishop Pompallier, Kupe, and the Poynton, with other pilgrims, together sharing our Catholic and Maori heritage. This is a guided pilgrimage. Information is available at [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/lifeinfaith/nga\\_tapuwae-2025](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/lifeinfaith/nga_tapuwae-2025) or contact Deacon Steve Fraser [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz) Registrations are now open. Dates are 10th to 12th January 2025. Own transport is required.

**Mark your calendar for Sunday the 1st of December** as after Miha Mass we plan to celebrate those who turn 80 years and beyond this year. It is a great milestone to reach this age, Pa Alan reached it last Saturday and Pa Phil will reach it after Christmas. This is to be a barbecue so let's make it a success and enjoy an octogenarian plus celebration.

**This Weeks Roster**

Date	Proclaimers	Eucharist Ministers	Greeters	Collectors	Linen Nov
1st Dec	Miha Maori	Miha Maori	John	Donna & Mike	Sue Carr

**Week ending 25 - 20th November - Faye Hanna**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN SOMEONE AT MASS FOR A WHILE**, please get in touch with them. Give them a ring or a visit and see how they are doing. Show we care.

**Lending each other a helping hand:** At Pukekaraka we can help: if you need assistance with transport to Mass. If you need extra support because you are sick or housebound. Please contact Jill Watson on 021 127 4072 or [pldjwatson@gmail.com](mailto:pldjwatson@gmail.com) to see how we may be able to support you.

**Notices for the newsletter:** These must be sent to [Pukekaraka1@gmail.com](mailto:Pukekaraka1@gmail.com) before Thursday at 3 pm each week to meet the deadline for Friday's newsletter. Thank you.

**Bank Account details for the following:**

St Mary's Otaki	St Vincent de Paul	Caritas
06 - 0821 - 0701736 - 00	03 - 1532 - 0028658 - 000	03 - 0518 - 0211216 - 003

**Meetings in the Faith Room:** Please book your meetings by placing them on the calendar on the Faith Room door and then text or send an email to Stephanie so we don't double up, and she knows who is coming into the office thank you. email [pukekaraka1@gmail.com](mailto:pukekaraka1@gmail.com) or text 021 253 1080, nga mihi.

**New to the Parish:** If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to the Welcomers on arriving at Mass on Sundays



**Safeguarding:** Safeguarding is about all of us working together for a safe culture, within the Community at Pukekaraka, protecting our young children and vulnerable adults. All the Safeguarding team members have completed and passed the Te Kupenga National Certificate of Safeguarding. If you have any concerns, please contact a team member, they are Phil McIntyre, Paul Bayliss, or Stephanie. More information is on our notice board.

**St Vincent de Paul, Established in Otaki in 1910:** On a Local Level, Food assistance is available, in the first instance via the Otaki Food Bank and then via SVDP Otaki at 021 0906 2653 by 5 pm daily, leaving your name and phone number. This number will take you to the SVDP Levin answer line, a member will contact us and we will be in touch with you and act the next day accordingly.

**Safety & Health Matters**

Please bring any concerns you have about the safety & health of the church buildings or property, to our attention. Contact Stephanie at 021 253 1080 or Send an email to [pukekaraka1@gmail.com](mailto:pukekaraka1@gmail.com)

**Please pray for the sick;** Gerard Koopmanschap - Father of Annette, Mia Kneepkens Matthew Kerr; Meila Davis, great-granddaughter of Janet Merino; Father David Orange; Winfred Clegg, mother of Robin Hartendorp; Mark Jacobsen, brother of Josie McIntyre; Ray Mackle; Gabrielle Rikihana; Meila Davis; Ann-Maree Stapp, whose illness has recurred; Geraldine Taylor, Kathleen Henry; Maurice Chaney; Rosalie Parsons; Pa David Gledhill; and parishioners who currently have Covid. Also, those affected by COVID-19. *May they feel the love of the Lord, and his comfort, and gain strength from Him during this time.*



**Okioki I runga I te rangimarie—** we remember those who have died, those whose anniversary occurs at this time and those who have passed away recently: Reverend Hira Royal 10/11/24, Frits Kroon, Father of Jos, who died in the Netherlands recently,