

PUKEKARAKA, OTAKI

Established in 1840

The Church of Hāto Mere

3rd September 2023, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A

Our Sunday Celebration is at 10.00 am

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Please do not come to church if you are sick, or have an ongoing cough. If you do cough in the church, please go out of the church while coughing.

LITURGIES THIS COMING WEEK FOR 4TH SEPTEMBER - 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023

NB: Over Winter, weekday liturgies will take place in the foyer of the main church where it is much warmer

Day	Time	Feast Day & Notes
Monday	9 am Liturgy Communion	<i>St-Gregory the Great</i>
Tuesday	10 am Liturgy Communion	
Wednesday	10 am Liturgy Communion	<i>Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta</i>
Thursday	10 am Liturgy Communion	
Friday	10 am Liturgy Communion	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Saturday		<i>St Peter Claver</i>
Sunday	10 am Mass	

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS: 'The task of "taking up the cross" becomes participating with Christ in the salvation of the world. Considering this, let us make sure that the cross hanging on the wall at home, or that little one that we wear around our neck, is a sign of our wish to be united with Christ in lovingly serving our brothers and sisters, especially the littlest and most fragile.'

Pope Francis, Angelus, 30 August 2020

THE SEASON OF CREATION begins this Sunday and continues to October 4th. This year's theme is "Me Rere te Manatikame te Rangimārie, Let Justice and Peace Flow" like a mighty river. We are called to "add to the flow of this mighty river by transforming our lifestyles." Pope Francis prays, "as followers of Christ on our common synodal journey, let us live, work and pray so that our common home may once again teem with life. May the Holy Spirit once more hover over the waters and guide our efforts to "renew the face of the earth" (cf. *Ps 104:30*).

You can read and reflect on Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation at -

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2023/documents/20230513-messaggio-gior-nata-curacreato.html>

HOLY WATER FONT: We will reintroduce our holy water font this Sunday as we focus on God's creation. Water is a powerful symbol of life in all its forms. The holy water will be changed each week. Please use it only if you feel comfortable and are well.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK (3RD -9TH SEPTEMBER) *Pohewatia te Rangimārie mō te Katoa: Ka tīmata tonu te rangimārie i roto i ā koe! / Imagine Peace for All: Peace begins with you!* is the theme for the next 3 years. We are invited by the Catholic Bishops this year to look inward at how we experience personal peace. How can we imagine and build peace in a way that each of us can be part of, rather than picturing it as something that can only happen in a perfect world? Jesus tells us "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27). Trusting in the peace that Jesus gives to each of us is the first step in building peace in the world around us. We are encouraged to take time to seek the peace of Christ and reflect on how to be a 'peacebuilder' in action.

NEW WORLD STICKERS: Catherine Lewin gave us the idea of collecting New World stickers with the new pots and pans to go towards the refugees in Levin, (this is being done in other churches). If you shop at New World and don't need the stickers please could you consider collecting the stickers and start earning the cookware, as outlined in the brochure for the refugees? Every \$20 spent earns 1 sticker. The new pots and pans would then be collected by Peter Mohan (021-026-74188) on behalf of St Vincent de Paul, and taken to the refugee centre in Levin to be given to new refugees when needed.

SICK PARISHIONERS

- If you are sick and can not attend Mass please phone Gerry Stevens on 027 243 2249 if you wish to receive communion and he will arrange for a Minister for the sick to bring it to you.
- If you are Sick and need support from the Pukekarakā Community please contact Jill Watson on 021 127 4072 or pldjwatson@gmail.com to see how we may be able to support you during this time, we are here to help.

SUNDAY ROSTERS

Date	Proclaimers	Eucharistic Ministers	Collectors	Main Church Cleaners
3.9.23	Miha Maori	Mihi Maori	Mary C & Bede	Raureti Whanau
10.9.23	Debbie & Mike	Kamau Holland	Vicki & Catherine	St Peter Chanel School

If anyone rostered on is unable to do their rostered duty, please arrange for someone to fill in for you. Contact lists are attached to the rosters. Thank you from the Liturgy team.

ANointing MASS: will be held on Wednesday 13th September at 10 am in the Main Church followed by a shared morning tea.

BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS FOR THE FOLLOWING: St Mary's Parish: **060821-0701736-**, Caritas: **03-0518-0211216-003**, St Vincent De Paul Otaki: **03-1532-0028658-000**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL URGENTLY REQUIRES reusable Pots/Pans and Single Sheets for the Levin Refugees. Please Contact Peter Mohan at 021-026-74188 who can pick them up.

THE KNITTING GROUP meets on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Faith Room. Anyone wishing to donate wool is most welcome to, see Mary Molloy or Stephanie. Our next project is to make hats and fingerless gloves for the Soup Kitchen in Tory St Wellington for them to have on hand and be able to give out as needed,

MEETINGS IN THE FAITH ROOM: Please book your meeting with Stephanie in the Faith Room so we don't double up, email 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 Welcomers on arriving at Mass Sunday



TIKI - SAFEGUARDING: Safeguarding is about us all working together for a safe culture within our Church at Pukekaraka, for the protection of our young children and vulnerable adults.

If you have any concerns please contact a member of the team - Anne Marie Stapp, Paul Bayliss. Phil McIntyre & Stephanie. There is more information on the Notice board.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: On a Local Level, Food assistance is available, in the first instance via the OtakiFood Bank and then via SVDP Otaki by phone 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, Members will contact us and we will be in touch with you and act the next day accordingly.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: Marie Faith, Paul Gerretzen (Chris's brother) Ken Mihaere, Godfrey Bennett, Rosalie Parsons, Pare Morea, Malcolm Harrison (husband of Moira Blake) & Fr David Gledhill and including parishioners who currently have Covid & Fathers Frank McGuire, and Peter O'Connell *May they feel the love of the Lord and his comfort, as they gain strength from him, during this time.*

PALMERSTON NORTH HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN: Staying in the hospital? The Catholic Hospital Chaplain is there for you, to look after your spiritual needs. Contact Kathleen Field at 021 509 436 or email kathleen.field@midcentralthb.govt.nz.

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



OKIOKI I RUNGA I TE RANGIMARIE – WE REMEMBER

- **Thelma McAsey, Mike's Aunt who lived in Australia**
- **Connor Doyle-Tawhara was killed in a motorbike accident recently**
- **Sue Lewin, wife of Mike and former parishioners**
- **Kerry Wales - the artist who touched up the backdrop in the old church**
- **Moria Lipyeat - John Craven's Aunt**
- **Arthur Henare**
- **Hinga Gardiner who died yesterday morning**
- **Aterea Brown**

"Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:19