

PUKEKARAKA, OTAKI

The Church of Hāto Mere, established in 1840

8th September 2024, 223rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

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. With Covid & Flu at peak numbers, and deaths on the rise again, when coughing the etiquette is to cough into your elbow and not to cough into your hands.

LITURGIES THIS COMING WEEK

Notes & Feast Days

Monday	10 am Liturgy & Communion, Old Church	St Peter Claver
Tuesday	10 am, Mass, Old Church	
Wednesday	10 am Mass, Old Church	
Thursday	10 am Mass, Old Church	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Friday	10 am Mass, Old Church	St John Chrysostom
Saturday		The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sunday	10 am Mass in the Main Church	

Mobile Phones: in consideration to all community members, please put your mobile phone on silent or vibrate when coming into mass.

Hui o Ohu Arotake, this Sunday, Rātapu, 8th September, in the Faith Room at 11:15 a.m.

Social Justice Week: 8-14 September 2024

Imagine Peace for all: Choose forgiveness, know peace.

Each year, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops lead us in Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in Aotearoa. This year we are looking at the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation for building lasting peace. Join us in reflecting on how these values can transform our lives and communities. Through prayer, education, and action, we can work together to create a more just and peaceful society. For resources and more information visit www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week

Send to us from the Archdiocese for Season of Creation:

Social Justice Week 8-14 Sept

“The reality is that a low, richer percentage of the planet contaminates more than the poorest 50% of the total world population, and that per capita emissions of the richer countries are much greater than those of the poorer ones.” (# 9 Laudate Deum)

Action –There is more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere than ever previously recorded, new data from a New Zealand monitoring station shows. Consider our Pacific neighbours facing sea level rise. How might we advocate for them? Read about the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and act by signing the Faith Letter as an Individual. See <https://fossilfuel treaty.org/faith-letter>

From the Social Justice Team at Pukekaraka

Hope and Act with Creation, Three things to do this Season of Creation at Pukekara, from Ohu Arotake and our Social Justice Team:

1). Reflect on our installation

Each week take some time to view and reflect on the installation by Mary Moon which is in front of the altar. It symbolises the interrelationship between the whenua and us the people. The harakeke used to weave the whāriki, the hue, the kūmara, the pipi are all sourced from or near the whenua of Pukekaraka.

2). Take part in our sharing table on Sunday 29th September

Bring what you don't need, take what you can use.

Suggested items to share could be from your pantry, preserves, baking, any excess from the garden, *small* household items. Before Mass, place them on the table in the foyer. After Mass, take what you can use.

3). Join us for an Ecological Way of the Cross

Saturday 5th of October at 10:30 am in the New Church

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

‘Scripture Reflection Groups - an invitation is given to all to join/form a small group to meet weekly to pray through and share the Scriptures for the coming Sunday. It is an opportunity to nourish our faith and build community for those already at Pukekaraka and to create a place of welcome and support for those who might want to become Catholics. If you are interested please see Mary Elizabeth.

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 to see how we may be able to support you.

Notices for the newsletter: These must be sent to Pukekaraka1@gmail.com before Thursday at 3 pm each week to meet the deadline for Friday’s newsletter. Thank you.

Communion for 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.

Sunday Rosters for this Sunday

Date	Proclaimers	Eucharistic Ministers	Collectors	Greeter	Linen September
8.9.24	Kokoro & Vyvien	Seuga	Sandra & Catherine	John C	Judy

Week ending 8 .9.24 Main Church Cleaners: Donna Ryan

Bank Account details for the following:

St Mary’s Otaki	St Vincent de Paul	Caritas
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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 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 our Church at Pukekaraka.. to protect our young children and vulnerable adults. All Safeguarding team members have completed and passed the Te Kupenga National Certificate of Safeguarding. If you have any concerns, please contact a member of the team - Anne Marie Stapp, Paul Bayliss, Phil McIntyre & 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

Please Pray for the Sick: for, Matthew Kerr, Ohole Taulanga, Meila Davis, great-granddaughter of Janet Merino, Fr David Orange, Winfred Clegg, Mother of Robin Hartendorp, Mark Jacobsen, brother of Josie McIntyre, Tim Faith, Ray Mackle; Gabrielle Rikihana, Meila Davis, Ann-Maree Stapp, whose illness has reoccurred, Geraldine Taylor, Kathleen Henry, Maurice Chaney, Ken Mihaere, Rosalie Parsons, Fr David Gledhill and parishioners who currently have Covid & Fathers Frank McGuire, and Peter O'Connell, and those affected by Covid 19 which is on the increase at present. *May they feel the love of the Lord and his comfort, as they gain strength from him, during this time.*



OkiOki I runga I te rangimarie – we remember those who have died and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, those who have passed away recently are:

- Bishop Dennis Browne who died on 1/9/24
- Te Arikinui Kiingi Tuheitia who died on the 30/8/24
- Claudine Climie
- Fr Dennis O'Hagan sm died 14/8/24, a great supporter of Pukekaraka

"Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:19 ***May They Rest in Peace.***

