



Taken from the Grotto at Pukekarakā

Pukekarakā

Ko te Parihi o Hāto Meri, TAKI

8.5.22 the 4rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

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LITURGIES for this coming week :

Mon: 9 am (Liturgy of the Word and communion)

Tue-Fri: 10 am

Sunday 10 am

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Tēnā koutou katoa, Fellow Parishioners,

Today's Gospel Reading. John:24-30

“The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.” I always loved the dinner time discussions around our dining table. Sometimes I would start them off deliberately. Five young women and their mothers, all with strong opinions on most topics, and they were not hesitant about expressing them. The general rule in these discussions was that you all talked at once and the louder you talked, the more convincing was your argument. And it seemed to me that no one really listened to what was actually being said.

There is nothing unusual in that and I don't think it was deliberate or meant to be hurtful. Think about the last time you talked with someone. Did you actually listen to what they were saying or like most of us did you spend that time working out what you were going to say next?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus states that “His sheep listen to his voice and that He knows them and they follow him.” So as we follow and pray, leave a bit of time to listen – you will be amazed at what might you hear.

As an elderly gentleman once said when asked what he did in the church on his daily visit, “sometimes I sit and pray and sometimes I just sit!”

Today we are also asked to pray for Vocations. All of us have a Vocation and I feel the problem is not a shortage, but a need for us to find our true Vocation as we walk through life to God.

So as we sit and pray and listen to Jesus, ask him that everyone finds their right place among his sheep - and listen carefully to hear yours!

Gerry

PLEASE NOTE: Due to Covid the contractor was unable to come to paint the parking lines in the carpark this week so please be aware the next week or so if you visit the Church on a weekday, please do not park where there are white lines. Please park up near the church or out on the road. Thank you.

BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS:

Parish: 060821-0701736-000

Caritas: 03-0518-0211216-003

St Vincent Paul: 03-1532-0028658-000

TAX RECEIPTS: There are still some tax receipts to be picked up, please remember to take them home if you have not collected yours. And we thank everyone for their continued support.

Thank You

Thank you to Fr Alan and the Marist Fathers for the extra Mass that was put on, on Saturday nights over the last few months. It was appreciated by all who attend.

Vocation Sunday 8th May

Pope Francis says, "Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives."

Good Shepherd Sunday is a special day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for Deacon Alfred, our seminarians, Matthew, Kinh, Emilio, and Gerson and for all those discerning the call to the priesthood.

Could someone you know become tomorrow's priest?

Pray for this person.

Invite him to consider the priesthood.

Affirm his gifts and qualities.

Encourage him to be open to the possibility of priesthood.

Contact: Fr Andrew Kim, Vocations Director of Archdiocese of Wellington

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Prayer for Vocations

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, lay pastoral leader life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

We remember those that have died and in particular Maureen Walker who died last Monday, may she RIP



We remember our Mothers today on Mothers Day, how blessed we have been and may they be blessed on their day.



St Vincent de Paul News

We are pleased to announce we have officially opened our new shop in Levin. The doors opened last Saturday 30th at 7 Prouse St, Levin, across the road from the new Mitre 10 store.

The opening was very successful with blue and white balloons and a sausage sizzle at the front door.

We are very grateful for the wonderful support received from the people of the Levin parish and the help of all our members in Otaki, Kapiti and Levin.

It has been so successful we need more stock. So if you have a surplus, saleable goods and clothing to donate, you will be very welcome. At this stage though, please no whiteware.

The shop is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. If you need help with pickups, the shop number is 06 367 2177 or in Otaki call Peter Mohan on 021 0267 4188

Later this month we will officially open the new Vincentian Centre next door to the shop. This Centre will be used to provide help and run programmes for all those who need assistance, the poor, the lonely, the disadvantaged, the young and the refugees. We want it to become an Oasis in the desert of daily living.

The Vinnies are now giving out double the number of food parcels compared with last year. The rising cost of food and the increase in prices of power and petrol are making life a lot harder for many.

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