

PUKEKARAKA, OTAKI

Established in 1840

The Church of Hāto Mere

17th September 2023, 24th 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 11TH SEPTEMBER -17TH 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	
Tuesday	10 am Liturgy & Communion	<i>St Januarius</i>
Wednesday	10 am Liturgy & Communion	<i>Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-Sanga</i>
Thursday	10 am Liturgy & Communion	<i>St Matthew the Apostle</i>
Friday	10 am Liturgy & Communion	
Saturday		<i>St Pio (Padre Pio)</i>
Sunday	10 am Mass	

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS: 'It becomes ever clearer that the path of forgiveness can truly renew the Church and the world. To offer today's world the witness of mercy is a task from which none of us can feel exempted. The world needs forgiveness; too many people are caught up in resentment and harbour hatred, because they are incapable of forgiving. They ruin their own lives and the lives of those around them rather than finding the joy of serenity and peace. Let us ask Saint Francis to intercede for us, so that we may always be humble signs of forgiveness and channels of mercy.

Pope Francis, [Homily at Assisi](#), 4 August 2016

SEASON OF CREATION - *"Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start."* #205 *Laudato Si'*.

"Let us be as mindful as we can about our habits and economic decisions so that all can thrive – our fellow men and women wherever they may be, and future generations as well. Let us cooperate in God's ongoing creation through positive choices: using resources with moderation and a joyful sobriety, disposing and recycling waste, and making greater use of available products and services that are environmentally and socially responsible." Extract from Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 2023.

SHOWING OF "THE LETTER," IN THE CHURCH AFTER MASS AND MORNING TEA ON SUNDAY

24TH SEPTEMBER. The documentary film, released in October 2022, is centred round four unheard voices from Senegal, the Amazon, India, and Hawaii, as they bring perspective and solutions from the poor, the indigenous, the youth, and wildlife into a conversation with Pope Francis following his writing of *Laudato Si'*. The documentary follows their journey to Rome and the extraordinary experiences that took place there, and is packed with powerfully moving personal stories alongside the latest information about the planetary crisis and the toll it's taking on nature and people. The documentary film is about 1hr 20 mins so we will aim to start it by 11:20am.

OHU TIAKI will meet at 11:15 am after Mass this Sunday, 17th September to talk about ministry, how to support one another and to share any concerns or needs that we should be aware of. Readers, Eucharistic ministers and Offertory collectors are automatically members of this Ohu so are welcome to join us. Our meeting will not take more than an hour.

COME AND SEE PRIESTHOOD VOCATIONS MORNING Could God be calling you? Are you searching for your purpose? Come and be inspired! Meet priests and seminarians, and find out their vocation stories... Ask those burning questions... Talk with other guys on the same journey... Join us for a morning of prayer, sharing and fellowship on Saturday 23rd September at 9 a.m. at St Francis de Sales Church, 173 Clyde Street, Island Bay. To register, text 021 164 5800 or email l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz Visit our Facebook page (**Wellington Priests**) or follow this link: www.wellingtonpriests.org

HOLY WATER FONT: We have reintroduced the holy water font which will be changed each week. Please use it only if you feel comfortable and are well.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A REFUGEE SUPPORT VOLUNTEER AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

We urgently need people like **YOU** to help support new former refugee families and individuals arriving and joining our Levin community. We hold regular training courses, face-to-face and online, throughout the year.

Next trainings are 9 & 11 October (weekday) and 11 & 12 November (weekend)

Please contact us for more information:

Email: Lesley.McDonald@redcross.org.nz or manawatu@redcross.org.nz

Telephone: 0800 733 27677 Website: www.redcross.org.nz

Volunteers need to be available to attend the two days of the training (weekend or weekday) to meet the requirements for becoming a Refugee Support Volunteer. If, however, they cannot attend both days then we run face-to-face or online catch-up sessions when volunteers can make up a session time. Please don't let this stop anyone from signing up for training.

NEW WORLD STICKERS: 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
17.9.23	Jil R & Pat W	John Craven	Josie & Phil	Duncan & Savas
24.9.23	Gerry & Peter	Molly	Noreen & Suzanne	

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.

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



OTAKI - 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 : Ken Rush the brother of Bob, Terry Jordan the National President of SVDP, Marie Faith, Paul Gerretzen (Chris's brother) Ken Mihaere, Rosalie Parsons, Malcolm Harrison (husband of Moira Blake) & Fr David Gledhill and 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@midcentraldhb.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 RUNGĀ I TE RANGIMARIE – WE REMEMBER

- Anne Miratana who died recently
- Pare Moeau funeral was at Pukekaraka 13 September
- Godfrey Bennett
- Cathy Mallia a former Parishioner of the Parish
- 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

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

