

PUKEKARAKA, OTAKI

The Church of Hāto Mere

19th March 2023

4th Sunday in Lent, Cycle A
Our Sunday Celebration is at 10.00 am

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Masks are strongly encouraged but no longer compulsory, please be sensitive to those who wear masks and those who don't.

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 IN THE OLD CHURCH

Day	Word & Communion Services	Feast Days & Notes
Monday 19th March	9 am	St Joseph Day
Tuesday 20th March	10 am	
Wednesday 21st March	10 am	
Thursday 23rd March	10 am	St Turibius of Mogrovejo
Friday 24th March	10 am	
Saturday 25th March	10 am	The Feast of the Annunciation

There will be no weekday Mass while Fr Alan is on his sabbatical unless there is a Requiem

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE 2ND WEEK IN LENT: Dear Parishioners, We all need to remind ourselves, especially during this season of Lent, just what has happened to humanity as a result of Christ in our world and in our lives. Sadly these days, baptism to many means not much more than asking God to look after their child. But it is far, far more. To begin, from today's readings we see David, an insignificant person in the eyes of his father, being chosen for the role of king, over and above his older brothers. Then secondly, we are reminded once more, using the imagery of dark and light, that we live in the light and are meant to be a light for others. Finally, the gospel shows us the power of Jesus. He comes to give sight to the blind. However, if we do not recognise our blindness, Jesus will be powerless. On the other hand, if we want this sight, then we ask for it: "Lord, that I may see!"

The Word by Pa Alan Roberts



CARITAS, WEEKS 4 GOSPEL REFLECTION: "He opened my eyes." E te Atua, Lord, give us clarity to see clearly the world around us. Reveal to us the needs of vulnerable people in our own community networks this coming week. E te Ariki. Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

NB: Fr Phil will be in South Island from 19-25th March visiting confreres and family.

BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS YOU MAY USE

Parish: **060821-0701736-000**

Caritas: **03-0518-0211216-003**

St Vincent de Paul: **03-1532-0028658-000**



TIAKI - SAFE GUARDING: The team overseeing Safeguarding at Pukekaraka have attended a day of Professional Development at the Parish Hall of St Mary's of the Angels this Thursday, just gone.

Pope Francis has made it clear he expects the Church, on every level, to implement whatever steps are necessary to ensure the protection of minors and vulnerable adults and to respond to their needs with fairness and mercy.

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.

The six dioceses within Aotearoa have come together and developed and adopted National Guidelines, and each diocese & parish including us Pukekaraka will provide a culture of safeguarding by 1. Communicating the church's safeguarding message to you all at Pukekaraka, 2. Adopting safe practices, 3. Responding to any complaints and concerns, 4. Monitoring compliance with the national guidelines, 5. Continuing to develop and provide formation to the safeguarding team and members of Pukekaraka.

Anne Marie Stapp, Phil Mc Intyre, Paul Bayliss & Stephanie Harris-Stevens (The Safeguarding Team).

SEWING & CROCHETING: We have started a craft group to knit slippers and hats for the children affected by the cyclone and flood around the whenua. We meet at 1.30 pm in the Faith Room on Thursday, everyone is welcome to come along and knit or crochet, (wool is available) and have a cuppa. Contact Mary Molloy ph 364 5517 should you want more information or just come along.

BOOKING OF THE FAITH ROOM: if you are planning to use the Faith Room for a meeting etc, please let Stephanie know, so it can be placed on the booking calendar. Thank you for your support in this matter.

IN THE MEANTIME: To arrange Funerals, Baptisms, etc please Phone the Office at 364 8543 and leave a message, in an Emergency Contact Stephanie on the Mobile at 021 253 1080

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: On a Local Level, Food assistance is available, in the first instance via the food 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

OTAKI FOODBANK Gratefully welcomes your food donations each week. Please place them in the food basket in the foyer and they will be brought up with the offering in our Sunday Mass. The Basket is dropped off to them each Monday.

NEW TO THE PARISH: If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to Stephanie at the table in the foyer on arriving at Church on Sunday and fill in an enrolment form so we can put you on the parish roll and you can receive the parish news via email.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH: Cardinal John Dew, Malcolm Harrison, husband of Moira Blake, Fay Hardman, Alan & Rosalie Parsons, Fr David Gledhill, & Aidan McIntyre, including parishioners who currently have Covid & Fathers Frank McGuire, Peter O'Connell, Maurice Carmody, Kevin Purcell & Mario Dorado OMCap *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 pukekarakaraka1@gmail.com



Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. The weekends for 2023 are 18 & 19 March, 19 & 20 August, and 25 & 26 November. Venue is Otari Parish presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington. Registrations close 2 weeks before. For more details go to the website <http://www.cee-wellington.co.nz/> Phone Kate and Simon Olson. Mobile 027 486 0700 or email simonolsen@gmail.com



OKIOKI I RUNGA I TE RANGIMARIE – WE REMEMBER

- Richard Bryan former parishioner of Pukekaraka who died on the 10th March.
- Lionel Morehu, cousin of Spencer Carr whose Tangi was last Saturday in Hawera, RIP
- Rosemary Marino (wife of Ken) passed away on 2nd March
- And those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

“Truly I say to you, today you shall be with me in Paradise”

Luke 23:43

AND WE PRAY:

- **For our neighbours in Aotearoa:** who have been affected by the cyclone that occurred, grant them strength and resilience in the days ahead as they cope with the devastation that has happened.
- **For Turkey and Syria:** we pray together so that these brothers and sisters from Turkey & Syria can move forward from this tragedy. And we pray that Our Lady will protect them. (Pope Francis at Vatican's Paul VI Hall on Feb. 8.2023)
- **For Ukraine,** Let us all continue to Pray for Peace in Ukraine, it is a year since this war started on the 24th of February.
- **For the protection of our Whenua,** May the Patron Saint of Aotearoa, Hato Mere watch over us all, and guide and protect our Whenua from all-natural disasters - Amen