

# PUKEKARAKA

Ko te Parihi o Hāto Meri

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24.7.22

17 Sunday in Ordinary time

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

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You are required to wear a mask unless you have an exemption.

There will be no singing until further notice

## LITURGIES THIS WEEK:

**Mon:** 9 a.m. (Liturgy of the Word and communion)

**Tue-Fri:** 10 a.m. Mass

**Sunday** 10 a.m. Mass

**RECONCILIATION:** Any time after Mass or by appointment.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Any time on request.

## BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS:

Parish: 060821-0701736-000

Caritas: 03-0518-0211216-003

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

**NOTE FROM FR ALAN:** During the months of August/September Fr Alan will be on Sabbatical. Funerals will be looked after by either Frs Phil or Peter, and they will help out by saying Sunday Masses along with Fr Dennis from Levin. The only weekday Mass will be on Wednesday at 10 a.m., which Fr Dennis will say.

Dear Parishioners

Looking at this Sunday's Readings you cannot ignore the sense of a loving relationship.

When I was travelling overseas for work, I always looked forward to coming home and pushing my baggage trolley through the Customs exit to see the children running towards me, while their mother smilingly watched from a little further away. While I suspected some of their enthusiasm might have been more for the possible presents in the luggage, it always filled me with joy and happiness to be reunited with my family. At that point I was a pushover - they could have asked for the world, and I would have given it to them all.

I suspect that some of that feeling was at the back of the bargaining between Abraham and God in the Reading from Genesis - God was a Pushover in that deal! He wants a loving relationship with his people (family) and will go to great lengths to achieve it.

The same theme is repeated in Luke's Gospel. He describes a loving, caring relationship where the father is a "Pushover" in caring for his family.

In the Our Father, we pray, "your kingdom come" and surely the Kingdom we seek, is an eternal loving relationship with God our Father? All we have to do is ask!

**Nga mihi.**

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#### **WELCOME:**

Welcome to Archbishop Paul Martin on his first official visit to Hato Mere, Pukekaraka, since becoming the Archbishop (coadjutor) of Wellington.

#### **CONFIRMATION:**

The Archbishop will confirm Felix Lewin & Ella Clarke this Sunday, during the 10 am Mass. We congratulate them both on their Confirmation and ask the Holy Spirit to fill them with the gifts of the spirit and fruits that come with the sacrament. Nga mihi to them!

#### **IGNATIAN RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE:**

The Wellington Christian Life Community invites you to an Ignatian First Spiritual Exercise retreat in daily life.

The retreat is open to all and will be held at the Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street Island Bay, Wellington, over five Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. –

7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August, and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022

The cost (including materials) is \$50, but sponsorship is available if the cost would prevent you from attending.

To register or for further information

Contact Sarah Dench on 021 0814 4424

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Lord Jesus, a friend of the sick, console those who are unwell, restore them to health and bless those that care for them - Amen

### **THE MONTHLY SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION:**

Thank you to all our generous benefactors who have contributed \$230 this month to go on credit at the Pharmacy in the name of SVDP. We greatly appreciated your kindness that helps to support those in need to improve their health – Nga mihi

### **WHAT'S ON AT THE HOME OF COMPASSION ISLAND BAY:**

- Mass Wed -Friday at 8.00 am and Saturdays at 9.00 am
- Christian Meditation Mondays 7 - 8 pm, Thursdays 11 am - 12 pm
- Wednesday – Craft Gathering from 12 noon.
- Sunday Miha (Māori Mass) 11 00 am
- Taizé Prayer First Friday of the month, 7 pm
- Quiet Days with Suzanne Aubert held on the second Thursday of the month, 10 am - 2 pm

**These all take place at 2 Rhine St Island Bay**

### **COMING UP ON THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC CALENDAR:**

Today we celebrate the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis added this to the Catholic Calendar last year and for it to be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Let us remember our Grandparents and the role all the elderly play in family life on this day.

"In old age, they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15)

### **PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY**

**Composed by the late Msgr. Joseph Quinn, former PP in Knock, to coincide with the First National Grandparents' Pilgrimage in Ireland on Saturday, 22nd September 2007,**

**at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo, Ireland.**

God of the Ages we praise and thank you. From generation to generation, You have been our refuge and strength. You give your gifts of grace for every time, place, and season as we strive within the family to walk in Your ways and remain close to one another and to you. We pray that our homes may be schools of Faith, where we come to know and to love You. Teach us the Sanctity of human love. Show us the value of family life and help us to respect all life. May the young find in the family strong support for their humanity so that they may grow in truth and love. May the elderly experience respect, support, love, and care within the family circle. We give thanks for Grandparents & the Elderly, and we pray for them. We give thanks for they connect us with our heritage and our roots through the mists of time. We give thanks for their Christian memory which inspires and enlightens us. We give thanks for the example of their faith, for the witness of their lives, for the constancy of their love, for the support of their prayers.

Bless all Grandparents and the Elderly, keep them in Your care. Bless them with peace, health, and healing. Reward them for their Faith and fidelity, for their work and goodness, for their love and thoughtfulness, for their gifts and prayers. Give them a long and happy life together. May old age come to them in the company of family and friends. And when life is over, unite them again, where parting will be no more, in the Kingdom of Your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**THE POPE'S MESSAGE TO GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY FOR 2022**

Is available by going to (copy and paste the email address into your browser):

<http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20220503-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

**CATH NEWS NZ:**

For up-to-date news on the Catholic Church in NZ and around the world go to (copy and paste into your browser) <https://cathnews.co.nz/> you can also subscribe to receive news on Tues & Friday in your inbox.

**THE WELCOME:**

For those of you wondering, the paper was not printed this month. It will be available on the first Sunday in August.



**RIP:** We remember Gae Mills & Pat Belgrave, who recently died and all who's anniversaries occur around this time, May They Rest in Peace



Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022