

PUKEKARAKA, OTAKI

The Church of Hāto Mere, established in 1844
9th March 2025, 1st Sunday in Lent Time, Cycle C

Our Sunday Celebration is at 10.00 am

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LITURGIES THIS COMING WEEK

Monday & Friday the Word & Communion during Lent at 10 am in the Old Church	Mass on Tuesday - Thursday during Lent at 10 am Old Church
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Thoughts on the Sunday readings for the 9th March 2025 - by Fr Kieran Mohony OSA

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10: Silent gratitude is no good to anyone, and so we should express our gratitude to others and, of course, to God. All that we are and have comes from him.

Second Reading Romans 10:8-13: We probably don't look too closely at the nature of our own act of faith/trust in God. Paul invites us into that space today.

Gospel Luke 4:1-13: In this symbolic story, Luke reminds us that Jesus too had to struggle with temptation. The stories given reflect real issues which turned up during the ministry of Jesus—there were indeed false ways to be the Messiah!

Pope Francis said: May this time of Lent also be a time of the desert for us. Let us take time for silence and prayer — just a little, it will do us good — in these spaces let us stop and look at what is stirring in our hearts, our inner truth, what we know cannot be justified. Let us find inner clarity, placing ourselves before the Word of God in prayer.
Pope Francis [Angelus](#) 6 March 2022

The Scripture Reflection Group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the Faith Room to reflect and share on the Gospel for the following Sunday. If you would like to join us during Lent you are most welcome. If you want more details please contact Mary-Elizabeth, 021 595 695.

Join in a great Prayer for Life this Lent, with Family Life International: Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday - pray for an end to abortion. Sign up and receive educational resources and daily prayer intentions. Join the peaceful prayer vigil near the abortion place on Wednesdays. Find out more at FLI.org.nz/prayerforlif

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

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 9 am each week** to meet the deadline for Friday's newsletter. Thank you.

Sunday Rosters for this Sunday 9th February 2025

Date	Proclaimers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Collectors	Linen March
9.3.25	Paul & Duncan	Josie, Mike C & Robyn	Vyvien	Sandr & Bede	Sue Carr

Cleaning for the Main Church -

New to the Parish: If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to the **Welcomers** on arriving at Mass on Sundays

Bank Account details for the following:

St Mary's Parish of Otaki	St Vincent de Paul	Caritas
06 - 0821 - 0701736 - 00	03 - 1532 - 0028658 - 000	03 - 0518 - 0211216 - 003

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.

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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 - 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.

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

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: Pope Francis, Stephen Allport, Matthew Kerr, Ohole Taulanga, Meila Davis, great-granddaughter of Janet Merino, Fr David Orange, Winfred Clegg, Mother of Robin Hartendorp, Mark Jacobsen, Ray Mackle; Gabrielle Rikihana, Meila Davis, Geraldine Taylor, Kathleen Henry, Maurice Chaney, Rosalie Parsons, Fr David Gledhill and parishioners who currently have Covid. *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, and those who have passed away recently are:

Gabrielle Rikhana

Peter Hercock

Wayne Tukapua (at Kawiu, son of late Thompson and Louie Tukapua)

Mons. David Bennett from the Hamilton Dioceses

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

