

# PUKEKARAKA, OTAKI

Established in 1840

## The Church of Hāto Mere

10th September 2023, 23rd 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>Holy name of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Wednesday	10 am Mass & Anointing	<i>St John Chrysostom</i>
Thursday	10 am Liturgy Communion	<i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
Friday	10 am Liturgy Communion	<i>Our Lady of Sorrow</i>
Saturday		<i>St Cornelius</i>
Sunday	10 am Mass	<i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

**A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS:** ‘Jesus asks us to be present to those in need of help, regardless of whether or not they belong to our social group... The Good Samaritan became a neighbour to the wounded Judean. By approaching and making himself present, he crossed all cultural and historical barriers. Jesus says: “Go and do likewise”... he challenges us to put aside all differences and, in the face of suffering, to draw near to others with no questions asked. I should no longer say that I have neighbours to help, but that I must myself be a neighbour to others.’

Pope Francis, [Fratelli Tutti](#), 84.

**THE SEASON OF CREATION** last week coincided with Social Justice Week. Pope Francis reminds us “We cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to human and social degradation. In fact, the deterioration of the environment and society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet.” Laudato Si’ #48

We join with the worldwide community in praying -

“Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God’s justice and peace, and to share it with our suffering brothers and sisters, all creatures around us, and all creation”.

Members of the Archdiocesan Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission are promoting the Season of Creation and planning events in the Archdiocese. Follow this link to see resources and details of all the events happening around the Archdiocese: [Season of Creation 2023 | Archdiocese of Wellington \(catholic.org.nz\)](#)

- **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](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) Visit our Facebook page (**Wellington Priests**) or follow this link: [www.wellingtonpriests.org](http://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 MAKE 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](mailto:Lesley.McDonald@redcross.org.nz) or [manawatu@redcross.org.nz](mailto:manawatu@redcross.org.nz)

Telephone: 0800 733 27677 Website: [www.redcross.org.nz](http://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](mailto: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
10.9.23	Debbie & Mike	Kamau Holland	Vicki & Catherine	St Peter Chanel School
17.9.23	Jil R & Pat W	John Craven	Josie & Phil	Duncan & Savas

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.

**ANOINTING MASS:** will be held on Wednesday 13th September at 10 am in the Main Church followed by a shared morning tea.

**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](mailto: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



**TIAKI - SAFEGUARDING:** Safeguarding is about us all working together for a safe culture within our Church at Pukekarakā, 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 :** Terry Jordan the National President of SVDP, Marie Faith, Paul Gerretzen (Chris's brother) Ken Mihaere, Rosalie Parsons, Pare Morea, 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](mailto: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](mailto:pukekaraka1@gmail.com)



### **OKIOKI I RUNGA I TE RANGIMARIE – WE REMEMBER**

- 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*

