



# PUKEKARAKA, OTAKI

The Church of Hāto Mere, established in 1840  
**22nd September 2024, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B**  
 Our Sunday Celebration is at 10.00 am

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## LITURGIES THIS COMING WEEK

Notes & Feast Days

Monday	10 am Liturgy & Communion, Old Church	St Plus of Pietrelcina ( Padre Pio
Tuesday	10 am Mass, Old Church	
Wednesday	10 am Mass, Old Church	
Thursday	10 am Mass, Old Church	Sts Cocmas & Damian
Friday	10 am Mass. Old Church	
Saturday		St Wenceslaus St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

**Exposition next week Saturday the 28th, 9 am - 11 am in the new Church**

**A Remembrance Mass** for family members and friends who have died since mid-December 2023 will be celebrated on Sunday 3rd November. (Mihi Maori will be celebrated on Sunday 10th November). You are invited to provide a digital or hard copy of a photo of the person or the front page of their funeral leaflet so a pictorial PowerPoint presentation of those we wish to remember and pray for can be prepared. Please send items to Ann-Marie Stapp - [amstapp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:amstapp@xtra.co.nz) or deliver them to her at Mass so she can take a copy. Those people whose leaflets are on the notice board will automatically be included but others may have no personal connection to Pukekaraka.

## 2nd September (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)



**Season of Creation:** “We need to rethink among other things the question of human power, its meaning and its limits. For our power has frenetically increased in a few decades. We have made impressive and awesome technological advances, and we have not realised that at the same time, we have turned into highly dangerous beings, capable of threatening the lives of many beings and our own survival.” (# 22 *Laudate Deum*)

**Action:** Consider the ways in which our power and our technological progress are turning against us.

### From the Social Justice Team at Pukekaraka on Seasons of Creation

**Hope and Act with Creation**, Three things to do this Season of Creation at **Pukekaraka**, from Ohu Arotake and our Social Justice Team:

**1). Reflect** on our installation

Each week takes some time to view and reflect on the installation by Mary Moon which is in front of the altar. It symbolises the interrelationship between the whenua and us the people. The harakeke used to weave the whāriki, the hue, the kūmara, the pipi are all sourced from or near the whenua of Pukekaraka. **2). Take part** in our sharing table on Sunday 29th September

Bring what you don't need, take what you can use.

Suggested items to share could be from your pantry, preserves, baking, any excess from the garden and *small* kitchen items. Before Mass, place them on the table in the foyer. After Mass, take what you can use.

**3). Join us** for an Ecological Way of the Cross

Saturday 5th of October at 10:30 am in the New Church.

### **COME & SEE Priesthood Vocations Morning Hāto Mere St Mary's Parish, Otaki Saturday 28th September, 10 am till 2:00 pm.**

Are you thinking about priesthood? Join other like-minded young men for a morning of reflection, discussion and fellowship.

Starts with Mass at 10 am at St Mary's Church, 4 Convent Road, Ōtaki- Text 021 164 5800 to let us know you're coming.

### **Pilgrimage with the Saints Tour 2025**

Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead this 17 day tour of Portugal, Spain and France in June next year. For full details and itinerary please email Pilgrimage Tours in Auckland at [info@travlink.co.nz](mailto:info@travlink.co.nz) or phone 0800 99 7788.

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

**'Scripture Reflection Groups** - an invitation is given to all to join/form a small group to meet weekly to pray through and share the Scriptures for the coming Sunday. It is an opportunity to nourish our faith and build community for those already at Pukekaraka and to create a place of welcome and support for those who might want to become Catholics. If you are interested please see Mary Elizabeth.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:Pukekaraka1@gmail.com) before Thursday at 3 pm each week to meet the deadline for Friday's newsletter. Thank you.

### This Weeks Roster

Date	Proclaimers	Eucharist Ministers	Greeters	Collectors	Linen Sept
22nd Sept	Paul & Anni	Mary Elizabeth	Josie	Mary C & Bede	Judy

**Week ending 15 .9.24 Main Church Cleaners:Faye Hanna**

**Bank Account details for the following:**

St Mary's 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](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 the

**Welcomers** on arriving at Mass on Sundays



**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 - Anne Marie Stapp, 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.

### **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)

**Please Pray for the Sick:** for, Peter Dallas, husband of Marilyn Wilkinson, Matthew Kerr, Meila Davis, great-granddaughter of Janet Merino, Fr David Orange, Winfred Clegg, Mother of Robin Hartendorp, Mark Jacobsen, brother of Josie McIntyre, Tim Faith, Ray Mackle; Gabrielle Rikihana, Meila Davis, Ann-Maree Stapp, whose illness has reoccurred, Geraldine Taylor, Kathleen Henry, Maurice Chaney, Rosalie Parsons, Fr David Gledhill and parishioners who currently have Covid & Fathers Frank McGuire, and Peter O'Connell, and those affected by Covid 19 which is on the increase at present. *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, those who have passed away recently are: Ken Mihaere 9/9/24
- Bishop Dennis Brown 1/9/24
- Te Arikinui Kiingi Tuheitia who died on the 30/8/24
- Claudine Climie

***"Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:19 May They Rest in Peace.***