

# PUKEKARAKA

## Ko te Parihi o Hāto Meri ŌTAKI

20th Week of Ordinary time 14. 08.22

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- You are required to wear a mask at Mass, except if you are a young child or have a mask exemption.
- There is no singing, this will be reviewed in the spring

**This Sunday's the celebrant is Fr Dennis Nacorda from Levin**

### **LITURGIES THIS WEEK:**

**Mon:** 9 a.m.: Liturgy & Communion – foyer, feast day of St Stephen of Hungry

**Tue, Thurs + Fri:** 10 a.m. Liturgy & Communion – foyer, Fri is the feast day of St John Eudes.

**Wed:** Mass 10 a.m. - with Fr Dennis - foyer

**Next Sunday** 10 a.m. – Mass with the Marist Fathers

**RECONCILIATION:** Fr Dennis is happy to be available for reconciliation after the 11 am on a Wednesday while Fr Alan is away from the parish.

**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

**Re FR ALAN:** From August 5th until the end of September, he will be on Sabbatical. Funerals will be looked after by either Frs Phil or Peter. There will be a weekday Mass on Wednesday at 10 a.m lead by Fr Dennis. Other weekday liturgies remain the same, any inquiries contact Gerry Stevens/ Jim McSoriley who are looking after arrangements for week day Liturgies during his absence.

- ❖ Let us pray refreshment and blessing on Fr Alan while he is on Sabbatical.

## REFLECTION FOR 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Dear Parishioners,

When Mary said yes to becoming the mother of Jesus, I suspect like all parents to be, she was focused on the moment and gave no thought to what might lie ahead.

Like all of us she would come to know the joys and the anguish of being a parent. In her case, being aware her son was somehow special, would have added to the pain. The worry when he was lost for three days; the doubts about their parenting; the concern and wonders stored in her heart; the questions when he went down a different path from what was expected by his contemporaries; and the hurts when he didn't seem to want to know her ("who is my mother?").

She would have been proud of him when he lived his teaching and helped the poor and the outcasts; thrilled when he was so popular and filled with dismay and grief as she watched him executed as a common criminal. And yet like so many parents, and she supported him in his choices and was loyal to the end. His joy was her joy, and His pain was her pain.

Yet, Mary's faith never wavered, and her hope was a constant. She became a beacon, an inspiration for the followers of Jesus as they worked to spread his teachings. Her reward was great! Upon her death, she was assumed straight into that perfect relationship with God – the relationship we all aim for.

We might not get there so quickly, but Mary remains an encouraging and constant beacon of Hope and Faith to the followers left behind.

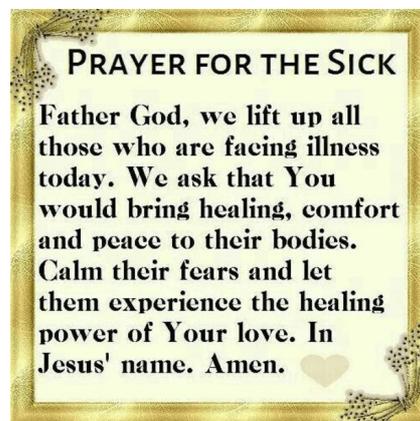
Nga mihi.

**GS**

**THE OLD CHURCH: Under Safety & Health, the old church is still closed until further notices, as we have learned that a glass panel above the main door is a danger. It is now being attended to. Please observe this strictly. We will inform you when it will be open again.**

**Please bring any concerns you have about safety & health of the church buildings or property, to our attention. Contact Stephanie 021 253 2080 or Send a email to [pukekaraka1@gmail.com](mailto:pukekaraka1@gmail.com)**

**Let us Pray for the Sick: Pat O'Connor, Fr David Gledhill, and others in the parish, (including those with COVID) and those connected to St Mary's Parish. May they feel the love of the Lord and his comfort at these time.**



**CONGRATULATIONS:** We congratulate Ryan & Emma Teahan on the arrival of wee Tobias on Sunday the 31 July and baptised by Fr Dennis at Hato Mere last Wednesday after the 10am Mass. May he bring to your family much joy and many blessings.

*Rest in Peace*  
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**REST IN PEACE:** Brian Carroll, Tony Whiteman & David Cannan ( brother in law of Fr Alan's who died on the Isle of Man,)

**TONIGHT:** Archbishop Paul Martin is formerly welcomed to the Archdiocese during Evening Prayer at St Teresa's in Karori. We offer him out congratulations.

## **THIS WEEKS SAINTS:**

### **St Stephen of Hungry – feast Day the 16th of August**

Born a pagan, he was baptized around the age of 10, together with his father, chief of the Magyars, a group who migrated to the Danube area in the ninth century. At 20, he married Gisela, sister to the future emperor, Saint Henry. When he succeeded his father, Stephen adopted a policy of Christianization of the country for both political and religious reasons. He suppressed a series of revolts by pagan nobles and welded the Magyars into a strong national group. He asked the pope to provide for the Church's organization in Hungary—and also requested that the pope confer the title of king upon him. He was crowned on Christmas day in 1001.

Stephen established a system of tithes to support churches and pastors and to relieve the poor. Out of every 10 towns one had to build a church and support a priest. He abolished pagan customs with a certain amount of violence, and commanded all to marry, except clergy and religious. He was easily accessible to all, especially the poor.

### **St John Eudes – Feast Day the 19th August**

John Eudes was born at Ri, Normandy, France, on November 14, 1601, the son of a farmer. He went to the Jesuit college at Caen when he was 14, and despite his parents' wish that he marry, joined the Congregation of the Oratory of France in 1623. He studied at Paris and at Aubervilliers, was ordained in 1625, and worked as a volunteer, caring for the victims of the plagues that struck Normandy in 1625 and 1631, and spent the next decade giving Missions, building a reputation as an outstanding preacher and confessor and for his opposition to Jansenism.

He became interested in helping fallen women, and in 1641, with Madeleine Lamy, founded a refuge for them in Caen under the direction of the Visitandines. He resigned from the Oratorians in 1643 and founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (the Eudists) at Caen, composed of secular priests not bound by vows but dedicated to upgrading the clergy by establishing effective seminaries and to preaching missions.

His foundation was opposed by the Oratorians and the Jansenists, and he was unable to obtain Papal approval for it, but in 1650, the Bishop of Coutances invited him to establish a seminary in that diocese. The same year the sisters at his refuge in Caen left the Visitandines and were recognized by the Bishop of Bayeux as a new congregation under the name of Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge.

## **ADW VACCANCIES:**

### **Caritas is seeking a Wellington-based Head of Programmes:**

to lead and manage the Programmes Team and ensure the effective management of partnerships for development and humanitarian relief within the team. The successful applicant will also be responsible for identifying programme opportunities that will help the team and group to engage with current partners (and potential partners).

Details: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/57927367?type=standout#sol=5e05b1d98ce49206b72504aa2bec9111ef3e3e1f>

### **Hospital Chaplain, Wellington Hospital required:**

Permanent part time role 20 Hours per week

Seek a qualified person to work as a member of the Wellington Hospital Chaplaincy Team. If you are interested, please send a cover letter, and CV to Kamau Holland at [reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz)

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 5pm, Friday 9 th September 2022



**Patron Saint of New Zealand**