



PUKEKARAKA, OTAKI

HAERE MAI E TE WHĀNAU, TENA KOUTOU KATOĀ, A KIA NOHO TE ARIKI KI A KOUTOU.
WELCOME, FAMILY, GREETINGS TO YOU ALL. MAY THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

The Church of Hāto Mere, established in 1844

8th November 2025, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Our Sunday Miha Celebration is at 10.00 am

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This Sunday, Fr. Simi will lead us in our celebration.

Fr Simi's Reflection *"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."*

We celebrate today the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the Cathedral or the ecclesiastical seat of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. It is significant for the whole universal church to remember and celebrate the dedication of this church as our mother church due to the primacy of St. Peter and his diocese, the Diocese of Rome. We do more than celebrate the physical building of that church. We also celebrate the very real Temple that Christ is and all of us who are united to His Body through the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist.

We recall this mystery at every Mass, most vividly at the words of Eucharistic Prayer III when the priest prays, "Grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ." Let us remember then at this Mass the infinite dignity and honour it is to be a part of the very body of the Son of God. With no merit on our part, but with the free and utter gift of the Holy Spirit that flowed as blood and water from the pierced heart of the Crucified Priest, we are being washed clean and made worthy to be part of the Real Temple of the New Jerusalem.

Let us also remember with gratitude the physical building that is our church, in which God the Father gathers us as His children. Let us continue to work together in making sure that it reflects the dignity and holiness of the Body of the Crucified Priest, who is the Real Temple to whom we are united, along with countless saints in heaven and all the hosts of angels.

Let us also pray this day that we remember and celebrate our own bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit united to the very body, blood, soul and divinity of the Son of God.

We humbly pray each day that the Holy Trinity will give us the graces we need to become the holy and pure temples of His Divine Presence, radiating His light and beauty and laying down our lives in self-sacrificing love with the Crucified Priest to God the Father.

Catholic Social Teaching/Pope's Quote: God, the refuge of the poor, denounces through the prophets — we recall in particular Amos and Isaiah — the injustices committed against the weakest, and exhorts Israel to renew its worship from within, because one cannot pray and offer sacrifice while oppressing the weakest and poorest. From the beginning of Scripture, God's love is vividly demonstrated by his protection of the weak and the poor, to the extent that he can be said to have a particular fondness for them.' *Pope Leo XIV, Dilexi Te #17.*

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR November 2025: Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Next weeks Timetable

NB: All weekday services will take place in the New Church until further notice

- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday - the Word & Communion at 10.00 am in the Main Church. - The rosary is recited Mon - Fri. before the morning service. See Zoe for further details.	- Tuesday, Mass, 10 am in the Main Church - Thursday Mass, 10 am in the Main Church - Sunday Mass at 10 am in the Main Church.
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Exposition takes place on the last Saturday of the month, between 9 am and 11 am, in the main church, organised by the Marist Fathers.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment by contacting Stephanie, the office administrator at Otaki (021 253 1080) or Bridget at Levin (027 511 2474) or by emailing Fr Simi at pasimi.otaki@gmail.com

This Sunday's Roster

	Proclaimers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Collectors	Linen for November
8th Nov	Mike & Debbie	Moya, Annette & John	Jill	Noreen & Bede	Judy

The Main Church Cleaner this week is Donna Ryan

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH:

Our Remembrance Tree will be set up in the sanctuary during November, and all are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones on a leaf to tie to the tree. These whanau and friends will be remembered in our Masses and weekday liturgies throughout November.

From OHU Whakahere:

Tena koutou / Dear Parishioners,

We are asking parishioners to identify and/or refresh their ways of sharing their time and talents to enrich our lives in the parish. We would be most grateful if you could pray about this matter, consider and complete the enclosed survey form, telling us how you want to serve our parish community. Please bring your completed form and hand it in to Stephanie at the table in the foyer. If you have any questions, please feel free to approach any of the Ohu coordinators after Mass - see the Newsletter. Thank you for your generosity of service. Blessings, Ohu Whakahaere"

Passionist Family Groups: an invitation to gather with the Levin groups from Paul Traynor, National Co-ordinator

Passionist Family Groups have been gathering and growing for over 35 years in New Zealand. We extend a very warm invitation to attend a time of fellowship, faith education and reflection around two topics:

- Belonging,
- Why does community matter?

These presentations will each be followed by shared discussion. They encapsulate what Passionist Family Groups are about, and how we can (re)connect with the vibrancy of the early Church by 'being for others' and building a place of welcome and belonging in our local parish communities. It'll be engaging and fun – come join

Presenter: Paul Traynor, National Coordinator of Passionist Family Group Aotearoa

Date: 24 November 2025

Time: 11 am, Cuppa then presentations and Discussion 11.30 - 12.30, followed by lunch

Venue: Meeting Room at St Joseph's, Levin

What to bring: Something to share for a 'Shared Lunch; Bring a friend - all are welcome!

NB: Fr Simi has his own email address for his work in Otaki; it is

pasimi.otaki@gmail.com

Safety & Health Notice: Please be aware of your safety when visiting Pukekaraka during the maintenance and repainting of the roof of the Mother Church (old church), **particularly** when scaffolding is in place and while repairs and painting are underway. It will remain for approximately 3 weeks or so, depending on the state of the roof. Care will need to be taken when walking alongside the church. Weekday Mass & liturgy will be in the main church during this time.

2026 Coloumban Calendars are available now, for \$16 from Stephanie.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Ecology Justice and Peace Commission is running a Webinar on 18 November to mark World Day of the Poor. Click on <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/commission-for-ecology> for more information



World Youth Day 2027: Interested in going to South Korea? Come join us for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul! Please fill out the expression of interest form below and email Regina Fernandes at r.fernandes@wn.catholic.org.nz for any questions.

St Mary's College will be celebrating the 175th Jubilee on Saturday, 6 December 2025 from 11.00 am – 5.00pm. <https://forms.gle/qC1YmfV7N7Mq7dx27>

Advent: A Hīkoi for Pilgrims of Hope: Fr. James Lyons has a new Book out called Bringing the World to Life. It is a reflection book on Advent & Christmas 2025/26.

In this new 84-page, pocket-sized book, Fr. James Lyons and other Catholic leaders and writers, including Cardinal John Dew, offer timely reflections for each day of Advent and Christmas season. Connecting Biblical truth with modern-day examples, they provide valuable spiritual nourishment as this Year of Jubilee comes to a close, a new year begins. Cost \$8.00, see the Poster attached.

Catholic Social Services: November is Catholic Social Services' Annual Appeal Month. We live in challenging times – times that are causing many people to lose hope. The poor and vulnerable among us are especially affected. This is why we need your help. Your ongoing support helps us bring hope to those who need it. Supporting this valuable mahi is easy, and there are many ways to do so, including the link: www.catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate
Prefer to donate via bank transfer? You can use CSS' bank account details to donate directly through your internet banking service.

BANK: BNZ

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02 0560 0213864 000

PARTICULARS: your surname & initial

REFERENCE: Your phone number

CODE: CSS-HOPE

ONGOING INFORMATION FOR THE PUKEKARAKA COMMUNITY

Lending each other a helping hand: At Pukekaraka, we can help if you need assistance with transport to Mass or if you need extra support because you are sick or housebound. Please contact Jill Watson at 021 127 4072 or pldjwatson@gmail.com to see how we may be able to support you.

Talitha Kum Intercessory Prayer Group: When: On the last Sunday of the month at 2 pm-3.45 pm Where: St Pius X Church, Te Pene Avenue, Titahi Bay. **The November meeting is the last for 2025.** It finishes with a cuppa. Stephen and Judy Bailey phone 0211832445. Everyone is invited - come and pray against Human Trafficking & for our world, etc.... Theme: Saint Josephine Bakhita

Notices for the newsletter: Please send to Pukekaraka1@gmail.com before Thursday at 9 am each week to meet the deadline for Friday's newsletter. Thank you.

Bank Account details for the following:

Saint Mary 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



Safeguarding: Is about promoting an environment within our faith community which respects and acknowledges the dignity of everyone, and where people feel valued and safe. 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 get in touch with you and take the necessary action the next day.

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: Jocelyn Bryant, Mark Bailey, Jill Randall, Tony Upham, Stephen Allport, Matthew Kerr, Ohole Taulanga, Fr David Orange, Winfred Clegg, Mother of Robin Hartendorp, Geraldine Taylor, Kathleen Henry, Maurice Chaney, Rosalie Parsons, Fr David Gledhill and any parishioners who currently have Flu or COVID.

May they feel the love of the Lord and his comfort, and gain strength from him, during this time.



OkiOki I runga I te rangimarie – We remember those who have died:

Those whose anniversary occurs at this time, and those who have passed away recently:

Fr Max formerly of the Koupa Monastery, RT Hon Jim Bolger, Fr John Loft SM,

Fr Graham Connolly SM.

“We have an everlasting home in heaven” - 2 Corinthians 5:1, May they RIP