

PUKEKARAKA

Ko Te Whanau O Hato Mere: St Mary's Parish

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PALM SUNDAY

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LITURGY TIMETABLE THIS WEEK:

Monday: Liturgy of The Word & Communion: 9 a.m

Tuesday: Mass 10 a.m

Wednesday: Mass 10 a.m. (Lenten Stations of the Cross: 6.30 p.m.)
Meditation: 4.00 p.m

Holy Thursday: Mass 7 P.M. Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday: 3.00 pm. Celebration of the Passion of Jesus

Easter Saturday: 7 p.m. Vigil of the Resurrection

Sunday: Mass 10 a.m Mass of the Resurrection.

St Stephens Kuku. Suspended until further notice

*COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION: TONIGHT 7 P.M. Sunday 28th March.

At this service the focus of the Examen will be on the way we treat our planet – what is happening to our common home? The purpose is to widen our understanding of morality and remind us that caring for others is much wider than just helping an individual in our neighbourhood. Please bring a plate for shared supper! Thank you.

INSIGHTS INTO 'The Word'.

Isaiah 50:4-7: Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. Giving oneself to God requires this constant listening. What is God asking of me, so that I can participate in the work of Jesus, namely bringing the Kingdom of God into fullness?

Phil 2:6-11: *His state was divine, but Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God. To get even of glimpse of the mystery of Jesus in our world, we need to ponder the above text.*

John 12:12-16: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Jesus comes in God's name. This is the same as God coming. And all of this happens because God so loved the world, the world he created.

THE FLOWER TEAM are requesting flowers from you for the Easter Sunday Celebrations for both churches. Please could all plant material be cut on a 45 degree angled and placed into lukewarm water (this allowed the stem to take up the most water, and the lukewarm water prevents the stems from going into shock) and placed in clean buckets in the area off to the side of the church before 9.30 on Easter Saturday? THANK YOU!

Tena koutou katoa, Dear Parishioners,

The liturgies during Holy Week are without doubt a highlight for us, if we take our Church worship seriously. It is the opportunity for us to meditate our way through the final days for Jesus: His last supper, his death and his resurrection. So many questions come to mind during this time, and these provide us with the opportunity of pondering more deeply the mystery wrapped up in the man Jesus.

In short, what we are discovering is the way that God loves us. God shares every aspect of the divine with us. It is love that gives life. Without this we would never know the wonder of being human. It calls for dying, physically, mentally and emotionally. With Christ, dying is never a dead end. It paves the way to something greater.

Thank you to all for the many sacrifices you make each day, especially for the parish. Many wonderful things are happening here. We may be focussing on the death of Jesus, but we are always in the Resurrection. You may be away next Sunday, if so, a Happy Easter.

Nga mihi,

Pa Alan

HOLY THURSDAY: Representatives (in family units) will have their feet washed rather than our usual general invitation to wash one another's feet. Adoration follows Mass in Old Church.

GOOD FRIDAY: Because of Covid dangers we asked not to touch the Cross. Instead, could everyone please

- bring long stemmed flowers/greenery to lay at the foot of the cross during the veneration. These will be used to decorate both Churches for Easter.
- Please enter and leave the Church in silence.
- There will be a Peter's Pence collection as you leave the Church."

NEW PARISHIONERS If you are a new parishioner and wish to enrol as a member of the parish, please ask Fr Roberts for an enrolment card, or go into our website: www.pukekaraka.com or email the parish: pukekaraka1@gmail.com. Thank you.

WEBSITE FOR SUNDAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: liturgy.slu.edu Sunday

MASS OF CHRISM: There will be Chrism Mass in Palmerston North Cathedral at noon, MONDAY 29th March. At this Mass the oils for Baptism and Anointing of the Sick are blessed. I will be attending if anyone wishes to come with me. **Fr Alan.**

FIRST COMMUNION: On the Sunday after Easter *Felix Lewin & Kiwa Ogle* will make their 1st Communion in our parish.

RE PARISH MINISTRY: All parishioners who have an upfront role in the parish are required to participate in the safeguarding program and to undergo a police check. This is diocesan policy and from Easter on this is required. Please see:

<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/safeguarding/>

PLEASE COLLECT: A large number of plates and dishes left behind from functions are displayed in the foyer for the next two weeks. If you recognise yours please take home. If not collected they will go to the op shop.

CARITAS LENTEN COLLECTION: Please ensure that all donations to Caritas are completed this week. Thanks to all who have contributed to this important collection. Autopay bank no: 03-0518-0211216-003