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RĀTAPU RUA TEKAU MĀ RIMA

O TE WĀ NOA O TE TAU

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

Miha Māori kei Te Unga Waka
ia Rātapu ia Rātapu 11^{am}

Weekdays Masses

Monday to Friday 12 midday

ANNIVERSARIES

Remembered every day at Te Unga Waka

25th September **Eddie Tapara**

28th September **Francis Heta,**

Polly Leef, Michael Peterson,

29th September **Rongo Jean Davis,**

Kathleen Bubba Dews née Te Wake

30th September **Brother Bernard mhm,**

Riripera Davis

1st October - **Patrick Martin**

4th October - **Gary Perry**

5th October - **Michael Shirres**

9th October - **Maria Davis**

HE AITUA

HOHEPA HARATIÈRE PEITA

I mate a **Toom** i te Taite kua pahure ake nei, he tuakana ki a Taria, Waata, Peter, Selina, tekau mā ono teina. Ko Hēmi rāua ko Karoraina ō rātou mātua. Kua hinga ia ki Waiuku, te kāinga i noho ai te whānau; otirā kua mate noa atu tōna hoa wahine.. Kei te takoto ia ki te marae o Tahuna Pā ki Waiuku. There will be a Requiem Mass for him at St. Anthony's parish at 11am today (Sunday). He was an active member of the parish. Ka tanumia ia ki te urupā Te Iti o Tahuna, Tahuna Pā Marae - i tēnei rā topnu, Rātapu 23 Hepetama.

MYRA CRAWFORD TeMarewauru (née Watson) in her 79th year. Wife of the late Donald, mother of Lianne and Grant. Eldest daughter of Charles and Nora Watson. Rosary was recited for her at the Cathedral last Tuesday and the Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Pat's Cathedral on Wednesday. She was a much loved member of the whānau o Hāto Pateriki, T he family requested, that in lieu of Flowers, donations to St. Patrick's Presbytery Appeal would be very much appreciated

JOSEPH SIMON WIREMU CAMPBELL POMARE. Kua mate a Hohepa 89 ōna tau. The father of Joan - 10 children in the family. Karani Pāpā o Mary Clarke (our Altar Server) me **Nikita** mā. The tangi was in Waipuna and he was interred in Nahareta Urupa.

INOI MŌ NGĀ TŪRORO

Brother John Paul* Pā Anton Timmerman, Pā David Whelan, Pā Sean O'Brien, Pā Tony Brown, King Tuheitia, Tony Zac Smith, Agnes Cherrington, Andy Pivac, Anna Haines, Arahi Ashby, Basil Brown, Bella Wade, Bernard Hotere, Billy Raymond Te Wake, Bubby Mokaraka, Boss Pomare, Carol King, Cherish Pomare, Christine

Lewis, Chum Murphy, Dave Toia, David Brown, David Puckey, David Robinson, Dawn Hawke, Delia Tinklin, Derek Carmichael, Des-Chanel Toalepai, Eve Gallen, Gemma Leaf, Dot Houghton, George Stephens, Gloria Nightingale, **Gloria Teo***, Grace Henry, Henry Tepania, Hēmi and Hine-Mei, Hilda Tumata, Hine Wikaira, Hone Mautairi, Janet Greeks, Jerome Noa, John Te Pania, Joseph Tepania, Joe Te Whiu, Joe Morunga, John Hancy, John Moynihan, Judy Rogers, Kaleb Savelio Thompson, Katarina Jamieson, Kevin O'Brien, Labby Matthews, Lawrence Kelly, Leo Lloyd, Lorraine Knutson, Lorraine Sutherland, Louise Katene-Riwhi and her sister Joy, Maraea Matthews, Margaret Paparao, Maria Clarke, Marie Louise, Margaret (Irene) Stinninato, Martha Henry, Martha London, Martha Perham, Martin Hoani, Matthew Brown, Matthew Hoani, Maudie Harris, Maudie Puku, Mere Harris, Moana MacDonald, Moka Te Wake, Monica Manaena, Monica Te Hira, Nan and Pearl, Nan Thomas, Nikau Gardiner, Patricia Millar, Paul Hughes, Paul London, Paul Tukere, Pauline Matiu, Percy Davis, **Peter Peita***, Peter Te Wake, Phyllis Pomare, Reg Dargaville, Rehina Rawiri (Walters), Rewa Lepper, Robert Tuiloma, Rose Jacobs, Selina Cummings (née Peita), Sorra Matchit, Stephen Dawson, Talia Mereana Tepania, Tamara Grace, Teresa Morris, Teresa Rerekura, Tina & Allen Francis, Tom Hurst, Tom Tepania, Trevor Ellery, Ulalia Kaio, Urania Peita, Velma Swann, Vincent Martin and Wesley Henry

***Brother John Paul** had to return to Hospital.

***Goria** needs our prayers. Her 3 surgeries are not working out well.

***Luke Nyssen**, age 49 - join in prayer for this father of 8 girls and one baby boy - he has been diagnosed with a malignant cancer. Canadian friends and family have all joined together and have asked us to be part of a tremendous prayer effort to heal him. We have prayed a Novena to **Archbishop Le Febvre** who was a great apostle of the Acadian people in the nineteenth century. Read his story on Google and you will see how he uplifted a whole nation. They hope for a miracle to boost his cause for canonisation.

***Peter** was rushed in a coma to hospital, but he has since come round and knows his visitors.

INDUCTION OF 19 CATECHISTS

Me whakamihī atu ki ngā Katekita tekau mā iwa, i whakatapua i tērā Rātapu. Me mihi hoki ki ngā Kaiwhakahaere, a Rangi, Wiremu me Pā Pere Dennehy. Kī pai te whare karakia i ngā whanaunga, hoa hoki i tae mai ki te tautoko. He mihi nui hoki ki te whānau Turi. It was amazing to see the fluency of the two Signers/Translators and the rapt expressions on the faces. Collection total on the day: \$617.20c. Collection for St Pat's Cathedral : \$235

FAREWELL MASS FOR MONSIGNOR PAT WARD

Requiem at Good Shepherd, Balmoral on Monday showed how many people appreciated his 58 years as a priest of Auckland. Telford Avenue was packed and even 20 minutes before Mass cars had to be diverted down Dominion Road. Pa Ryan walked enough mileage so he didn't have to go to the gym that day! 75 priests, four Bishops, a Cardinal and 500

people paid their respects. *E moe, e Pā i tōu moenga roa. Haere ki te Wā Kāinga*

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

There is a Pilgrimage to Egypt and the Holy Land being organised departing from Melbourne on 27th October returning on the 7th November. The Chaplain to this pilgrimage is Fr. Carlo Cruz. contact: deerpark@precillatravel.com.

LOOKING AT MĀORI HISTORY

[Nā Pā Mikaere tēnei]

In the last couple of years I have doubled my knowledge and understanding of Māori history, mainly because I have found time to read some books like TEARS OF RANGI, THE MEETING PLACE, TUAI and other recent books. My opportunity has come about because I go every day to Laura Ferguson Gym on the Great South Road, which is only 15 minutes walk from Te Unga Waka. I find that it keeps me in good health and slows down muscle deterioration and keeps one's memory in good shape. While exercising on stationary bike (20 min), treadmill (20 min) and on apparatus where one sits, (5 min each of four), the enlarged pages are easy to read when propped up on the monitor.

The last couple of weeks I have been reading "Tears of Rangi" by Anne Salmond. I hope it's on the syllabus in every New Zealand school [It could also be a "light up" reading for politicians like Don Brash, who are so sure of their Eurocentric ideas.] *From time to time, when space allows I'll quote some of its insights in our newsletter.*

NATIONAL CATHOLIC PRIESTS ASSEMBLY PASS ON THEIR

THANKS

190 Catholic priests from throughout New Zealand met in Christchurch last week for their five-yearly national assembly. The assembly provided priests with an opportunity for them to renew their commitment to priesthood in an informal gathering. In a real spirit of collegiality, the week's programme gave the priests a chance to spend time together and to openly reflect on and discuss their own experiences in ministry and pastoral life. Thank you to you, our parishioners, for your prayers and support for what was an invigorating and inspirational week.

WarnKng the consumption of alcohol may lead you to think that people are laughing with you

INOINGA MŌ TE KATOĀ

E te Atua nāu i whakaū ngā whakahau katoa o tāu Ture tapu ki runga i te aroha ki ā koe me to mātou hoa noho tata, tukua mai, mā te whakarite i āu whakahau, e tae atu ai mātou ki te oranga mutunga kore. Mā to mātou Ariki mā Hēhu Karaiti, tāu Tamaiti, e ora nei, e rangatira tahi nei kōrua i te kotahitanga o te Wairua Tapu, Atua kotahi, mō āke āke. **Āmene.**

ENGLISH: CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION
MĀORI: HITORIA POTO PĀ HOANE PAPITA 1908

TUHITUHI TAPU TUATAHI

Whakaaronui Ūpoko 2^{12, 17-20}
The wicked say, "Righteous people are nothing but a nuisance, so let's look for chance to get rid of them. They are against what we do. They accuse us of breaking the law of Moses and violating the traditions of our ancestors. But we'll see if that's true! Let us see what will happen when it's time for them to die. If the righteous really are God's children, God will save them from their enemies. So, let's put them to the test. We'll be cruel to them and torment them, then we'll find out how calm and reasonable they are! We'll find out just how much they can stand! We'll condemn them to a shameful death. After that, they say, God will protect them. Ko te kupu a te Ariki. **Whakamoemiti ki te Atua.**

WAIATA WHAKAUTU 53/54

Wā: **Kua whakaorangia ahau e te Ariki.** [The LORD has rescued me.]
Save me God by your power, and prove that I am right. Listen to my prayer and hear what I say. *Wā:* **Kua whakaorangia ahau e te Ariki.**
Cruel strangers have attacked me and want me dead. Listen to my prayer and hear what I say. *Wā:* **Kua whakaorangia ahau e te Ariki.**
You will help me LORD God and keep me from falling. I will offer a sacrifice to you LORD and I will praise your name because you are

good. *Wā:* **Kua whakaorangia ahau e te Ariki.**

TUHITUHI TAPU TUARUA

Reta nā Hākopa (Hēmi) 3^{16-4³}
Whenever people are jealous or selfish, they cause trouble and do all sorts of cruel things. But the wisdom that comes from above leads us to be pure, friendly, gentle, sensible, kind, helpful, genuine and sincere. When peacemakers plant seeds of peace, they will harvest justice. Why do you fight and argue with each other? Isn't it because you are full of selfish desires that fight to control your body? You want something you don't have, and you will do anything to get it. You will even kill! But you still cannot get what you want, and you won't get it by fighting and arguing. You should pray for it. Yet, even when you do pray, your prayers are not answered, because you pray just for selfish reasons. Ko te kupu a te Ariki. **Whakamoemiti Areruia. Ka mea te Ariki: "Ko ahau te mārāma o te ao. Ko ia e aru ana i ahau, ka whiwhi ki te mārāma o te ora." Areruia.**

RONGO PAI Maaka 9³⁰⁻³⁷

Na, ka tūria atu e Hēhu rātou ko ngā ākongā i reira, ā haere ana rā waenganui o Karireā. Ā, kihai ia i pai kia mōhiotia e tētahi tangata. Otiā, i whakaakona e ia āna ākongā, i mea ia ki a rātou, "Ka tukua te Tama a te Tangata ki ngā ringa o ngā tāngata, ā, mā rātou ia e whakamate. Ā, ka oti ia te whakamate, ka ara ake i te toru o ngā rā." Heoi, i ngaro i a rātou taua kupu, ā, i matakū ki te pātai ki ā ia. Na, ka tae rātou ki Kaparanauma. Ā, i a rātou i roto i te whare, ka ui atu ia ki a rātou, "He aha ta koutou i kōrerorero ai, i a koutou i te ara?" Ā, nohopuku ana rātou; i tōtohe hoki rātou ki a rātou i te ara, ko wai o rātou te mea nui. Ā, ka noho a Hēhu ki

raro, ā, ka karanga i te tekau mā rua, ka mea ki a rātou: "Ki te mea tētahi kia riro ia ki mua, hei muri ia i te katoa, hei kaimahi mā te katoa." Ā, ka mau ia ki tētahi tamaiti, ā, whakatūria ana ki waenganui o rātou. Na, ka awhitia e ia, ā, ka mea ki a rātou, "Ko te tangata e manaaki ana i tētahi o ngā tamariki pēnei i runga i tōku ingoa, e manaaki ana ia i ahau, ā, ko te tangata e manaaki ana i a au, ehara ahau i tāna i manaaki ai, engari ko tōku kaitono mai. Ko te Rongo Pai a te Ariki.

Kia whakanuia rā koe e te Ariki e Hēhu Karaiti

GOSPEL Mark 9³⁰⁻³⁷

Jesus left with his disciples and started through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know about it because he was teaching the disciples that the Son of Man would be handed over to people who would kill him. But three days later he would rise to life. The disciples did not understand what Jesus meant, and they were afraid to ask. Jesus and his disciples went to his home in Capernaum. After they were inside the house, Jesus asked them, "What were you arguing about along the way?" They had been arguing about which one of them was the greatest, and so they did not answer. After Jesus sat down and told the disciples to gather around him, he said, "If you want the place of honour, you must become a slave and serve others!" Then Jesus had a child stand near him. He put his arm round the child and said, "When you welcome even a child because of me, you welcome me. And when you welcome me, you welcome the one who sent me." The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Wisdom 2. 12, 17 - 20

Waiata 53/54

James 3. 16 - 4. 3

Mark 9. 30-37

There are lots of people these days who are going from door to door, contacting friends and firms in order to get a job. That is not all that new. In the old days too in Rome when students had finished their education, they would do the rounds in order to get a good position somewhere. In the English language we still have a word for that, the word 'ambition', which really means "doing the rounds in order to get a job" Sometimes that word has a bad meaning and that is because those students often used bribes or blackmail to get a high position. When we speak of a very ambitious person, we may mean a person who does not leave a stone unturned to get what he or she wants, by hook or by crook. But even now of course we use it of people who want to get some position and are striving hard to get it. And people with no ambitions are not likely to get very far in a hurry, not likely to get anywhere.

We hear from the gospel today that the disciples were an ambitious lot.

They all wanted to climb to the top. It took time before they learned.

The Pope in many a letter would sign himself: servus servorum Dei — servant of servants of God; not just 'servant' but 'the servant of the servants', which puts the person who is on top right at the bottom.

I think it is good to have ambitions. I think it is good to develop all one's talents.

There is a story about a man who found an eagle's egg and he put it under a brooding hen. And the little eagle hatched together with all the other chickens and it grew up to be like them: clucking and cackling, scratching the earth and eating worms, and sometimes flying a few feet. A few years passed by and then one day that eagle saw a magnificent bird high up in the sky and gliding beautifully on the wind, hardly moving its wings. And the eagle asked: "Who is that?" The hen besides him said: "That's the king of the birds. He belongs to the sky; we belong to the earth — we are chickens". So the eagle lived and died a chicken, for that's what he thought he was.

What a lost opportunity — never to have developed that full potential of an eagle.

And we can look at ourselves, at all of us, human beings with all the potential that is in us.

These days we are inclined to admire computers and all they can do. I am in full of admiration for them; I think they are marvellous machines. But the fact is, that they are still human inventions, and that each and every one of us has a potential and a brain which is thousands of times more powerful than any computer. The potential is there. The potential is here right amongst us.

It doesn't mean, that every one of us is now being asked to be 'brainy'. A thousand computers could not take the place of one mother or a father or a baby for that matter. And we need to appreciate that. And at the same time: don't be a chicken, when you can be an eagle, and don't believe that you are a chicken, just meant for scratching around.

In one of his letters Paul talks about all the talents people have. But then he adds: 'be ambitious for higher gifts'. For in the end, what makes us real and

really human beings, is not that we have talents (all of us have them in one way or another), but that we are willing to use them in the service of others. I said: 'what makes us real human beings'. I could also have said: 'what makes us Christians'. Because once baptized, we are baptized to serve, to be servant. And even if we would reach the very top, become the chief matai or whatever, we are servants. And the higher we climb, the more servant we become or should become. That's why Jesus calls that small child and puts it in the midst of the disciples. He does not say 'become like little children', but 'any one who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me'. To make this clear: the person who is right on top, must be willing to take great care of and to serve the least important person, the one with no authority, no possessions, with nothing to offer in return.

And somehow I think there may even be a lesson in this for all the people who have no job. It can be extremely frustrating and depressing; it can be demoralizing and make you feel a good-for-nothing. But as Christians they can keep their dignity, if they

still look for ways to be of service to others.