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**TOKOTORUTANGA TAPU
HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY
Te Ūnga Waka 11am**

Masses Monday to Friday 12 noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation - available
at weekday Masses and by appointment.

POPE FRANCIS' June Prayer

National Leaders:

That national leader may firmly commit
themselves to ending the arms trade which
victimizes so many innocent people.

DAILY PRAYER FOR LIFE

(by St. John Paul 2)

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world.

Mother of the living.

To you we entrust the cause of life.

*Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers
Of babies not allowed to be born.*

Of the poor whose lives are made difficult.

*Of men and women who are victims of brutal
violence.*

*Of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference
or out of misguided mercy.*

Grant that all who believe in your Son may
proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to
the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace
to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new. The joy
of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their
lives, and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build, together with all
people of good will, the civilisation of truth and
love. To the praise and glory of God, the Creator
and Lover of life.

Next Sunday will be a

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR REFUGEES
AND MIGRANTS**

HE AITUA

PA STEVEN HANCY: It was good to
be at Pā Steven Hancy's tangi and
funeral. He died on the Saturday, but
sadly his body wasn't released to the
family until the Monday, as the Doctors
were away, so no death certificate could
be signed. He spent Monday night in
Whanganui at Te Rau Oriwa Marae,
before he was brought back to Waipapa
a Iwi Marae on the Tuesday afternoon.
Bishops Charles and Peter were present,
along with Frs Karaitiana Kingi SM and
Jack Smith SM and about fifteen others.
His tūpuna were from Motukaraka.
They were responsible for bringing the
Catholic faith to the area; the Anglican
and Presbyterian faiths were strong there
at the time. I knew Pā Steven from my
time at Hiruharama on the Whanganui
River. Pā did his pastoral at
Maungarongo in Ohakune. He was in
Hawkes Bay, when I worked at Flaxmere
*Na Sister Magda tenei ripoata. Haere e
Pā haere ki te wā kāinga. Haere haere
haere.*

JOE DARGAVILLE It was with a
shock that we learned of the sudden
death of Joe on Tuesday night 30th May.
He had been feeling unwell and checked
with the doctor who, unfortunately did
not diagnose a heart problem. Joe
passed away on Tuesday night on his
way to pick up a bus in Whangarei to
take the Maori Wardens of Taitokerau to
the National Hui in Rotorua. The
whānau took him back to Panguru on
Thursday afternoon, taking him first to
lie for an hour in Waipuna (coffin
closed) in respect of his tautoko over
many years and from there to Ngāti
Manawā. His Requiem Mass was in
Hāto Petera Whare Karakia, led by Pa
Anahera, Deacon Ben Pomare and
Katekita Doug Te Wake. Ko te Nehu
kei roto i te Urupā o Nahāreta. *Haere rā
e te rangatira, e Hōhepa. Takoto. E
moe i te moengaroa Haere haere
haere.*

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Remembered and prayed for at Mass at Te
Ūnga Waka on the anniversary days.

9th June - Ani Nicholls (née Munday)

*first anniversary Mass offered at Te
Unga Waka and also at her home marae
in Paeroa.

16th June - Tom Topia

17th June - Brother Andrew Young

18th June - Peter Burkhardt

19th June - Ani Wihone

20th June - John Wikaira

INOINGA MŌ NGĀ TŪRORO

Bishop Pat Dunn, Pā Anton Timmerman, Pā
David Whelan, Fr. Edmund Slowey, Pā Sean
O'Brien, Pā Tony Brown, Br O'Kane (cousin
of Sr. Louise), King Tuheitia, Albert
Rudolph, Anthony Smith, Agnes
Cherrington, Albert Witana, Angelina Ruka,
Anna Haines, **Arahi Ashby***, Basil Brown,
Bubby Mokaraka, Boss Pomare, Carol King,
Cherish Pomare, Christine Lewis, Chum
Murphy, Dave Toia, David Brown, David
Puckey, David Robinson, Delia Tinklin,
Derek Carmichael, Des-Chanel Toalepai,
Dolly Matthews, Elizabeth Mumzy Katene,
Ellen Martin, Eugene Hoefflich, Eve Gallen,
George Houghton & Dot (*Pa Mick's first
cousin*), George Stephens, Gloria
Nightingale, Grace Henry, Hākopa Tepania,
Hilda Tumata, Hine Wikaira, Janet Greeks,
Joseph Tepania, Joe Te Whiu, John Hancy,
Joe Morunga, John Moynihan, Judy Rogers,
Kaleb Savelio Thompson, Katarina
Jamieson, Lawrence Kelly, Labby Matthews,
Lorraine Knutson, Lorraine Sutherland,
Louise Katene Riwhi and her sister Joy,
Margaret Papanoa, Martha Henry, Martha
Lundon, Martha Perham, Martin Hoani,
Matthew Brown, **Maria Clarke***, Matthew
Hoani, Maudie Harris, Maudie Puku, Mere
Harris, Moka Te Wake, Monica Manaena,
Monica Te Hira, Nan & Pearl, Neta

Gregory, Nikau Gardiner, Patricia Millar,
Paul Hughes, Paul Lundon, Paul Tukere,
Pauline Matiu, Percy Davis, Peter Peita,
Phyllis Pomare, Rewa Lepper, Rose Jacobs,
Selina Cummings-Peita, Sorra Matchit,
Stephen Dawson, Tamara Grace, Taria Peita,
Teresa Morris, Teresa Rerekura, Tina &
Allen Francis, Toa Faneva, Tom Hurst, Tom
Tepania, Tony Rudolph, Trevor Ellery,
Ulalia Kaio, Urania Peita, Vincent Martin
and Wesley Henry.

*Maria is grateful for your prayers

*Arahi (née Witana - sister of Alice Capell) is
very unwell. She is staying with her aunt in
Kohukohu, having returned from Melbourne.

General Election is in September. The NZ Bishops
will be releasing an Election Statement to highlight
12 key issues. The first will deal with euthanasia.
Quote "We hope for positive, pro-life attitudes and
policies. Love and care for the unborn, the
vulnerable, the disabled, the elderly and the
different, are marks of a compassionate society."
Pope St John Paul2 gave us the "Prayer for life" It's
printed in column one of this newsletter. Adapt it in
your family prayers.

INVITATION TO HAVE YOUR SAY TODAY

Here is another opportunity to **Have Your Say**
about **Health Care** The previous discussion on the
21st May was very good. **Group Discussion at 1pm,**
today 11th June @ Te Unga Waka Marae

Contact Eva Morunga 09-5278-289 or
022-035-6950 (limited places)

JOIN THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

The Cathedral Choir is looking to expand, and
therefore has vacancies in all voice parts. If
you can read music, have choral experience and
a good voice we encourage you to contact
music@stpatericks.org.nz

There are auditions today 11th June

The choir sings a wide repertoire of liturgical music
from the church's choral tradition - from plainsong
to new compositions. Rehearsals are on Thursday
evening. The choir sings on average three times a
month at the 11am Mass and for special occasions
such as Holy Week and Christmas.

Wanted - Guitars

The Catholic Prison Chaplains are looking for
spare guitars for use in their prison guitar
groups. If you are able to donate an unwanted
acoustic guitar please contact Emma or
Maryanne on 09 378 9650 or
reception@cssauckland.org.nz

Parking lot next to pub / Closing time:

Cop: Excuse me sir. D'you think it's
wise to get behind the wheel at this
time of night? Where are you going?
Porohaurangi: To a lecture, sir.
Cop: Who on earth is giving a lecture
at this time of night?

Porohaurangi: My missus.

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Trinity Sunday, Year A

**Tēnā koutou, te whanau
kua peka mai ki te whare o
te Ariki, ki te whare o te
rangimārie.**

**Peka mai i te ao turituri ki
te whakarongo i te kupu a
te Ariki. Haere mai.**

**I remember in the 1950s
hearing about Tupara an
Arawa chief who had
obtained a prayer book in
Maori from Bishop
Pompaller and taught the
Maori Morning and Night
Prayers (this is before they
ever saw a priest) and
many villages chanted
them in community every
day. They even
incorporated the Holy
Trinity into their marae
greeting. “Haere mai i te
ingoa o te Matua o te
Tamaiti o te Wairua Tapu”**

**Irish history also has a
lesson for us. St Patrick’s
message to the Irish when
he picked a spring of
shamrock with 3 petals to
illustrate the “Three in
One” the Holy Trinity
could be three and one at
the same time. It must
have impressed them very
much because it became
the national symbol of
Ireland. Today is the
Sunday on which we revere
the name of the Holy
Trinity and try to
understand it.**

**Te Tokotoru-tanga Tapu.
Three Persons in one
Divine Nature.**

**There is a question people
have been asking
throughout the centuries.
It is basically the question
that people were asking
when they started their
discussion and arguments
about the doctrine of the
Holy Trinity. What is the
God, we Christians believe
in?**

**Looking at the first
Reading today**

Exodus 34. 4b-6,8-9

**Part of the account of
Moses’ preparing more
stone tablets to receive a
fresh inscription of the
conditions for the
allegiance of his people to
God. The writer of
Exodus assumes that
everyone knows the
original promises made
when they were enslaved in
Egypt. But now they were
in Canaan, a new land with
new problems - the
Israelites faced pressure to
give in to the local religion
which was oppressive and
exploitative. Moses is
presented in Exodus as a
relentless petitioner; he
petitioned, he interceded,
he protested, he cajoled
and delivered ultimatims to
God. God’s response is
typical, - with mercy,
compassion, patience and
faithfulness.**

**The response psalm today
was not taken from the
usal book of 150 Psalms.
This is taken from a waiata
which was chanted by
Shadrach, Meshach and
Abed-Nego, when they
were thrown into a furnace
because they refused to
worship Nebuchadnezzar
(also known as Nebuchad-
nezzar or Nabucco.
(Deutero-Canonical portion of
Daniel.)**

**The king was furious at the
refusal of these young men.
He wanted the Israelites to
simply bow down and treat
his imperial system as
absolute and normal.
They said, No we believe in
a future beyond your
control. He was so
infuriated that he ordered
the furnace to be heated
seven times hotter. “They
kept tossing in oil, tar,
dried flax plants and small
pieces of firewood. The
flames blazed up 75 ft
above the furnace and
burned the Babylonians
who were standing nearby,
but the vacuum at the
bottom sucked in cool air.**

2 Corinthians 13.

**This reading is included
today because it contains
one of the clearest
Trinitarian passages in the
New Testament. The
occasion was Paul wrote
the letter to be read out to**

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the Christian assembly. Critics in the Corinthian community had challenged the authenticity of Paul's message; he had been their first teacher. His detractors had accused him of being weak, deceitful and poorly spoken. So he is writing in preparation for his coming meeting with them. Paul asks them to consider their own performance and gives them a measure of what an authentic community of Christ's disciples would look like. He finished with an appeal for peace using the trinitarian passages: firstly: *the grace of Jesus Christ*. Then: *the love of God*, and then *the communion of the Holy Spirit*. It is in Christ's life and death that Christian disciples meet the love of God. It forms a redeemed community, in which the disciples participate in the *communal life of Jesus' spirit*.

John 3. 16-18

Every one of us has his or her own mental picture of God, often shaped in our very early years by pictures that we saw or by words that we heard about God. That picture would have been formed in our minds before we ever had even a chance to think about it all. Would it be an eye watching us, someone

cradling us and watching over us (which makes quite a difference) a triangle, a clover-leaf, a heart, or a cross? What kind of God do we pray to? what is God like?

And if you had asked them: What about Jesus? then some would have said, "Ah, but you see, he wasn't a human being, He only looked like one; it wasn't for real". Others would reply, "He wasn't divine; He belonged totally to our world". For them there was no way that God could communicate self, enter really into our world, into our lives, into our history. God and us are literally worlds apart. It sounds strange, but somehow you can make too much of God, or maybe too little. I think they were making too little. For them God is God, surrounded by unbreakable glass. For the Christian, who believes in the Holy Trinity, God is God, precisely because God is for us- like a parent to his children, turns to us, reaches out to us, does not live in an impenetrable glass cage. I think Nicodemus is a very important figure Although he was an important member of the Jewish Supreme Council

he came secretly at night to see Jesus. During his night-time conversations he receives light. Afterwards it was Nicodemus who defended Jesus in the Sanhedrin.

Just as there is unity between Father Son and Spirit, Jesus calls all to come into community. A test for us in life is DO WE REVEAL THE FATHER'S TENDERNESS AND COMPASSION IN OUR DEALINGS WITH OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS.