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**RĀTAPU TEKAU MĀ TORU
O TE WĀ NOA O TE TAU
13th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Te Ūnga Waka 11am**

*(This is the First Sunday of the month
and so that Readings and hymns will
be directed by the Rangatahi - The
New Net)*

**Mass 12 noon every weekday
Reconciliation** - available at
weekday Masses and by
appointment.

**POPE FRANCIS' July Prayer
Lapsed Christians
That our brothers and sisters who
have strayed from the faith, by our
prayer and witness to the Gospel,
may rediscover the merciful
closeness of the Lord and the
beauty of the Christian life.**

HE AITUA

NELSON NGAROPO: his mātua were Mark Ngaropo and Lucy Takuirā-Teihi died last week. His body was taken back to Panguru. Nelson is survived by four children and many mokopuna.

(Happy memories from 1954 for Pa Mick of Sunday evenings spent on Puke Tawa, when Charlotte would come down to the Prespytery and bring a horse for me to go and join the family.)

STEVEN WIHONE: died in Auckland Hospital at 6am on Thursday, 29 Hune. A mokopuna of Bob and Maggie, ko Minnie tōna whaea. He is survived by Deidre and their two daughters, kotiro atawhai. The tangi is in Waihou.

BRUCE STEWART died peacefully in Wellington on Wednesday 28th of June. His marae was Tapu Te Ranga, neighbours of the Sisters of Compassion at Island Bay, Poneke. His tangi and Requiem will be held at the marae and the funeral will be today (Sunday.) He had many connections to Tai Tokerau.

RĀ HURITAU

Pa Mick would like to thank all who came to Mass on Thursday and helped him to celebrate his 89th birthday with mihimihi and waiata.

WEDDING

Emily Nightingale and Tehira Dennis Tupaea will celebrate their wedding with the exchange of their marriage vows at Te Unga Waka next Saturday (8th July) at 2pm.

Emily and Tehira would like to invite you all to our wedding ceremony at Te Unga Waka chapel starting at 2pm next

Saturday. Following the service we will be celebrating at the Manurewa Cosmopolitan Club from 6pm onwards. Haere mai haere mai haere mai.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY
AUCKLAND**

Sunday 16th of July

Venue: Victory Convention Centre,
48 Beaumont Street, Freemans Bay
Free parking inside.

Diocesan Youth Mass 7.00 pm

ANNIVERSARIES

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

2nd July - **Helena Dunn**

4th July - **Pa Jan Nielen** Mill Hill

5th July - **Lola White, Fr. David Jillet**

His photo is on our Pātu Whakamaharatanga. We sing his tunes every day at Mass - Our Father, Holy

Holy, Lamb of God

6th July - **William Daniels**

7th July - **Dawn McMath**

8th July - **Archbishop James Michael Liston**

12th July - **Bill Wire Davis** father of Kingi

13th July - **Rangi Kōrero (Morta) Tana** of Moerewa, **Pā Nico Zeyen** Mill Hill.

PA PITA TIPENE

Pa Pita has been appointed Parish Priest for Waiheke Island, while also remaining Dean of the Cathedral

FOR SALE

Fr. Nick Alleman is selling his silver 2004 Toyota Corolla GLX Sedan. It has done 56,000kms. If interested ring Monsignor David Tonks 09 489 6338.

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, Ange lina Ruka, Anna Haines, Arahi Ashby, Basil Brown, Bubby Mocaraka, 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 Hoeflich, 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 London, 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 London, Paul Tukere, Pauline Matiu, Percy Davis, Peter Peita, Phyllis Pomare, Reg Dargaville, Rewa Lepper, **Robert Tuiloma***, 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.

***Robert has been in hospital and had a pacemaker fitted.**

General Election 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."* Join the Bishops in saying this

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 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

I had been teaching my 3 year old daughter the Our Father at bedtime for several evenings. She would repeat each line after me. Finally she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully pronounced each word, right up to the end of the prayer. "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some email. Amen."

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

2 Kings 4.

Psalm 88

Romans 6

Matthew 10.

In the 1st Reading we heard how a certain woman urged Elisha to have a meal at her place. So whenever Elisha passed that way, he would stop there for a meal. The woman said to her husband: "Look, I am sure that this man who regularly passes our way, is a holy man of God. Let us make a small roof chamber with walls and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair and a lamp" so that Elisha could stay whenever he happened to pass that way.

One day when Elisha came there and lay on his bed, he asked his servant: "What may be done for the woman?" His servant answered: "Well, she has no son and her husband is old". Elisha said: "Call her". She came, stood at the door, and Elisha told her: "At this season, in due time, you shall embrace a son". She replied: "No, do not deceive me". The woman conceived and bore a son as Elisha had declared to her.

This story explains not just hospitality but representation. The woman who welcomed Elisha was actually welcoming the one who Elisha represented, the Lord God. When Elisha promised her a son, he spoke with the word of God.

This story shows exactly what Jesus is speaking about in today's Gospel. When speaking to his Apostles he said: "whoever welcomes you, welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet, will receive a prophet's reward".

Matthew wants us to believe that it is just as rewarding to be on the supportive side of the sacred ministries as to be exercising them. We don't have to feel we have to do everything ourselves! St. Paul would say, it is O.K. to be part of the body; you don't have to be a foot if you are a hand

This truth is best explained by a story: There was a young man from a poor country village who, after a great struggle, was ordained a priest. His helper in his days of study had been the village cobbler. The cobbler was a man of wide reading and deep thinking. On the day the young priest was ordained the cobbler said to him, 'It has always been my desire to preach the Gospel of Christ, but the circumstances of my life made it impossible. You are achieving what is close to my heart. I want you to promise me one thing - I want you to let me make your shoes - for nothing - and I want you to wear them in the pulpit when you preach. Then I'll feel you are preaching the Gospel that I always wanted to preach standing in my shoes.'

I think that all priests have had similar experiences in their lives: e.g. going to the barber who gives a priest a hair-cut free of charge, or going to the

doctor who said "we don't charge the clergy". Hospitality, as is preached in the first Reading and in the Gospel, is not a question of bed and breakfast and goodbye; it is a matter of opening our hearts to a visit of God who comes to us in the guise of a prophet, a stranger, the homeless. In the end it is God who is our guest!

In making others feel they belong, we are welcoming Christ and God the Father. Mother Theresa of Calcutta - picking up the sick and the dying from the streets and seeing the face of God in each one - understood this saying in a dramatic way. For us it will be in making certain we do not 'shut the door' of our lives in the face of others in need. Today's Gospel text is not easy to hear or to listen to because it demands a response from us, a response that is sometimes difficult. We are not 'Sunday Christians'.

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not fit to be my disciple". Christian life demands some sacrifice (a dirty word in today's society) but we cannot be a follower/disciple without giving up some of our time or personal pleasures.. Discipleship is simple demanding. The following of Christ is not one thing among the many things we do each day. It should be at the core of our lives and the basis of the decisions we make. The Gospel today calls us, invites us, to a new and more meaningful life, as well as one that requires personal sacrifice. When Jesus said, "follow me" he intended to go there before

2 Hurae 2017

WHĀNAU TAPU PARISH

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**us. He did not ask anything
that he himself was not ready
to do. He asked us to follow
him and there will be a cost to
that discipleship just as was
true in his life: his Passion and
his Death.**

*"Whoever tries to gain his own
life will lose it, but whoever
loses his life for my sake will
gain it".* This is one of the
paradoxes of Christian life. St.
Francis said it well: 'it is in
giving that we receive and in
dying that we receive eternal
life'. When we do sacrifice
something that we are entitled
to for the sake of the Gospel
and in order to be of service to
others, we receive so much
back in so many other ways
that are often a surprise to
us.... joys we never imagined.