

RĀTAPU TUATORU O TE RENETI

Third Sunday of Lent Yr.B

Ia Rātapu Miha Māori 11 o ngā haora o
te ata kei Te Unga Waka
Every Sunday 11am Mass

Weekday Mass is at 12 noon
Monday to Friday

RECONCILIATION - at the weekday
Masses or by arrangement

BAPTISMS after Sunday Mass or by
special arrangement

OUR LENTEN SACRIFICE *Caritas*
envelopes are a useful reminder to give
during Lent. Whaea Annie will collect
your weekly donation each Sunday at the
end of Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY
or "Passion Sunday"

Karakia begins as normal at 11am, but everyone gathers, before Mass, in the foyer for the blessing and distribution of the palms. We then enter in procession waving our 'palms' to remember the entry of Jesus to Jerusalem and singing a triumphal hymn. During the Mass several Kaipānui are needed because, as well as the normal Tuhituhi Tapu, the Passion of Christ (from St Mark's Gospel this year) is read out. Different Kaipānui read the parts of the speakers. So Kaipānui mā, please come forward at the end of Mass **today** to receive your copies and get a special blessing, Please - those of you who have talent in PĀNUITANGA. Extra readers are needed for Palm Sunday - Holy Thursday, Good Friday - Holy Saturday Vigil & Easter.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

remembered daily at Te Unga Waka Mass.

18th March **Imelda Johnson** née Douglas
Kataraina Kanara - 1st anniversary
please see pānui below re Miha at Hāto
Petera College 6pm.

21st March - **Heta Tepania** and **Emma,
Charlotte Thomas** née Ngaropo

23rd March - **Henry Waru**

25th March - **Anne Smith** née Macfarlane

26th March - **Pā Petera Bierbooms** MHM

31st March - **Murray Hakaraia**

1st April - **Dan Rapira**

2nd April - **Akinahi Mane-Tepania**

MEMORIAL MASS

at HĀTO PETERA COLLEGE

This Sunday evening 6pm., Pā Bernard Dennehy will be celebrating Mass for all those who would like to attend in the Chapel at Hāto Petera College in memory of the First Anniversary since the passing of the late college Kuia, Aunty Kataraina

Kanara. Please bring a plate also for the cuppa afterwards.

INOINGA MŌ NGĀ TŪRORO

Pā Anton Timmerman, Pā David Whelan, Pā Sean O'Brien, Pā Tony Brown, King Tuheitia, Anthony Smith, Agnes Cherrington, Anna Haines, Arahi Ashby, Basil Brown, **Benedict***, Bernard Hotere, 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, Ellen Martin, Eve Gallen, Gemma Leef, George and Dot Houghton, George Stephens, Gloria Nightingale, Grace Henry, Henry Tepania, Hēmi and Hine-Mei, Hilda Tumata, Hine Wikaira, Janet Greeks, 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, **Liam Dargaville***, Lorraine Knutson, Lorraine Sutherland, Louise Katene-Riwhi and sister Joy, Margaret Paparua, Martha Henry, Martha London, Martha Perham, Martin Hoani, Matthew Brown, Maria Clarke, Matthew Hoani, Maudie Harris, Maudie Puku, Mere Harris, Moana MacDonald, Moka Te Wake, Monica Manaena, Monica Te Hira, Nan & Pearl, Nan Thomas, 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 (née Peita), Sorra Matchit, Stephen Dawson, Tamara Grace, Teresa Morris, Teresa Rerekura, Tina & Allen Francis, Tom Hurst, Tom Tepania, Trevor Ellery, Ulalia Kaio, Urania Peita, Vincent Martin and Wesley Henry.

***Benedict** 16yrs suffering depression.

***Liam** - recovering from spinal operation

HOATU TE WHAKAPONO KI ĀU MOKOPUNA

Ka haere te tāima. Time goes on and we grow into the role of Kuia and Kaumātua. We find ourselves trying to pass on the faith to our children's children. Modern times mean that lots of things have changed. But don't despair! Don't retreat into the past. Helps are available. How can you make Jesus 'cool' for your mokopuna? This Easter the Bible Society is giving away 100,000 copies of *The Super Cool Story of Jesus*. This is an opportunity to get the story of Jesus into the hands of children. This is a child-friendly book. It tells the story of Jesus' life, including the Easter events, in playful, rhyming language with fun pictures. **To order your copy go to www.bible.society.org.nz/super_cool. The book is available now both free to individuals or in bulk orders to churches for their Easter activities**

5 YEARS - ANNIVERSARY

On Tuesday our Mass at Te Unga Waka was dedicated to Pāpā Werahiko - Pope Francis.

It was the 5th anniversary of his election as Pope, and time to reflect on this remarkable Pope. "As a pastor, I find that Pope Francis has affected so many

people and not just Catholics. He is truly a global leader, the conscience of the world. In an interview, Helen Clarke, former NZ Prime Minister and now a leading light at the United Nations, acknowledged how he had affected her. "I look around the world at who is providing a sense of inspiration and hope at the moment. It's the Pope. I am not a Catholic, but I recognize in this man tremendous goodness. A voice of sanity in a troubled world, often speaking what we all feel but could not express as eloquently." Our Cardinal Dew says, "Regularly reading the words of Pope Francis gives me hope and encouragement, because he understands the messiness of our lives. He often speaks strongly and in a very direct (and often humorous) way which challenges us to look at ourselves and how we act. ... He always conveys hope."

ASH WEDNESDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

How Auntie Whizzy and Buck would have enjoyed the ceremony at the Cathedral at the beginning of Lent! Liza Tipene and her husband Buck were an inspiration to hundreds of us who came from Hokianga to bring their big family to live in the city, mainly in the 1950s and 60s. It was great to see the son of her son Michael, her mokopuna, Pā Peter Tipene preside over the ceremony of Ash Wednesday as Dean of the Cathedral. Wonderful also to see the Anglican Bishop Ross Bay sharing the ceremony with us and preaching a very inspirational message.

MARAE NEWS

This week-end 70 students, teachers and trainers are staying at Te Unga Waka, from Westlake College.

Welcome to the Psychiatric Hotline

If you are psychiatric-compulsive, please press 1 repeatedly.

If you are co-dependant, please ask someone to press 2.

If you have multiple personalities, please press 3,4,5 and 6.

If you are paranoid delusional, just stay on the line so we can trace the call.

If you are schizophrenic, listen carefully and a little voice will tell you which number to press.

If you are manic depressive, it doesn't matter which number you press, no one will answer

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR 5th SUNDAY
OF LENT, Year B ENGLISH TEXT: CEV
REO MĀORI: nā Pā Becker, Hitoria Poto

TUHITUHI TAPU TUATAHI

Heremia Poropiti Ūpoko 31³¹⁻³⁴

The LORD said: The time will surely come when I will make a new arrangement with the people of Israel and Judah. It will be different from the agreement I made with their ancestors when I led them out of Egypt. Although I was their God they broke that agreement. Here is the new agreement that I, the LORD, will make with the people of Israel. “I will write my laws on their hearts and minds. I will be their God and they will be my people. No longer will they have to teach one another to obey me. I, the LORD, promise that all of them will obey me, ordinary people and rulers alike. I will forgive their sins and forget the evil things they have done.”

Ko te kupu a te Ariki.

Whakamoemiti ki te Atua.

WAIATA WHAKAUTU 50 / 51

Wā: **Hangā, e te Atua, he ngākau mā
ki roto ki ahau.**

[A pure heart create for me O God.]

You are kind, O God, please have pity on me. You are always merciful! Please wipe away my sins.

Wā: **Hangā, e te Atua, he ngākau mā
ki roto ki ahau.**

Create pure thoughts in me and make me faithful again. Don't chase me away from you or take your Holy Spirit away from me.

Wā: **Hangā, e te Atua, he ngākau mā
ki roto ki ahau.**

Make me as happy as you did when you saved me; make me want to obey! I will teach sinners your Law, and they will return to you. *Wā:*

**Hangā, e te Atua, he ngākau mā
ki roto ki ahau.**

TUHITUHI TAPU TUARUA

Reta ki ngā Hīperu Ūpoko 5⁷⁻⁹

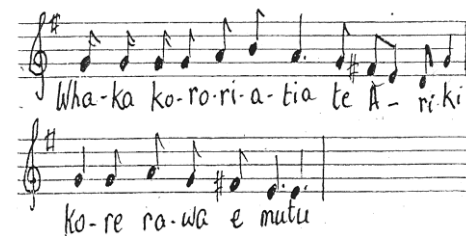
While Jesus was on earth, he begged God with loud crying and tears to save him. He truly worshipped God, and God listened to his prayers.

Jesus is God's own Son, but he still had to suffer before he could learn what it really means to obey God.

Suffering made Jesus perfect, and now he can save forever all who obey him.

Ko te kupu a te Ariki.

Whakamoemiti ki te Atua



**Ko koe te Kupu a te Atua! Ki te mea
tētahi ko ia hei kaimahi māku, me
aru ia i ahau.**

RONGO PAI

Hoane Ūpoko 12²⁰⁻³⁰

Nō ngā tauwiwi ētahi o te hunga i haere ake ki te koropiko i te rā haringa. Ā, haere mai ēnei ki a Whiripo nō Petahaira o Karireia, ā, ka whakamātau kōrero ki ā ia, ka mea, “E kara, e pīrangi ana mātou kia kite i a Hēhu.” Haere ana a Whiripo, kōrero ana ki a Aterea. Nā Aterea anō rāua ko Whiripo i kōrero ki a Hēhu. Ā, ka kī a Hēhu ki a rāua, ka mea, “Kua tae mai te hāora e whakakorōriatia ai te Tama a te tangata. He pono, he pono tāku ka mea atu nei ki a koutou: Ki te kore te pata wīti e ngahoro ki te whenua, ā, e mate, ka kotahi tonu ia. Tēnā, ki te mate, he maha āna hua e hua ai. Ko ia e aroha ana ki tōna ora, ka ngaro i ā ia, ā, ko te tangata e kino ana ki tōna ora i tēnei ao, ka mau ki ā ia te ora āke, āke. Ki te mahi tētahi ki a au, me aru ia i a au: ā, te wāhi i noho ai ahau, ko reira anō taku kaimahi. Ki te mahi tētahi ki a au, e whakahōnoretia e tōku Matua. Kei te pōuri tōku wairua i tēnei wāhi ā, kia pēhea taku kupu? E Pā, whakaorangia mai ahau i tēnei hāora: otirā, ko te mea tēnei i tae mai ai ahau ki tēnei hāora. E Pā, whakakorōriatia tōu ingoa.” Na, ka puta he reo i te rangi: “Kua whakakorōriatia e ahau, ā, e whakakorōriatia anō.” Na, ka mea te mano e tū ana i reira, ā, i rongo: “He whatitiri!” Ko ētahi i mea: “Kua kōrero tētahi āhere ki ā ia.” Ka oho a Hēhu ka mea, “Ehara i te mea he whakaaro ki ahau i puta mai ai tēnei reo, ēngari he whakaaro ki a koutou. Ko āiane te whakawā mō te

ao; ko āiane pangā ai te rangatira o tēnei ao ki waho. Kia oti ahau te whakairi ake i runga i te whenua, ka kūmea e ahau ngā mea katoa ki ahau.” I pēnei ai ia hei whakaatu i te āhua o te mate e mate ai ia.

Ko te Rongo Pai a te Ariki.

**Kia whakanuia rā koe e te Ariki e
Hēhu Karaiti.**

GOSPEL John Ch. 12²⁰⁻³⁰

Some Greeks had gone to Jerusalem to worship during Passover. Philip from Bethsaida in Galilee was there too. So they went to him and said, “Sir, we would like to meet Jesus.” Philip told Andrew. Then the two of them went to Jesus and told him. Jesus said, “The time has come for the Son of Man to be given his glory. I tell you for certain that a grain of wheat that falls on the ground will never be more than one grain unless it dies. But if it dies, it will produce lots of wheat. If you love your life, you will lose it. If you give it up in this world, you will be given eternal life. If you serve me, you must go with me. My servants will be with me wherever I am. If you serve me my Father will honour you. Now, I am deeply troubled, and I don't know what to say. But I must not ask my Father to keep me from this time of suffering. In fact, I came into the world to suffer. So Father, bring glory to yourself.” A voice from heaven then said: “I have already brought glory to myself, and I will do it again.” When the crowd heard the voice, some of them thought it was thunder. Others thought an angel had spoken to Jesus. Then Jesus told the crowd, “That voice spoke to help you, not me. This world's people are now being judged, and the ruler of this world is being already thrown out. If I am lifted up above the earth, I will make everyone want to come to me.” Jesus was talking about the way he would be put to death.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

5th Sunday of Lent, Year B**Jeremiah 31. 31-****34 Hebrews 5. 7-9 John
12. 20-33**

Tēnā koutou e te whānau me ngā manuhiri. Haere mai. Peka mai ki tēnei wāhi rangimārie. Come aside from the busy world into the peaceful house of God.

Look at the first reading from Jeremiah.

For nearly seventy-five years after the death of the Prophet Isaiah, there was no great prophet to succeed him. The wicked King Manasseh reigned for almost fifty years and during his reign idol-worship was established more firmly than ever and the morals of people sank to their lowest ebb. Anybody who dared to raise his voice in protest or warning, was either silenced or brutally murdered. Under the reign of Manasseh's successor things took a turn for the better and the second golden age of Hebrew prophecy began.

It is the age of Jeremiah and Zephania, Nahum and Habakkuk, Ezekiel and Daniel. The greatest of these, and at the same time most Christ-like of all the prophets, was Jeremiah from whom the First Reading today is taken.

Our reading for today has been called "Jeremiah's Spiritual Testament". Jeremiah says that the Israelites had broken the covenant God made with them at Mount Sinai and Jeremiah says of God "I had to show myself their master, says the Lord". In other words: God was no longer their loving father, but now has become their master; the people no longer were his children, but now were his slaves without an inheritance.

But the Jeremiah goes on to say, "The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah". Jeremiah is telling the people that God never turns his back on people, however much they had done wrong. 'A new covenant will be made in time' is Jeremiah's message.

Jesus came and established that new covenant as we proclaim at Consecration in the Mass, "This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant".

Today's Gospel starts with "among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip and said to him 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus'. Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went to see Jesus". Both Philip and Andrew have Greek names. ('Philip' means 'lover of horses' and Andrew means 'manly') It looks like it that Philip and Andrew understood some Greek. It would be natural for the Greeks to seek out someone who would understand their culture and language. It may be that Philip and Andrew consulted with each other because there is no precedent for Jesus dealing with Gentiles. There is no indication that the Gentiles were with them when they approached Jesus but it would make these Gentiles the first fruits of the spread of the Christian faith in the Greek speaking world.

What happened to that simple request by the Greeks, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus"? The answer reminds us once more that the gospels are more theology than biography. The answer is given by those who

wrote this gospel and basically they are saying, "It is more important that you see what Jesus is all about".

To SEE Jesus is to enter totally into his way of thinking, to understand WHY he had to suffer and die and rise again. Like the grain of wheat, Jesus had to let go of everything, including his own life, in order to bring life to himself and many others. If we cannot see and accept this as the core of Jesus' life, we have not really seen him and never will see him in the true sense.

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain, but if it dies, it bears much fruit" Jesus compares his life and the lives of his followers to a grain of wheat. The image of the grain of wheat, its death and its fruitfulness, is often paralleled with bodily death and resurrection.

Death to selfishness -
That is what we try to do all the time - but it's mighty difficult.