

**RĀTAPU RUA TEKAU MĀ WHITU
O TE WĀ NOA O TE TAU
26TH ORDINARY SUNDAY Yr. A
Miha Māori i ngā Rātapu 11am
Masses Monday to Friday 12 noon
Mane ki te Paraire 12.00**

*Reconciliation: available at the weekday
Masses and by appointment.*

**The Holy Rosary Month October
Te Rohario Tapu**

Last Sunday at 10.30 we restarted the recitation of the Rosary led by Whaea Annie Roberts-Rakena and some of the Rangatahi.

Who started the Holy Rosary? Saint Dominic 1170-1221 a Spanish priest who started the Dominican Order. His mission carried him all over Europe to revive the Christian faith among ordinary people

Why? To help the country people to have daily family prayer. Very few could read the psalms which were the staple prayers of the church, recited each day by the clergy. So he thought we will have a prayer using 150 Hail Marys representing the 150 psalms of the Bible. He divided it into sets of five "Mysteries" REPRESENTING TIMES IN Mary's life which were HAPPY or SORROWFUL or WONDERFUL. Pope John Paul 2 added another set which he called LUMINOUS - HIKOHIKO.

Where can I find it? Page 74 of the *Orange Pukapuka Miha*.

[Unfortunately, last Sunday, the All Blacks were playing in Argentina at 11am our time of Mass. Aue! Te torotoru i tae mai ki te Miha! It's not as if they needed our prayers as much as we need the Miha!]

**NGĀ MIHI NUI KI A HĀTO
HOHEPA- ST JOSEPH'S MAORI
GIRLS COLLEGE**

150 year Jubilee 1867 – 2017

Friday 6th October - 3pm - Pōwhiri
5.30 Kai o te ahiahi

Exhibition opens in the Library
Reconnection with the Sisters of our
Lady of the Mission.

Karakia o te ahiahi

Saturday 7th - 7am Karakia o te ata
9am Jubilee Book preview by the author
Malcolm Mulholland. *The publication is still with Huia Publications, due to the enlargements and extra photos. But it promises to be a beauty.*

10 am Jubilee Photos on Marae steps

11.30am Kai - antipasto platter

6.30 - 11pm Jubilee Banquet

Sunday 8th 10am Jubilee Mass in the
Gymnasium

12.30 Hākari

1.30 - Haere rā eeee!

**Plenty of news and pictures from the
re-union can be found on Google.*

*Find the addresses and email to order
your copy of the Magazine.*

*Best wishes from us all at Te Ūnga
Waka. Also and especially to Dame
Georgina (who visited Te Ūnga Waka
in 2003 to celebrate Pa Mikaere's
Golden Jubilee.)*

ANNIVERSARIES

Remembered at Te Ūnga Waka Miha:

8th October **Andrew Bubby Noa.**

Gordon Michael 'Buck' Buchanan
(Taura o Hāto Petera, brother of Janice.)

9th October - **Maria Davis**

10th October - **Winnie Rutledge**
(Butler)

11th October - **Amelia Kanara** (Gilbert)

13th October - **Queenie Ngapera**

14th October - **Liza Harema,**

Sister Margaret

15th October - **Ada Peri** (Dolly's Mum)

16th October - **Te Rauhanga Pickering**

18th October - **Anna Witana** (1st anniv.)

INOINGA MŌ NGĀ TŪRORO

Bishop Pat Dunn, Pā Anton Timmerman, Pā David Whelan, Fr. Edmund Slowey, Pā Sean O'Brien, Pā Tony Brown, King Tuheitia, Anthony Smith, Agnes Cherrington, Albert Witana, Angelina Rupa, 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, Elizabeth 'Mumzy' Katene, **Elizabeth Bubba Glover** - **Tepania** Ellen Martin, Eve Gallen, Gemma Leaf, George and Dot Houghton, George Stephens, George Tepania, Gloria Nightingale, Grace Henry, Hilda Tumata, Hine Wikaira, Janet Greeks, Joseph Tepania, Joe Te Whiu, Joe Morunga, John Hancy, John Moynihan, Judy Rogers, Kaleb Savelio Thompson, Katarina Jamieson, Lawrence Kelly, Labby Matthews, Kevin O'Brien Lorraine Knutson, Lorraine Sutherland, Louise Katene Riwhi and sister Joy, Margaret Paparao, 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, Taria Peita, Teresa Morris, Teresa Rerekura, Tina & Allen Francis, Tom Hurst, Tom Tepania, Trevor Ellery, Ulalia Kaio, Urania Peita, Vincent Martin and Wesley Henry.

DATES and times TO NOTE:-

RAWENE - HOKIANGA

Haere mai ki te whakanui i te Huritau
Kotahi Rau ma Tahī. To celebrate the

101 anniversary of the Church of St Charles Borromeo. Due to unforeseen circumstances last year we couldn't celebrate the actual centenary, so let's do it now on Sunday 5th November 2017, starting with 11am Mass. A Centennial luncheon at the Rawene Town Hall will conclude the day's official proceedings.

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Auckland

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(Tirohia te pānui nui.)

MARAE NEWS

**The monthly meeting of the Runanga
is postponed today.**

Hei Mahi – Work in progress

The proposed turning of the room next to the Sacristy into a Māori-Hāhi Library is proceeding. Two bookcases are there already full of valuable Māori books from Pa's collection. Another bookcase has been promised to add to these two. Bookspace is being made available by moving the boxes of Te Ūnga Waka archived records in those white cupboards to a secure place where they can still be accessed via the Office.

Saga of Pa Ryan's car. Grinding noise sounds unhealthy – Thursday 28th need to turn back from a visit to Pa Tim in Ellerslie. Imagine getting stuck in the traffic jam there at 4.30; you'd be very popular. Sounded like engine trouble. But no; Ashley our man found an oil leak in the power steering unit. The Ford people couldn't find one in Auckland but found one in Dunedin. It was sent up. Aue! Wrong size. Long distance calls found one in Australia, thank goodness, otherwise Germany and more weeks delay. It was sent to us. E hoa. Kāhore i ō mai = *didn't fit*. More apologies. "Yes, it's definitely the oil pressure one – not the newer electric unit." The next replacement is awaited hopefully next week. *Thanks Annie for lending your car,*

First time father is so happy about the baby then the wife says, "Baby needs changing. Would you like to try?" Husband pretending to be busy says, "Next time." A couple of hours later, "Right, your turn." Husband, "Oh I meant next baby."

27th Sunday of Ordinary
Time, Year A

Isaiah 5. 1 -

7 Philippians 4. 6 -

9 Matthew 21: 33 - 43

Tēnā koutou te whānau
me ngā hoa manuhiri.
Peka mai i te ao hurihuri
Come away for a while to
listen to Jesus and
experience the serenity
expressed today in the
letter of St Paul to
Philippians.

“Because you belong to
Christ Jesus God will bless
you with peace. And this
peace will control the way
you think and feel.”

When Jesus told the
Gospel story we listened to
today, He adapted a
similar story told by Isaiah
some 700 years earlier.

Shortly we shall be
bringing up the gifts of
bread and wine. 'Fruits of
the earth and work of
human hands' they are
called in the prayer said
over them. On the one
hand they represent
everything God gives us,
his gift of life, the gift of
food, his gift of family and
friendship as we gather
around this table, his gift
of the world around us,
where this bread and wine
come from, his gift of his

**Son and his salvation. I
think that is important to
keep that in mind. We are
here in the first place to be
open to God and to all that
He has to offer us: life and
everything to nourish that
life: food for the mind - the
understanding and
insights -that come from
his word, food for the
heart, the love and
forgiveness that He grants
us, food for our bodies -
the meals we enjoyed, the
care which a doctor or
nurse bestowed on us.
Thanksgiving is the most
important reason why we
are here.**

**But today we could for
once look upon that bread
and especially upon the
wine from a different
angle. Today I would like
you to imagine, that our
parish is the vineyard of
God. Today I would like
you to imagine, that we are
all working in that
vineyard, have all been
hired, as indeed we are.
We are the tenants. After
all: the gospel states, that
the vineyard would be
given to others; those
others are us. So today I
would like you to imagine,
that the Father has sent
his Son into our midst to
collect his share of the
produce. That's how the
tenants would pay the rent
of the land - by giving the**

**owner a great share of the
produce.**

**Today I would like to ask
you: how much wine, the
produce of that vineyard,
how much wine are you
able to put into that
chalice. What have you
done over the past week,
when you responded to the
request of last week's
gospel: My son, go into the
vineyard. Did. you say
'Yes" and did not go?
Did you say 'No' but went?
Did you say 'Yes' and
went?**

**Today the Lord is standing
before us and asking us:
What do you have to show
for this week's work?
There is not much point in
us today reflecting for a
long time about what some
of the leaders in Jesus'
time had done or not done.
There is not much point in
reflecting for too long
about their history. It is
more important to reflect
on our own history.**

**It would be sad, if a
question like that would
immediately make us feel
guilty, make us look at the
things we could have done
rather than at the things
we actually did. We
rather should look again at
everything these gifts
represent.**

The other day Life-line sent me a small picture of a heart to be put near telephone and on it was written: "It warms someone's heart when you call them. Do it today!" What a simple thing to do! But it does represent that drop of wine, which is shared, that drop of wine which builds up friendship, which quenches the thirst felt by people who may have felt alone and lonely.

For many a person in Israel running a vine was a matter of supporting their families. Put your work of the week into that chalice, especially if you think you gave it your best. It represents your support for those for whom God made you responsible in the first place.

And what have all your words which you have spoken during the week, what have they done for others? Have you shared some insight, some wisdom, given some good advice? for in the Bible wine also stands for wisdom, for teaching. Were there people who came to you with their troubles, be they big or small. Were they somehow able to pour

them out to you into that cup, so you could share in the sorrows, the burdens of others. What other blessings did you bestow on people, big ones, little ones, for that chalice is the cup of blessings.

And we look not only at the efforts of individual persons. We also look at the efforts of the community as a whole.

Every few weeks we get information letters about Caritas which you know is the world wide organisation – we contribute to the New Zealand branch – especially during Lent. They've been helping a lot in the rebuilding of the communities which we devastated by the recent hurricanes. They didn't just buy food and hand it around. No, they helped the capable ones work to rebuild their homes, to replant, to restore their water supplies. Some had to dig wells.

I think we would double our offerings (i.e. share our blessings) if we fully realised the good that Caritas does.

Last Saturday my mokopuna Coralie (now a qualified surgeon) returned from a long break, in which she and a companion hitch hiked

thousands of kilometres in two continents – in India and Europe. She described to me some of the hardships people have to endure. For example in India where water had to be fetched long distances each day – people walking miles – and even then the water was polluted. She got a severe dose of what we used to call Delhi-Belly. The local people are so willing to plant again and make a fresh start. Some had plantations. Some had to start up the schools again, even repair the buildings. Some were involved in health-care. We can put our contribution into that chalice today, knowing that it helped to build up community again and that's also what the chalice is about.

Tenants in the vineyards, were asked to produce those fruits of justice, those fruits of love, that smile we have been able to put on the faces of others, the joy which our offering gave people. Let us put it all in today and as we put it in, let us again pledge that our efforts of the coming week will be directed to produce that good wine for others. In the chalice Jesus gives his life. Let us share in that action of his.
