

**RĀTAPU TORU TEKAU
O TE WĀ NOA O TE TAU**
30th ORDINARY SUNDAY Yr. A
Miha Māori i ngā Rātāpu 11am
Ko te Mane ki te Paraire 12.00
*Reconciliation: available at the
weekday Masses and by appointment.*

Pope Francis – Papa Werahiko
October Special Intention
Christians in Asia

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

**CATHOLIC-LUTHERAN
COMMON COMMEMORATION**
*Message from the Diocesan
Commission for Ecumenism &
Interfaith Relations*

As you may be aware, this year marks the 500th anniversary of the reformation. To mark the occasion, and to give thanks for the work that has happened to bring the Lutheran and Catholic churches closer together over the last 50 years of Lutheran-Catholic dialogue, Bishop Pat and Lutheran Asst. Bishop Rev. Jim Pietsch will preside together over a common commemoration service at St. Pat's Cathedral on **Tuesday 31 October at 7.30pm**

This commemoration has generated a lot of interest among Auckland's Lutheran congregation and also among other ecumenical partners who have asked to participate. Bishop Jim is travelling especially from Wellington and we are hoping that the Catholic interest will likewise live up to expectations. Your community is personally invited to attend this event. Supper will be served afterwards in Liston Hall after the service.

The reformation was a time of conflict and challenge. 500 years on there is still healing and hurt between Christians and it is good for Catholics to acknowledge this anniversary and revisit some of the history. The 31st October marks 500 years since Martin Luther initially wrote his 95 theses which had a significant impact upon the Catholic church and the shape of many organisations, ideas and structures that would come to mark the modern era. Consult:-

<http://www.faithcentral.co.nz/classroom/thematic-resources>

On the webpage, we specifically recommend you to look at Information and Background - video clip

HE AITUA

GRAEME ANTHONY THOMAS died in a road accident involving his truck, on Wednesday 25th. After a service at the undertakers in Auckland, his body was taken to Waitaruke marae for the tangi and he was interred in Puke Angina Taemaro. He was a brother to Peter Pangari. Whāngai to the Thomas family. *Haere e koro. Haere ki te wā kāinga. E moe e moe e moe i roto i te Ariki.*

BAPTISMS 12.30 on Sundays.

This Sunday 29th October Eugene Sam and Mahara Daniels will bring their children Te Pūawai Lily and Te Kahumairangi for Baptism.

Haere mai haere mai haere mai, kia honoa ki te whānau o Hēhu, haere mai..

ANNIVERSARIES

30th October **Peter Harris, David Haines, Peggy Kaua**

31st October - **Fr Jack King** Mill Hill

2nd November - **Cob Makene**

3rd November - **Hine Douglas**

4th November - **Dick Pirini, Liza Blair,**

Pā Aterea - Fr Zangerl Mill Hill

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, Arahī Ashby, Basil Brown, 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, Elizabeth 'Mumzy' Katene, Elizabeth Glover-Tepania Ellen Martin, Eve Gallen, Gemma Leef, George and Dot Houghton, George Stephens, George Tepania, Gloria Nightingale, Grace Henry, Hilda Tumata, Hine Wikaira, **James Bauld (Wally)***, 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 Paparoa, Martha Henry, Martha Lundon, 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 Lundon, 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.

*Wally, husband of Renata is very poorly in Middlemore Hospital. Renata was our previous Marae Secretary at Te Unga Waka before retiring to Waiuku.

NEW TUNNEL – AATA HAERE

The new tunnel between Mt, Roskill and Pt Chev in Auckland has been open only a few weeks. It is such a smooth ride

that a million dollars in speeding fines have been clocked up by the speed cameras

DATES and times TO NOTE:-

**HUI MŌ NGĀ MĀORI KATORIKA
WHAIORA MARAE, OTARA**

Noema 17 ki te 18

Paraire ki te Rāhoroi

The Auckland Diocese Tikanga Rua is committed and excited to organise and host this hui mō te iwi Katorika o te Tiohehi o Ākarana. From 6^{pm} on Friday to 3^{pm} Saturday a full schedule has been prepared with speakers Sister Tui Cadigan, Prof Peter Lineham, Danny Karatea-Goddard and facilitator Aroha Kelly. Pōwhiri and Registration forms are available at the back of the Chapel.

RAWENE – HOKIANGA

Haere mai ki te whakanui i te Huritau Kotahi Rau ma Tahi. Come & 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 11^{am} Mass. A Centennial luncheon at the Rawene Town Hall will conclude the day's official proceedings.

Contact: Pat. Mendes **09 405 7733**

AOTEAROA CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Catholicyouthfestival.nz

December 1st to 3rd 2017

St. Mary's College

& Victory Centre, Auckland

Spend a week-end at the festival and be changed for a lifetime.

The Aotearoa Catholic Youth Festival will be a weekend of pastoral celebration and formation running on the 2nd and 3rd of December. We anticipate over 500 young people will attend. Can you sponsor a youth to participate? *Take a copy to register.*

NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

•**Bishop Pat** has been representing us at the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) held in Washington DC from 16-20 October.

•**The Bishops' Conference** is seeking **applications for Director of the National Liturgy Office.** This is a unique role supporting liturgical practice in the Catholic Church in Aotearoa. ivanschic@nzcbc.org.nz

FAILING IN POLITICS?

Today a rooster - Tomorrow a feather duster

Rātapu 30 o te wā noa o te Tau**ĪNOINGA MŌ TE KATOĀ**

E te Atua kaha rawa ora tonu, whakanuia to mātou whakapono, tūmanako me te aroha, tahuritā mātou kia aroha ki tāu i whakahau ai, kia whiwhi ai mātou ki ngā mea i oaitia e koe. 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 TEXT: PĀ HOANE PĀPITA ME NGĀ
KAUMĀTUA O TE TAI TOKERAU] (1909)

TUHITUHI TAPU TUATAHI

Ekorehu Ūpoko 22²¹⁻²⁶
The Lord gave Moses the following laws for his people: “Do not mistreat or abuse foreigners who live among you. Remember, you were foreigners in Egypt. Do not mistreat widows or orphans. If you do, they will beg for my help, and I will come to their rescue. In fact, I will get so angry that I will kill your men and make widows of their wives and orphans of their children. Don’t charge interest when you lend money to any of my people who are in need. Before sunset you must return any coat taken as security for a loan, because that is the only cover the poor have when they sleep in the night. I am a merciful God, and when they call out to me, I will come to help them.” Ko te kupu a te Ariki. **Whakamoemiti ...**

WAIATA WHAKAUTU 17 / 18

Wā. Ka aroha ahau ki a koe, e te Ariki, e tōku kaha. [I love you Lord, my strength]

I love you LORD God and you make me strong. You are my mighty rock, my fortress, my protector, the rock where I am safe, my shield, my powerful

weapon, and my place of shelter. I praise you LORD! I prayed, and you rescued me from my enemies. *Wā. Ka aroha ahau ..* You are the living LORD! I will praise you. You are a mighty rock. I will honour you for keeping me safe. You give glorious victories to your chosen king. *Wā. Ka aroha ahau ...*

TUHITUHI TAPU TUARUA

Pauro ki te Teharonika Ūpoko! 5-10
You knew what kind of people we were and how we helped you. So, when you accepted the message, you followed our example and the example of the Lord. You suffered, but the Holy Spirit made you glad. You became an example for all the Lord’s followers in Macedonia and Achaia. And because of you, the Lord’s message has spread everywhere in those regions. Now the news of your faith in God is known all over the world, and we don’t have to say a thing about it. Everyone is talking about how you welcomed us and how you turned away from idols to serve the true and living God. They also tell how you are waiting for his Son Jesus to come from heaven. God raised him from death, and on the day of judgement Jesus will save us from God’s anger.

Ko te kupu a te Ariki.

Whakamoemiti ki te Atua.

Areruia: Whakapuaretia ō mātou ngākau, e te Matua, kia aro mai i nga kupu ā to Tamaiti. Areruia

RONGO PAI

Matu 22³⁴⁻⁴⁰
Na, ka rongo ngā Parihi kua whakakapia e ia te māngai o ngā Haruki, heoi, ka huihui tahi rātou. Ā, ka ui ki ā ia tētahi o rātou, he kaiwhakaako nō te ture, hei whakamātautau mōna, “E te Kaiwhakaako, ko tēhea te ako

nui i roto i te ture?” Ka mea a Hēhu ki ā ia, “Kia aroha koe ki te Ariki ki tōu Atua, me tōu ngākau katoa, me tōu wairua katoa, me ōu whakaaro katoa. Ko te ako nui rawa tēnei. Ā, e rite ana ki tēnei te tuarua: Kia aroha koe ki tōu hoa tata, anō ko koe. Kei runga i ēnei ako e rua e iriri ana te ture katoa me ngā poropiti.

Ko te Rongo Pai a te Ariki. **Kia whakanuia rā koe e te Ariki e Hēhu Karaiti.**

GOSPEL - Matthew 22³⁴⁻⁴⁰

After Jesus had made the Sadducees look foolish, the Pharisees heard about it and got together. One of them was an expert in the Jewish Law. So he tried to test Jesus by asking, “Teacher, what is the most important commandment in the Law?” Jesus answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. This is the first and most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like this one. And it is: Love others as much as you love yourself. All the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets are based on these two commandments.” The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

ĪNOINGA MŌ TE KAWENGA

E te Ariki ka ĭnoi nei mātou, tirohia mai ngā kawenga ka tukua nei e mātou ki tōu mananui, kia anga tonu ā mātou mahi ratonga ki tōu korōria. Mā te Karaiti to mātou Ariki. **Āmene.**

ĪNOINGA MŌ TE KOMUNIO

E te Ariki ka ĭnoi nei mātou, mā āu Hākarameta e whakatūtuki i roto i a mātou te hā kei ngā Hākarameta, ko te kaupapa e whakanuia nei i ēnei tohu, kia whiwhi mātou ēnā a te wā i runga i te pono. Mā te Karaiti to mātou Ariki. **Āmene.**

30 Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

Exodus 22:21-27

1Thessalonians 1: 5c -

10 Matthew 22: 34 - 40

Who speaks for God? I think God does quite nicely through Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in this Sunday's Gospel.

Christ's teaching is so clear that it hardly ever needs any explanation by a preacher. The great problem with Jesus' message is not that it cannot be understood, but that it can. A sermon therefore is a reflection and an application of the Gospel rather than an explanation.

Some years ago I read an article by Rapper Ice T from which I quote a sentence: "You're not meant to think everything I think. If you did, only one of us would be thinking".

Isn't this applicable to quite a number of people listening to sermons. Having said that, here are some of my reflections on the readings of today. Your thoughts, your reflections may well be much better and deeper than mine.

Our Christian religion is really extremely simple. Jesus could not have made it more simple than He does in today's Gospel. Jesus tells us that religion consists simply in loving God and our neighbour. Therefore, everything else in religion - laws, rules, doctrines, prayers, pious practices, liturgies, ceremonies, sacraments, all have reason to exist only insofar as they are expressions or celebrations of love of God and neighbour.

Today's Gospel story is only a declaration of simplicity if we have the right understanding of the word "love". All the songs, poems, books, stories or films about 'love' could fill volumes, but almost all of these understand 'love' to be a feeling that has a biological basis; it is part of the normal attraction of the sexes; it is a temporary thing and it will die if there is not a decision to love, a will to do.

One of the great insights that have come to us from the Marriage Encounter is that love is also a decision, not just a feeling. Husband and wife vow to love one another in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. This is a decision, not a feeling. Real love does not dry up when the well runs dry.

Jesus said: "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself". In this he was not talking about feelings but about a decision. Jesus said that it was a commandment. A love that is compelled by law is not love. Love is not love unless it is free and spontaneous. Jesus when giving his commandment wasn't speaking about feelings which cannot be commanded, but he was speaking of decisions we can make regarding love.

Jesus is telling us that love of God and love of neighbour are not two different realities requiring two different commandments leading us in two different directions.

Jesus is telling us that it is simpler than even that. He is telling us that love of God and love of neighbour are so intimately connected, so united, that they are but two aspects of the one same reality, much like the two sides of the one coin. Jesus reduces it all simply to the one same thing; that is, the only way we can love God is to love our neighbour; or, another way of saying it: it is only in actually loving our neighbour that we love God. When we fall short in the one, we fall short in the other.

St. John, who was called the Apostle of Love, understood this perfectly.

And that is why he wrote so simply, so clearly and so strongly: "Those who say 'I love God' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or a sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen." (1 John 4:20)

Jesus made it quite clear that loving God and loving people was extremely important by saying: "On these two commandments hang all the Laws and the Prophets". We owe it therefore to God and ourselves to do some self-examination.

Neither Jesus nor St. Paul confuses love with sentimentality. There are people who portray Christianity as the easiest thing in the world. Gaze heavenward, say a quick prayer, and that's it, you're in, you're saved, your going to Heaven is guaranteed. It is true that we cannot earn our way into Heaven. We are saved by Grace through faith

in Jesus - a thoroughly undeserved gift. But that doesn't mean the Christian life is easy. Jesus made it clear that being his Disciple is not a life of leisure; it is very demanding.

Some people live as if Jesus had said: *"Study the Bible with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Defend true doctrine against heretics and unbelievers. All the Laws and the Prophets hang on these two commandments"*.

There is a real danger that we speculate about biblical and theological truth without a corresponding heart of love for God and love for neighbour. One of the great dangers that confront us as believers is that of dead orthodoxy: we have all our doctrines right, we hold all the fundamentals of the faith, but we just go through the motions and do not exhibit a proper love for God and therefore a proper love for one another. Reading the Gospels we learn how the religious leaders in Israel were guilty of a theoretical relationship with God, of a dead orthodoxy. Therefore Jesus was seen by them as a great threat. Christ's teaching wasn't theoretical - it was real, it was passionate, for Jesus had a great love for His Father, for the truth and for the souls of people. Jesus was their walking conscience, the result of this was their conspiracy to crush him. Sometimes this same attitude could well be prevalent in our lives today. We see the zeal of fellow-believers and are found

guilty by their lives. We sometimes figure that if we can tone down their zeal a bit, it will make us feel more comfortable. Certainly this is how the Jewish religious leaders were with regard to Jesus Christ : condemned by his real relationship with God they were committed to stamping Him out of their lives. Today's first Reading is all about how the Hebrews were to treat aliens. They were to treat aliens as they treated their own people. It's as if we are reminded that we show love best when we treat those who don't belong as if they did belong. As Jesus reminds us elsewhere, it's very easy to be kind to those we love, our own sort. But how do we treat people who are different? We are Catholics, but how do we treat Catholics who don't think as we do? We find worthy reasons for labelling them as liberal, conservative or whatever.

On Tuesday evening at St Pat's Cathedral all Christians are urged to come and celebrate a milestone in Church history. October the 31st was the day Martin Luther pinned his 96 Theses on the door of Wittenburg Cathedral. It started the process of reform. It rocked the boat which needed rocking.

When it comes to people who belong to another faith-group we often find ourselves saying unkind things. There is still a good deal of snobbery among us. If we can't deal with non-Catholics as Catholics, we could at least treat them as very dear brothers and sisters. When we truthfully tell about love, we challenge those who

find security in their own righteousness and pretended "control".

How about joining the Lutherans and other denominations at the Cathedral on Tuesday evening?

I will say Mass at Te Unga Waka for all our Christian family on that day - because I'm too old to go into the city at night – and most of the regulars who come to daily Mass would be the same. I only remember ever once meeting a Lutheran person. It's a long time ago - I was travelling on the night train with Mum and Dad from London back up to Port Sunlight. Sitting next to us was a young woman who looked a bit lost and very tired. It turned out she was German and travelling by boats and trains to a job in Northern Ireland; but she missed an earlier train to connect with the ferry to Belfast. And would land in Liverpool late Saturday night and have to wait till Monday for the next ferry. So, of course Mum and Dad said invite her home. With the aid of Mary's German dictionary I managed to communicate this and she was so relieved. It was only on Sunday when we went to church we found out she was Lutheran and she found out that we were Catholics. I must have been on holiday because on Monday I took her across the Mersey and she caught the ferry. And so whenever anyone mentions Lutheran I think of that nice person and I hope she thinks the same about Catholics.