

RĀTAPU TUAWHĀ O TE ARANGA
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Miha Rātapu - Sunday Mass - 11am

Weekday Masses (Monday to Friday)
midday, 12 noon.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - available
 at weekday Masses and by appointment.

E TORU KAUPAPA NUI IĀIANEI
HEI WHAI WHAKAARO MŌ
TĀTOU HEI ĪNOINGA HOKI

1. *Kia whakaaro tatou mo te turanga Pirihi, Religious Sister Brothers me te Katekita - Kia whai Hepara te Haahi, - kia puta mai he tini Hepara pai.*

This is Good Shepherd Sunday

Papa Werahiko: "God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. Thus it can happen that his voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts." Let us offer one prayer this week for the young people that we know. Let us pray that they will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd amid the daily events of their lives.

2. *Kia aroha tatou ki a Papatuanuku*
WORLD EARTH DAY

"Father, foster in us a love for your creation: animals small and tall, the trees & plants of every hue; water mountains deserts too.

The wisdom to care for our earth and to nurture our young to do the same.

The sense to use only what we need without excess; to share more and covet less.

The understanding that being is more important than having.

And the grace to live in harmony, with one another, with nature, and with You."

3. **The review of the Abortion Law.**

The Minister of Justice has asked the NZ Law Commission to review our NZ abortion law, with a view to taking it out of the Crimes Act. The effect of this would be that abortion would be unrestricted, even up to birth. There is strong evidence that abortion is connected to increased risk of mental and physical health problems and relationship breakdowns. Every citizen can contribute suggestions to the Law Commission. Your thoughts/experience will help them. There is no set format for your input. It is worth noting that the current abortion law regulates providers, but protects women who undergo abortions from being prosecuted. Input before 5pm on 18th May

online at abortionlaw.lawcom.govt.nz

or emailing: alr@lawcom.govt.nz

or comment by post to: **Abortion Law Review,**
New Zealand Law Commission, PO Box 2590,
Wellington 6140

RŌPŪ WHAKAMĀORI KATORIKA
 met on Monday and Tuesday last week at Pa Ryan's house and continued translating Tuhihihi Tapu and ritual prayers - so that the Brides and Grooms may have plenty of choice for their special day, in reo Māori.

HE AITUA

BILLY GRAHAM passed away age 99 on Feb 21st. He was an ordained Baptist Minister who lead the Crusade for Christ for more than half a century. He was popular among Christians of all denominations as well as those of other religions. He reached more than 180 countries and preached before 200 million people. He was a spiritual advisor to several American presidents and numerous civic and political leaders. He met Pope John Paul II several times and the two were frequent correspondents. In his famous Crusades, radio programmes, television specials, Billy Graham had the same message: Jesus is your Saviour, and wants you to be happy with him for ever. *No reira, haere e te matua. May your good works carry on in this world, bringing people to Jesus. Haere haere rā*

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

remembered daily at Te Ūnga Waka Mass.

22nd April – Peter Here Pōmare

23rd April – Himiona (Tim) Rapira

24th April – Francis Toko, Fr. Terry Dibble,

Lucky Leef, Cecilia Mihi Te Rina Cox

25th April – Maria Parker

26th April – Richard Tatana

28th April – Petrina Morunga

BAPTISM

Elizabeth Heta will be welcomed today into the family of Jesus, in the Sacrament of Baptism. Haere mai **Elizabeth** ki te Hākarameta whai tikanga rawa - ko te Kūwaha tēnei ki ngā Hākarameta katoa.

ĪNOINGA MŌ NGĀ TŪRORO

Pā Anton Timmerman, Pā David Whelan, Pā Sean O'Brien, Pā Tony Brown, King Tuheitia, Tony Zac Smith, Agnes Cherrington, Anna Haines, Arah Ashby, Basil Brown, Bella Wade, 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, Eve Gallen, Gemma Leef, George and Dot Houghton, George Stephens, Gloria Nightingale, Grace Henry, Henry Tepania, Hēmi and Hine-Mei, Hilda Tumata, Hine Wikaira, Hone Mautairi, 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 Paparao, Marie Louise, Margaret (Irene) Stinninato,

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, Nikau Gardiner, Patricia Millar, Paul Hughes, Paul Lundon, Paul Tukere, Pauline Matiu, **Pauline Tapiki** (née Kingi)*, Percy Davis, Peter Peita, Phyllis Pomare, Reg Dargaville, Rewa Lepper, Robert Tuiloma, Rose Jacobs, Selina Cummings (née Peita), Sorra Matchit, Stephen Dawson, Talia Mereana Tepania, Tamara Grace, Teresa Morris, Teresa Rerekura, Tina & Allen Francis, Tom Hurst, Tom Tepania, Trevor Ellery, Ulalia Kaio, Urania Peita, Vincent Martin and Wesley Henry. ***Pauline** seriously ill in Whangarei Hospital, sister of Tiraroa.

DIOCESAN YOUTH SYNOD
TODAY AT

St Peter's College, Epsom
Sunday 22nd April.

St Thomas More Parish warmly invites you to join them in celebrating their 35 years as a parish in Glenfield. Mass will be celebrated 6th May 2018 at 10.00^{am} led by Bishop Pat Dunn at the church in 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, followed by morning tea in the parish hall.

That evening a concert will be held at **7.30^{pm}** at Rosmini College Auditorium, 36 Dominion Street, Takapuna. Doors open at 7.00^{pm}

Consecration of the new Catholic
Bishop of Dunedin next Thursday

Father Michael Dooley will be ordained Bishop as the 7th Catholic Bishop of Dunedin. It will take place at the town hall in the evening. Haere katoa mai, hei aha te Karangatanga o tōu Haahi. Service begins at 6pm.

MARAE NOTICES

TE ŪNGA WAKA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

is next **Saturday** beginning at 10^{am} There is a shared lunch - mauria mai he perēti kai. Children are welcome

2. **Pōwhiri** for Wayne Te Tai's whānau was held on Wednesday 18th April. Wayne's photo will be brought forward to the altar by family members and shown during Mass. It will be taken solemnly to the Wall of Remembrance after Mass.

3. **Clean up of damage and debris** has been going on, following the storm. There is a hole in the roof which can still be seen from inside the hall. The Runanga is hurrying to make it all waterproof and prevent further damage. The wooden gate on Manukau road next to the shop has been repaired and made lockable.

Words you don't want to hear at a tangi:
 "Tell the Undertaker he can't close the coffin till I've found my contact lens!"

English Text: C E V
Maori Text - Pa Hoane Papita

TUHITUHI TAPU TUATAHI

Ngā Mahi a ngā Āpōtoro 49⁸⁻¹²

Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and told the nation's leaders and the elders: "You are questioning us today about a kind deed in which a crippled man was healed. But there is something we must tell you and everyone else in Israel. This man is standing here completely well because of the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth. You put Jesus to death on a cross, but God raised him to life. He is the stone that you builders thought was worthless, and now he is the most important stone of all. Only Jesus has the power to save! His name is the only one in all the world that can save anyone. Ko te kupu a te Ariki. **Whakamoemiti ki te Atua**

WAIATA WHAKAUTU 117/118

Wā. Ko te kōhatu i kapea e ngā kaihangā, kua meinga hei ūpoko mō te kokonga. [The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.]

Tell the LORD how thankful you are, because he is kind and always merciful. It is better to trust the LORD for protection than anyone else, including strong leaders.

Wā. Ko te kōhatu i kapea e ngā kaihangā, kua meinga hei ūpoko mō te kokonga

I praise the LORD for answering my prayers and saving me. The stone that the builders tossed aside has now become the most important stone. The LORD has done this and it is amazing to us.

Wā. Ko te kōhatu i kapea e ngā kaihangā, kua meinga hei ūpoko mō te kokonga.

God bless the one who comes in the name of the LORD! We praise you from here in the house of the LORD. The LORD is my God! I will praise him and tell him how

thankful I am. Tell the LORD how thankful you are, because he is kind and always merciful.

Wā. Ko te kōhatu i kapea e ngā kaihangā, kua meinga hei ūpoko mō te kokonga

TUHITUHI TAPU TUARUA

Reta Tuatahi nā Hoane 3¹⁻²

Think how much the Father loves us. He loves us so much that he lets us be called his children, as we truly are. But since the people of this world did not know who Christ is, they don't know who we are. My dear friends, we are already God's children, though what we will be hasn't yet been seen. But we do know that when Christ returns, we will be like him, because we will see him as he truly is. Ko te kupu a te Ariki. **Whakamoemiti ki te Atua.**

Areruia areruia, kua ara te Ariki, areruia areruia ko te Heparā Pai.

Wā. Horahia te Rongo Pai ki ngā Iwi o te ao katoa.

Areruia

RONGO PAI Hoane 10¹¹⁻¹⁸

Ka mea a Hēhu ki a rātou: "Ko ahau te hēpara pai. He hēpara pai ka tuku i ā ia anō kia mate mō āna hīpi. Tēnā ko te tangata e utua ana, me te tangata hoki ehara nei i te hēpara, ehara nei i ā ia ngā hīpi, ka kite ia i te wuruhi e haere mai ana, whakarerea ake e ia ngā hīpi, oma ana. Na, ka hopukia e te wuruhi ngā hīpi, ā whakamararatia ana. Ka oma te tangata e utua ana, nō te mea e utua ana ia, ā, kāhore ōna whakaaro ki ngā hīpi. "Ko ahau te hēpara pai. E mōhio ana ahau ki āku hīpi, ā, ko āku hīpi e mōhio ana ki a au. E mōhio ana te Matua ki a au, waihoki ko ahau e mōhio ana ki ā ia; ā, e tuku ana ahau i ahau anō kia mate mō āku hīpi. He hīpi kē anō āku, ehara nei i tēnei taiepa. Ka takoto te tikanga

kia arahina mai hoki e ahau ēnei, ā, ka kōtahi te taiepa, ka kōtahi te hēpara. Koia te Matua ka aroha mai ki a au, nō te mea e tuku ana ahau i ahau ki te mate, kia whakaora ake ai anō ahau i ahau. Ehara i te mea mā tētahi tangata ahau e whakamate, kāhore, māku anō ahau e tuku ki te mate. Kei a au anō te tikanga mō te whakaora anō i ahau. Nā tōku Matua i homai tēnei ture ki a au."

Ko te Rongo Pai a te Ariki.

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

GOSPEL John 10¹¹⁻¹⁸

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd: and the good shepherd gives up his life for his sheep. Hired workers are not like the shepherd. They don't own the sheep, and when they see a wolf coming, they run off and leave the sheep. Then the wolf attacks and scatters the flock. Hired workers run away because they don't care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and they know me. Just as the Father knows me, I know the Father and I give up my life for my sheep. I have other sheep that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them together too, when they hear my voice. Then there will be one flock of sheep and one shepherd. The Father loves me because I give up my life, so that I may receive it back again. No one takes my life from me. I give it up willingly! I have the power to give it up and the power to receive it back again, just as my Father commanded me to do.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

4th Sunday of Easter, Year B

Acts 4. 7-12

Psalm 118

1 John 3. 1-2

John 10. 11-18

Kia ora te whānau. Huihui mai ki te whakarongo i ngā kupu a tātou Ariki. Ki te whakarongo hoki i ngā kupu a ngā Apōtoro tuatahi. Tēnā pea kua kitea te huarahi mō tātou. By hearing the Lord's message and reading about the message as it was relayed by the Apostles, we might see a way ahead for us in our own lives.

So the Gospel has Jesus telling us that he is the cornerstone - the protection of his people. And he introduces himself as the Shepherd.

Even in our days it requires a good deal of care, even many a sleepless night, to protect sheep against roaming dogs. The damage they can do, the number of sheep dogs can kill in one night, severely wound or drive over a cliff in one attack, is sometimes hard to believe. There are all sorts of rules and regulations about roaming dogs, but sheep cannot be protected just by laying down rules and regulations; it requires personal devotion, personal dedication, personal watchfulness, personal involvement.

That's why in the Old Testament kings were, you might say, not just asked to be kings, laying down rules and regulations, they were asked to be shepherds - fully aware of the needs of the people they ruled and truly dedicated to their well-being. Their's was not the task to feed on the sheep or fleece the sheep,

but to feed the sheep and give them warmth and shelter. Practically the whole Bible is a book about leadership.

What is at stake, when the Old or the New Testament speak about shepherds is the question of leadership, the manner of leadership. If we want to understand why John today tells the story of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, it is useful to know what he has been talking about just before. Just before he told us the story of the blind man, who had been healed by Jesus on the Sabbath day. Jesus gets into all sorts of trouble with a group of Jewish leaders. They are the blind leaders - they do not want to see – they hide themselves behind laws and regulations. The blind man himself is harassed by them and in the end is thrown out, but in Jesus he finds a new leader. He is the true shepherd and in him a new voice is heard. He makes a different sound.

People recognise that voice. That new sound touches them. He is not a phony, interested in his own well-being.

Jesus was interested in making a life - a life for others. If people recognized that voice of Jesus, it was because that voice rang true, that voice rang authentic, that voice was the voice of a leader with true concern. Leadership is not a way of making a living - a way of getting - leadership is a way of making your life. Leadership is being able to look beyond the horizon.

We recognize all sorts of voices: voices that make us smile, voices that put fear into us — voices that invite us - voices that make us run away - voices that say: I want something from you — voices that say: I have something

to give to you - voices that touch our hearts - voices that leave us cold.

In that voice of Jesus people heard the voice of God — a God who is a shepherd - as we sing: The Lord's my shepherd.

I wonder what people hear in my voice, in those of yours. Do they somehow hear that voice of God: that voice of concern, that voice of love, that voice of caution at times, that voice of strength, but deep down always that voice that speaks to the human heart.