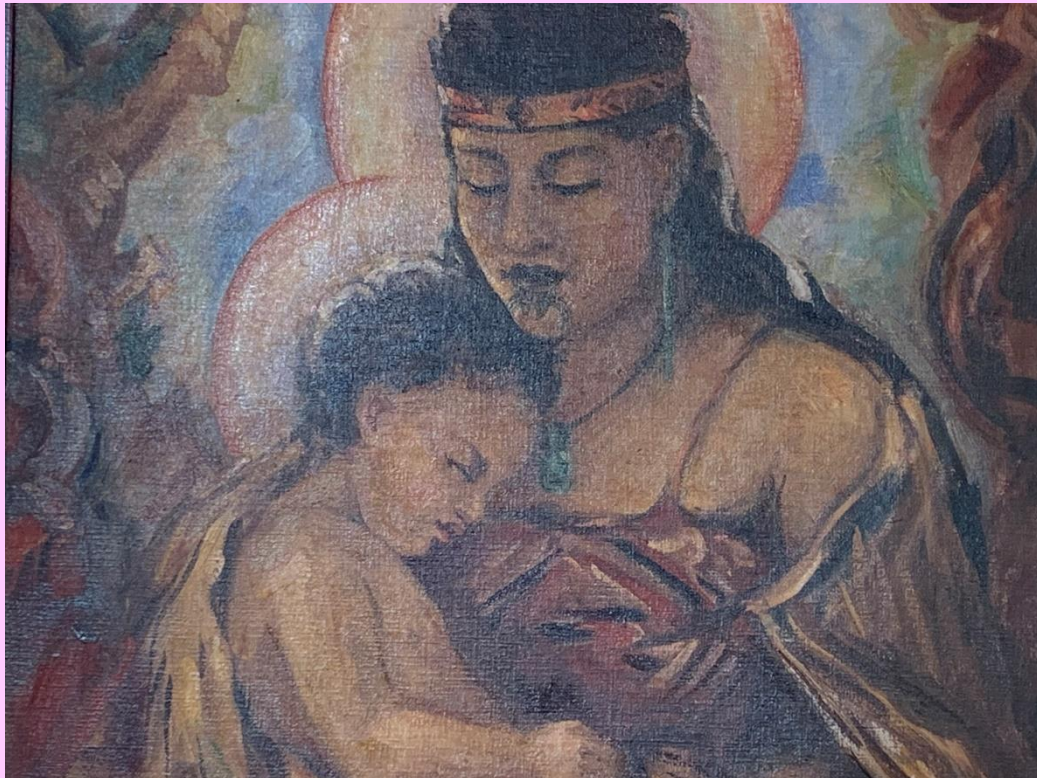


All Saints by the Sea Parish

Coast and Country Magazine



Oil Painting of Mary holding Jesus – Hiruharama/Jerusalem on the Whanganui River.

Mother, help our faith!

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he might be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!

Pope Francis

Assumption edition

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TEAMS OF OUR LADY (Equipes Notre Dame)

Could a casserole add flavor to your married life? Here is an opportunity to find out more about an amazing marriage support group approved by the Catholic Church.

Currently there are two groups meeting in our parish. We'd love to see more people involved.

Each group has a mixture of couples who vary in ages and stages of married life and each group is supported by a spiritual counsellor or adviser.



Each month married couples meet up for an informal meal to catch up on each other's lives, pray and discuss a topic that has been chosen.

Teams is for ALL married couples – newly married, young marrieds, those with children, working couples, empty nesters and those in retirement. Membership of Teams is open to all couples regardless of age and cultural diversity.

To find out more about the largest lay movement for married couples in the Catholic Church, contact Jan & Tony Baker ph 07 571 6536. Couples will also be available for those interested in Teams on the weekend of 15/16 August after Sunday Masses to answer any queries.





family weekend

6-8 nov '20

familyweekend.cdh.nz

TAUPO



1st of August was the first day of Registrations for this year's FAMILY CAMP to be held at the Top 10 Holiday Park in Taupo. Run by the Diocese of Hamilton, this event is a must for families who struggle to get time together. A focus on faith, fellowship, laughter and the common struggle of living as Catholics in today's day and age, the Family Camp is a retreat-like weekend that can not be missed. Packed with fun fill events for every age, formation, creche facilities and child and couple focused activities, it is an event that is truly a highlight of the calendar year.

The event, which grew from a lay initiative, has been organised in recent years by the Diocese with a great group of motivated staff, including the Youth Director and our Bishop Steve.

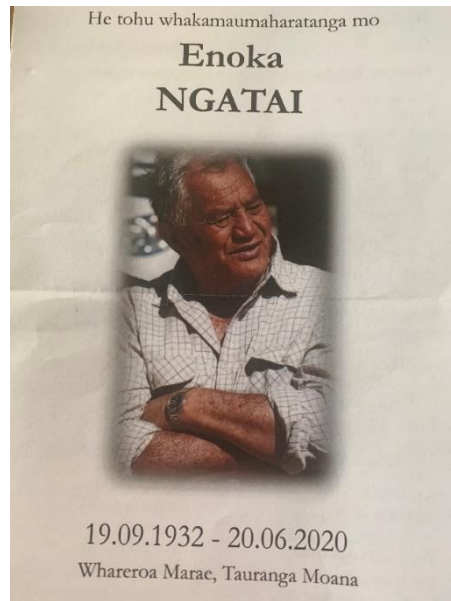
Why? Undoubtedly because as the corner of our society, the traditional family unit is under attack. To gather together and celebrate the wonderful fruits of the Sacrament of Marriage, a weekend away amidst the regular sports commitments, smart phone and internet dependency, and general busyness is a great sign of the importance of families today for each of us.

Last year the event was held in our very own STM/Papamoa, and prior to that the Hamilton Cathedral, Ngaruawahia and Totara Springs. Our growing family have been to the previous 4 events and have thoroughly enjoyed the time together. In the early days, the event was rather expensive, but the event has been highly subsidised over past years to make it affordable for everyone (\$80 per family!).

This event is a huge collaboration, and your attendance is crucial for topping up your family love bank. Say YES to the Church's recognition that family is important, that it is a gift. We need to invest in our families by simply making time to have a weekend away. Don't miss out!

Register now: www.familyweekend.cdh.nz

Since our last parish magazine was published our parish community has lost two special souls. We pray for eternal rest for Maria and Enoke. Dear Lord, grant their families the peace of wonderful memories and the warmth of our saviour's love.



A Brick Prayer..... You will need: One Lego or Duplo brick per person

Hold your brick. Pray for yourself. Thank God for the things he has given you. Ask Him to bless you and to help you to bless others.

Count the bumps on your brick. For each bump on your brick, pray for a different person-friends or family members. Ask God to bless them this week.

Find someone who has a different coloured brick to yours. Thank God for making each person special. Thank him for the things that are different but special about other people. Pray that we will learn how to celebrate and understand people who are different to us.

Find someone with the same number of bumps on their brick as yours. Thank God for families and friends and all who care for us. Pray that He will help us to be friends to those who are lonely.

Swap your brick with someone. Thank God for the person you swapped with and ask God to bless them this week.

Put all of the bricks together and build a structure or tower with them. Thank God for the church and the communities we live in. Pray that He will help us to include others and to help people know that they are loved and valued.

Amen.