

Sunday 15 August 2021
**Parish Celebration of the Rededication of Aotearoa New Zealand
To Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven.**

Following the Homily

Re-dedication ceremony:

Karakia Whakahou Oati Tapu

- **Rite of Rededication (Priest)**

Kei tēnei wāhi tapu tātou e hui ana

Ngātahi tātou, te hunga a te Atua -

We gather in this holy place

People of God together

under the patronage of Mary,

Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven.

With her, and in renewed gratitude

for her son Jesus Christ, God-with-us,

and into whose divine life we have been baptised,

let us renew the promises of our baptism.

**Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth?**

R. I do.

**V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was
crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the
dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the
Father?**

R. I do.

**V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and life everlasting?**

R. I do.

V. God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

- **Prayer of Rededication**

**E te Atua aroha mā te whakapuaki
i tō mātou whakapono
Loving God. In professing this faith
in which we are united as your people
we unite ourselves with the yes of your mother
Mary, the first disciple:**

People Sing: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria, Ave, Ave, Ave Maria,

**E te Atua, te Puna o ngā mea ora katoa,
te kaihomai o ngā mea pai katoa
O God, Source of all life, giver of all that is good
we, your people of Aotearoa New Zealand
meet in the bonds of your love.
Keep us faithful in our response to your love
with Mary patroness of our land:**

People Sing: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria, Ave, Ave, Ave Maria,

**E te Atua aroha, ka karangahia houtia mātou
e koe ki ngā hua o te ora.
Loving God, you call us anew to the abundance of life
for which we have been created.
In our life with you we mature
in relationship with you,
with one another, and with our land.
We repent the harm we have caused in this holy place
to our sisters and brothers and to our land.
In humility we turn to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into
Heaven
And in confidence pray**

People Sing: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria, Ave, Ave, Ave Maria,

**E te Atua, mā roto i te korowai o Maria
te whāea o tāu tamaiti, tō mātou whāea anō hoki
O God, under the patronage of Mary,
the mother of your son, and our mother
We join with those gathered in the Hokianga
in January 1838
with the leadership of Jean-Baptiste Pompallier
first Catholic bishop of this place
to dedicate our land of Aotearoa New Zealand
To the care of Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven.**

**I tenei wā, ka whakahoungia e mātou tēnei oati tapu
We now renew this dedication
Turning to Mary with new fervour
In union with her Son
Our Lord Jesus Christ
Who lives and reigns with you
In the unity of the Holy Spirit
God forever and ever**

People Respond: Amen

- *After the congregation respond "Amen" priest then takes Holy Water for asperges for the congregation taking a moment from the main doors of the church facing outward to bless the land during which congregation may sing*

Te Ara a Maria (Tune of the Lourdes hymn. Words Robert Loretz)

O hail, holy Mary, abounding in grace,
O Star for the travellers who sailed to this place,
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

You carried your Lord to the mother of John,
He leapt in her womb as you poured out your song,
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

O hail blessed Mother who brought God to birth,
You care for His Body, spread over the earth,
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

O hail first Disciple who followed her Lord,
Each mystery you pondered and humbly adored,
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

Your pleas led your Son to perform His first sign,
His piercing met yours as He poured out New Wine,
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

O hail faithful Woman who stood at the cross,
Your “yes” sealed the covenant now offered to us,
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

By Christ’s parting gift you our mother become,
While we with Pompallier are children with John,
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

You prayed and the Spirit descended as fire,
To speak to all peoples of their heart’s desire,
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

Assumed into heaven to reign with your Son,
Announcing the fullness God wants for each one,
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

Heal and sustain now each life in this earth
Growing, maturing by bringing to birth
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

Guide and inspire us O Mother of God
As we strive to love, and live by His Word
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

Following the conclusion of the hymn and the asperges, Mass continues with the Preparation of the Gifts.