

# TE ARA A MARIA—MARY'S WAY

## Rededication of Aotearoa New Zealand to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven

On Sunday 15 August 2021 we renewed our country's dedication to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven. We have called this Te Ara a Maria – Mary's Way. This had been an opportunity for all of us to honour Mary as she is now - alive, body and soul, rejoicing in the happiness of God's kingdom.

Bishop Pompallier was our country's first bishop and was from France. He settled in Hokianga. Pompallier dedicated Aotearoa to Our Lady while celebrating his first mass here in 1838. Hokianga is seen as the cradle of Catholicism in Aotearoa.

Covid-19 brought anguish to our country. We saw other countries struggle during the pandemic and as a country we took measures to unite to protect ourselves. During this testing time many sought aid and comfort. Our Bishops received requests and they decided to renew Pompallier's dedication.

To mark the renewal of the dedication, our Bishops had a special mass at St Mary of the Angels in Wellington on 15 August 2021. This service saw the unveiling of artwork specially commissioned to honour Mary.

The artwork have been on a hikoi around New Zealand. It will visit us for a day on the 5th July in our Church of St. Joseph's Levin.

By the 15th August, the artwork will be permanently housed at St Mary of the Angels which will become a National Shrine.

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**Friday 8th July and Saturday  
9th July, 1pm – 3pm.**

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