

Tuesdays Wednesdays Last Friday of the Month First Friday of the Month

2nd Friday of the Month

Kaikohe 6:30 PM Rawene 9:00 AM Holy Hour 6:30 PM @ St Patrick, Okaihau Mass & Anointing at Kaikohe Care Centre & Hospital, 9:30AM Mass & Anointing at Rawene Hospital, 10:30AM

### SUNDAY MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULES

SUNDAY YR B Cycle 2021	<u>6th June</u> Corpus Christi	<u>13th June</u> 11th Week of Ordinary Time	<u>20th June</u> 12th Week of Ordinary Time	<u>27th June</u> 13th Week of Ordinary Time	
PAIHIA	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:30 PM	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:30 PM	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:30 PM	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:30 PM	
MOEREWA	MASS 9: 00 AM	LITURGY 9:00 AM	MASS 9:00 AM	LITURGY 9:00 AM	
RUSSELL	MASS 11: 30 AM	LITURGY 11: 30 AM	MASS 11: 30 AM	LITURGY 11: 30 AM	
KAIKOHE	LITURGY 9: 00 AM	MASS 9: 00 AM	LITURGY 9: 00 AM	MASS 9: 00 AM	
OKAIHAU	MASS 5:30 PM	MASS SUNDAY 5:30 PM	MASS SUNDAY 5:30 PM	MASS SUNDAY 5:30 PM	
SOUTH HOKIANGA	LITURGY Whirinaki 11: 00 AM	MASS Whirinaki 11: 00 AM	LITURGY Rawene Hospital 10:45AM	MASS Rawene 11: 00 AM	



Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
06 June	Ex 24:3-8	Heb 9:11-15	Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
13 June	Ez 17:22-24	2 Cor 5:6-10	Mk 4:26-34
20 June	Jb 38:1, 8-11	2 Cor 5:14-17	Mk 4:35-41
27 June	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24	2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15	Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b -43

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#### MID-NORTH PASTORAL AREA NEWSLETTER JUNE 2021

## Parishes of Kaikohe & Okaihau South Hokianga Parish Communities Bay of Islands Parish Communities

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## The Most Blessed Trinity: The force for human unity

A Cardinal shares the story of one of the bishops in Asia whose country has been suffering from heaps of conflicts, and one of it is interracial. The conflict has been very violent. The local people could not get along well with the migrants. However, in the diocese where the bishop is, there is a community of the Missionary Sisters of Charity, the congregation founded by St. Teresa of Calcutta. The community is composed of international members. Some of its members are from the quarreling groups.

A government official went to visit that religious community and said, "You sister and you are supposed to be fighting with each other, but here you are living together, eating together and working together, how is it possible?" One of the sisters said in reply, "It's because we're Christians. Our God is a God of communion; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

We believe in the Most Blessed Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The belief that there is only One God in three Divine Persons. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Incarnation of God's Son reveals that God is the eternal Father and that the Son is consubstantial with the Father, which means that, in the Father and with the Father the Son is one and the same God. The mission of the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in the name of the Son (Jn 14:26) and by the Son "from the Father" (Jn 15:26), reveals that, with them, the Spirit is one and the same God. "With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified" (Nicene Creed) (CCC # 261-263). St. Patrick of Ireland in the 5<sup>th</sup> century used the image of a shamrock to explain the Most Blessed Trinity. The shamrock is a trifoliate leaf. It has three leaves that are interconnected, equal in size, but is counted as one whole leaf attached to a single stem.

However, where did we get this belief that God is One in three divine Persons? First, we need to accept that the word "Trinity" cannot be found in the Holy Scriptures. But traces of trinitarian nature of God can be found in the Bible. The earliest is in the creation story when God said, " Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness" (Gn 1:26). This text implies that God is not alone. In the gospel of John, the Evangelist reveals to us that Jesus was already with the Father before things came into existence. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God" (Jn 1:1-2). In addition, during the baptism of our Lord Jesus, St Mark wrote, "On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Mk 1:10-11). Nonetheless, it was Jesus who clearly revealed to us the Most Blessed Trinity when He said, "Go, therefore,." and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit" (28:19).

But for us believers, what is the significance of our belief in the Most Blessed Trinity? The significance of our belief in the Triune God is, as God is in communion with each person in the Trinity, all peoples are also called to be in communion with God and with one another. We are called to transcend cultural barriers as well as language and color. The Holy Trinity is the force that would bring the whole of humanity into unity. -Fr Ramil Hamil, MSP



#### **PRAYER FOR PARISHIONERS**

- Please pray for the healing and fast recovery of all the sick especially Mary Hape and Jack Magullian, Brenda Tweendale, and Yvonne Wilson.
- Let us also include in our prayers the souls of our brothers and sisters who have gone to our Creator before us especially those dear to us. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

### **Our Communities**



**St. Patrick**, **Okaihau** - Every last Friday of the month, 6:30PM, there is an Holy Hour and benediction at St Patrick church. It's a moment of meditative silence and adoration. It's a perfect moment to rest with the Lord and recharge one's spiritual life.

**St Anthony, Kaikohe** - Due to the growing Indian Catholics in the Far North, the Indian Chaplaincy decided to have a once a month Mass in their own language at St. Anthony Parish, Kaikohe. Indian Catholics from Kaitaia, South Hokianga, Keao, Kerikeri and Kaikohe gather together for the celebration.



South Hokianga - Family, relatives and friends came for the Mass and unveiling of the headstone of Peter Land. The Holy Mass and unveiling was held last 03 May 2021 in the morning at St Charles Borromeo church, Rawene. Many came for the celebration.

**St. Peter Chanel, Russell**- Last 28 April 2021, the Community in Russell celebrated the Feast Day of their Patron Saint, St Peter Chanel. It was a simple and meaningful celebration. Cup of tea was served after the Eucharistic celebration.

**St Paul, Paihia**– Every Wednesday at the home of Margaret Sinclair some parishioners would gather together to reflect and share the word of God especially the Sunday's readings. They have been doing it for quite some time.

**St Therese, Moerewa** - Bishop Pat, Bishop Michael and company came to St Therese Parish for the Bishop's forum. Representatives from the parishes of Kaitaia, Kerikeri, Panguru, Kaikohe, Russell and other places came too. Bishop Pat talked about COVID-19 and the Church's creative response, permanent diaconate, Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and the Royal Commission. Some prepared questions were answered and there was a big "kai" after.



#### St Augustine once said about the Real Presence of Jesus

"What you see is the bread and the chalice; that is what your own eyes report to you. But what your faith obliges you to accept is that the bread is the body and the chalice is the blood of Christ."

-Sermon 227 [A.D. 411]

## **QUO VADIS (WHERE ARE YOU GOING?)**

♦ 13 June – Feast Day of St Anthony Parish, Kaikohe



We pray & wish for Richard to have a fruitful ministry in his new assignment!

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#### **THANK YOU!**

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