

# WEEKDAY MASSES & HOLY HOUR

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

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



## SUNDAY MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULES

SUNDAY YR A Cycle 2022	4th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	11th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	18th December 4th Sunday of Advent	24th December CHRISTMAS EVE	25th December CHRISTMAS DAY
PAIHIA	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:30 PM	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:30 PM	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:30 PM	Christmas VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM	
MOEREWA	MASS 9:00 AM	LITURGY 9:00 AM	MASS 9:00 AM	Christmas VIGIL MASS 9:00 PM	
RUSSELL	MASS 11:30 AM	LITURGY 11:30 AM	MASS 11:30 AM		Christmas MASS 11:30 AM
KAIKOHE	LITURGY 9:00 AM	MASS 9:00 AM	LITURGY 9:00 AM	Christmas VIGIL MASS 7:00 PM	Christmas MASS 9:00 AM
OKAIHAU	MASS SUNDAY 5:30 PM	MASS SUNDAY 5:30 PM	MASS 5:30 PM		Christmas MASS 5:30 PM
SOUTH HOKIANGA	LITURGY Whirinaki 11:00 AM	LITURGY Whirinaki 11:00 AM	LITURGY Whirinaki 11:00 AM	Christmas Mid-Night MASS Rawene 12:01 AM	



DATE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
04 December	Isaiah 11: 1-11	Romans 15: 4-9	Matthew 3: 1-12
11 December	Isaiah 35: 1-6,10	James 5: 7-10	Matthew 11: 2-11
18 December	Isaiah 7:10-14	Romans 1: 1-7	Matthew 1: 18-25
24 December	Isaiah 62: 1-5	Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25	Matthew 1: 1-25
25 December	Isaiah 52: 7-10	Hebrews 1: 1-6	John 1: 1-18

# MID-NORTH PASTORAL AREA NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022

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

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Mid-North Parishes



## CHRISTMAS: Christ and JOY



Friends, brothers and sisters in Christ, days from now we will be celebrating Christmas. It's good to recall that on the first Christmas, the solemn message of the angel to the shepherds who were guarding their flock was about JOY. The angel said to the shepherds, **“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people”** (Lk 2:10).

The message of the heavenly creature for sure takes away their fear, the chilling and dull night and it gives vigor to their tired bodies. The message does not only inject meaning to their lifeless night, but it also transformed them from within. Clothe with joy, they left their flock to encounter the Message, the source of their joy. The Scripture says, **“So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the man-**

**ger”** (Lk 2:16). To see the Message on their naked eyes, they realized that Joy is not only a feeling, but a human encounter with his/her Creator; Joy is the new born Child. Joy is Jesus. Thus, the shepherds left the manger, sharing their personal encounter with others (Lk 2:17).

Friends, like the shepherds, may we have a personal encounter with the new born Child, the JOY. May He be the source of our happiness, love, hope, strength, courage and peace. To all of you, have a blessed Christmas and a fruitful New Year, 2023.

Fr Ramil Hamil, MSP  
Mid-North  
Parish Priest .



**NO PRAYER IS TOO SMALL FOR THE LORD**

## PRAYER FOR PARISHIONERS

- ◆ Please pray for the healing and fast recovery of all the sick especially Jack Magullian, Brenda Tweendale, Shaun, and Alex Wakefield.
- ◆ 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.



The second group of the Diocese of Auckland clergy had their annual retreat on the 13th to 18th November. The retreat was held at St Francis Retreat Centre, Auckland. It was facilitated by Fr Gerard Whiteford, SM.



Last 04 December some parishioners of St Peter Chanel, Russell gathered together prior to the Sunday Mass for the lay ministries' updating and training. The updating and training was made possible through the help of Wiga Autet. The next session will soon be announced.



On behalf of the parishioners of St Anthony, Kaikohe, I would like to express our gratitude to all who responded to the invitation to clean our church. To all of you, thank you.



The community of St Therese of the Child Jesus, Moerewa joins with the family of Tehia and Ana in celebrating Tehia's 70th birthday. We pray and wish you good health and more birthdays, Tehia.

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To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom. For this, we must humble ourselves and become little. Even more; to become "children of God" we must be "born from above" or "born of God". Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us. Christmas is the mystery of this "marvelous exchange": (CCC # 526).

## QUO VADIS (WHERE ARE YOU GOING?)

Registrations are now open for Ngā Tapuwāe - Sacred Footsteps 2023. Our Northland pilgrimage will be from 6th January to 8th January 2023. All are welcome to hikoī with us to learn more of our Catholic heritage. The pilgrimage will conclude with Mass at the place where the first Mass in NZ occurred. Register <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/nga-tapuwa-e-pilgrimage/> or contact: Stephen Fraser 09 360 3052 or: [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz) Wiga Autet: [wigaa@cda.org.nz](mailto:wigaa@cda.org.nz) Beazley: [manuelb@cda.org.nz](mailto:manuelb@cda.org.nz)

World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage Applications for our incredible 23-day pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal, close at midnight on Sunday 6 November. To avoid missing out, register TODAY at: <https://youngpeople.church/wyd/>

### CARING FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Give a more impactful gift this Christmas with a donation to the Caring Foundation. Give a gift of joy to our most vulnerable. [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)

**St Anthony Parish, Kaikohe in needs of the following volunteers:**

- ◆ Altar servers, Liturgy Presider, Eucharistic Minister, Music, Readers, Church cleaners and Morning tea in charge. Training and support will be given. Please talk to your priest or PPC.

### SCHOLARSHIP for STUDY at TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the *Ruth Miller Scholarship* for study at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2023. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Email: [catheriner@cda.org.nz](mailto:catheriner@cda.org.nz). The closing date for applications is **MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2022**

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