

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



MID-NORTH PASTORAL AREA NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023

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Mid-North Parishes

SUNDAY MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULES

SUNDAY YR A Cycle 2022	5th March 2nd Sunday in Lent	12th March 3rd Sunday in Lent	19th March 4th Sunday in Lent	26th March 5th Sunday of Lent	
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 5:30 PM	MASS 5:30 PM	LITURGY 5:30 PM	
SOUTH HOKIANGA	LITURGY Whirinaki 11:00 AM	MASS Whirinaki 11:00 AM	LITURGY Whirinaki 11:00 AM	MASS 11:00 AM Rawene	



DATE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
05 March	Genesis 12:1-4	2 Timothy 1:8-10	Matthew 17:1-9
12 March	Exodus 17:3-7	Romans 5:1-2,5-8	John 4:5-42
19 March	Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
26 March	Ezekiel 37:12-14	Romans 8:8-11	John 11:1-45



LENT: Jesus' Transfiguration

A priest shares the story about twins, a sister and a brother, talking to each other inside the womb. "The little sister said to the little brother, 'I believe that there is life after birth!' Her brother protested: 'No, no, this is all there is. This is a dark and cosy place, and we have nothing else to do but to cling on to the cord that feeds us.' But the little girl insisted: 'There must be something more than this dark place, there must be something else where there is light and freedom to move.' Still, she could not convince her twin brother. Then... after some silence, she said hesitantly: 'I have something else to say, and I am afraid you won't believe that either,

but I think there is a mother!' Her little brother now became furious: 'A mother, a mother, what are you talking about? I have never seen a mother and neither have you. Who put that idea in your head? As I told you, this place is all we have so let's be content.' The little sister finally said: 'Don't you feel this pressure sometimes? It's really unpleasant and sometimes even painful.' 'Yes,' he answered, 'what's special about that?' 'Well,' the sister said, 'I think this pressure is there to get us ready for another place, much more beautiful than this, where we will see our mother face to face! Don't you think that's exciting!' (Fr Tommy Lane, 2013 homily).

Like the twin sister who sees life after birth, Peter, John, and James through the transfiguration of Jesus they were able to see the glimpse of Jesus' glory and His Kingship. In Jesus' transfiguration they were able to see the glimpse of eternity, the glimpse of life beyond this life and that glimpse takes away the fear and doubt they have had about Jesus.

We need to remember that prior to this event (Matthew 17:1-9), Jesus has shared with His disciples His impending arrest, suffering and death that caused the disciples to have a low morale (Matthew 16:21) and the Master's transfiguration is all they needed in order to be back on track.

However, for us, what is Jesus' transfiguration telling us? What is its message? I believe that the message of the Jesus' transfiguration is for us see through the eyes of the Apostles Peter, John and James our own glory with Jesus, especially in moment when we only see darkness in life, like the twins inside their mother's womb; when the pain of separation from loved one squeezes our heart, when sickness and suffering linger, when we see no hope but despair. Here in these moments, Jesus's transfiguration, His divine glory, serves us as our beacon of hope and courage to face life's darkness though painful, yet temporary for what is permanent and eternal is our glory with Jesus. Fr Ramil Hamil, MSP



PRAYER FOR PARISHIONERS

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

Responding to those in need. To the Diocese of Auckland Catholic Caring Foundation and Mid-North Parish volunteers, Thank you so much!



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“The Lenten season offers us once again an opportunity to reflect upon the very heart of Christian life: charity. This is a favorable time to renew our journey of faith, both as individuals and as a community, with the help of the word of God and the sacraments. This journey is one marked by prayer and sharing, silence and fasting, in anticipation of the joy of Easter.” Pope Benedict XVI [2012](#)

QUO VADIS (WHERE ARE YOU GOING?)



Fr Ramil Hamil, MSP has appointed **Jo James** to be the Mid-North Parishes Safeguarding Coordinator. Please contact her in any Mid-North Parishes church related abuses on 027 229 7558.



17th March, Feast of St Patrick, Okaihau. Mass is at 5:30 PM. Dinner at the priest's presbytery after the Mass. Kindly bring a plate. Thank you.

3rd April, Chrism Mass at St Francis Xavier Church, Whangarei. Mass is at 12PM.

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