

WEEKDAY MASSES & HOLY HOUR

Tuesdays Kaikohe 6:30 PM
Wednesdays Rawene 9:00 AM Moerewa 6:30 PM
Last Friday of the Month Holy Hour 5:30 PM @ St Patrick, Okaihau



SUNDAY MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULES

| SUNDAY YR A Cycle 2022 | <u>7th May</u> 5th Sunday of Easter | <u>14th May</u> 6th Sunday of Easter | <u>21st May</u> Ascension of the Lord Sunday | <u>28th May</u> Pentecost Sunday |
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| 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 |
| MOEREWAI | 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 5:00 AM | LITURGY Whirinaki 11:00 AM | MASS 11:00 AM Rawene |



| DATE | FIRST READING | SECOND READING | GOSPEL |
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| 07 May | Acts 6:1-7 | 1 Peter 2:4-9 | John 14:1-12 |
| 14 May | Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 | 1 Peter 3:15-18 | John 14:15-21 |
| 21 May | Acts 1:1-11 | Ephesian 1:17-23 | Matthew 28:15-20 |
| 28 May | Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12:13 | John 20:19-23 |

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Official Newsletter of the Mid-North Pastoral Area

PARISHES OF KAIKOHE & OKAIHAU
 SOUTH HOKIANGA PARISH COMMUNITIES
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THE EASTER SEASON

The joy of the resurrection of Our Lord flows over to the next fifty days of the Easter Season until Pentecost Sunday. The chanting of the Alleluia and the lighted paschal candle keep alive the solemn and memorable celebration of the Easter Vigil. The biblical readings and prefaces remind us that the risen Christ is always present among us and that we can recognize him in the proclaimed word and in the breaking of bread that is the Eucharist.

Two important feasts unfold the other aspects of Christ's resurrection: Ascension and Pentecost. After forty days Christ ascended into heaven bringing up with him the redeemed human race. In a world oppressed by misery the Ascension enlivens our hope that heaven is our final home.

Seated at the right hand of the Father, Jesus Christ sent down the Holy Spirit upon the Church on the day of Pentecost. On this day the Holy Spirit sent forth the Apostles into the whole world to preach the gospel and to baptize. Pentecost is the culmination of Christ's death and resurrection. He ascended into heaven in order to send the Holy Spirit that would continue among us the work of salvation that he had begun. We exist in the era of the Holy Spirit. In some way the sacrament of confirmation is like our own Pentecost; for it is through this sacrament that the Holy Spirit anoints us to go forth and proclaim around us in word and good example the gospel of Christ.

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PRAYER FOR PARISHIONERS

- Please pray for the healing and fast recovery of all the sick especially Jack Magullian, Brenda Tweendale, Marie, Shaun, Alex Wakefield, Teihia...
- 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. Eternal peace grant unto them, O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they all rest in peace!

On the 3rd of April, Bishop Steve, the Far North Deanery priests and parishioners gathered together at St Francis Xavier Church, Whangārei for the Chrism Mass. Parishioners from the Mid-North Parishes came to receive from the bishop himself the blessed oil for catechumen, chrism, and for the sick. Meanwhile, on the 28th of April, the Russell community celebrated the Feast of St Peter Chanel and on the 3rd May Fr Ramil celebrated his 46th birthday.



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-POPE FRANCIS. 8TH OCTOBER 2013

QUO VADIS (WHERE ARE YOU GOING?)

27 May - There will be a working bee at Okaihau Presbytery. The working bee will start at 10:00Am-12:00Pm. Bring a plate for lunch.

Bishop Steve's Cyclone and Flood Appeals raise \$621,000. A huge thank you from Bishop Steve for the generous support for the two emergency appeals to support our brothers and sisters impacted by the floods and cyclones in Auckland, Northland, the Coromandel, Hawkes Bay region and Gisborne/Tairāwhiti. Both campaigns have now closed. To find out more, please visit the Caring Foundation's website news and events page <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/news/> or pick up Bishop Steve's letter and update from your church notice board.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College will be accepting enrolment for Second Semester for Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology between April 24 – May 19. Full-time or part-time study, in-person or online learning available. Email admin@ctc.ac.nz call (09)3611053 or check the website www.ctc.ac.nz for more information.

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