

WEEKDAY MASSES & HOLY HOUR

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

Last Wednesday of the Month

Kaikohe 6:30 PM
Rawene 9:00 AM Moerewa 6:30 PM
Holy Hour 5:00 PM @ St Patrick, Okaihau
Mass & Anointing at Kaikohe Care
Centre & Hospital, 9:30AM (Cancelled)
Holy Hour 6:30 PM @ Moerewa
Holy Hour 9:00AM @ Rawene



MID-NORTH PASTORAL AREA NEWSLETTER AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2023

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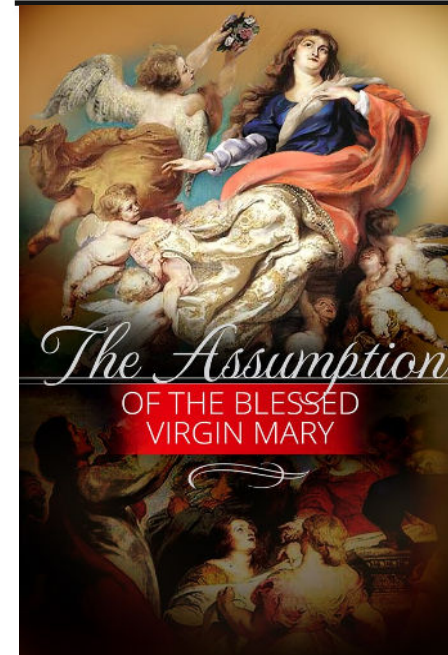
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SUNDAY MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY YR A Cycle 2023	6th August Transfiguration	13th August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	20th August 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	27th August 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	
PAIHIA	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:00 PM	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:00 PM	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:00PM	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:00PM	
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 Rawene 11:00 AM	

SUNDAY YR A Cycle 2023	3rd September 22th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10th September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	17th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	24th September 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
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In August we rejoice in the great Solemnity of The Assumption of Mary. A feast that proclaims that 'God doesn't make junk'. Our bodies are not separate from our souls and are just as important. All of each of us is wonderful. In Lumen Gentium the unity of Mary's body and soul in heaven is highlighted (#59). Therefore, the Feast of the Assumption reminds us of our own bodily resurrection. And so will we, for as we pray in the Mass of Christian Burial, "Life is changed not ended."

The Second Vatican Council originally planned to issue a separate document on Mary. Instead, it decided to add a Chapter to Lumen Gentium. In this chapter the Council emphasised that, although Mary held a particular and important role in the Church, honour given to her must be "so understood that it neither takes away from nor adds anything to the dignity and efficaciousness (ability) of Christ the one Mediator." (#62).

In 1975 Paul VI picked up this emphasis in Marialis Cultus (To Honour Mary). The Pope expressed concern that devotion to Mary was both falling away and problematic. He considered that this was because Mary was often presented in ways that were unappealing to modern people. The images were those of the Middle Ages, Mary as timid and submissive, and therefore not reflecting the reality of the 1970s and the developing understanding of women's place in society. He goes on to point out that the Church was not stuck with these images of Mary, "some of which are showing the ravages of time." (#24) He encouraged the creation of new and appealing views of Mary suitable for current times following five important guidelines. These guidelines were that devotion to Mary be:

- ♦ Biblical – based on Scripture
- ♦ Liturgical – in tune with the seasons of the Church
- ♦ Ecumenical – should not divide the Christian churches
- ♦ Anthropological – aware of the changing role of women
- ♦ Theological – with Christ at the centre —

- Siân Owen



PRAYER FOR PARISHIONERS

- ♦ Please pray for the healing and fast recovery of all the sick especially Marie Wilson and Jack Magullian, Brenda Tweendale, Shaun, Sandy Waru, Winnie, 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.

Rev. Father Jonathan Germinanda, the Mission Society of the Philippines (MSP) Father Moderator was here in New Zealand for a pastoral visit. He had an audience with Bishop Steve Lowe of the Diocese of Auckland, Bishop Michael Dooley of the Diocese of Dunedin, and His Excellency Archbishop Novatus Rugumbwa, the Apostolic Nuncio of New Zealand. He had the chance also to meet some of the Mid-North parishioners. As the MSP Superior General, Fr Jonathan assures us of another priest for the Mid-North Parishes. On 19 July he flew to Cook Islands to visit the MSP priests there. Thank you Fr Jonathan for your pastoral visit.



Last 5th August at St Therese Church, Moerewa a liturgical input on the formation of the ministers of the word and Holy Communion was given by Randall Ramos, the Liturgy and Ministry Coordinator of the Diocese. There were 26 people from the different parishes attended the talk.

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Pope Francis waves at the crowd of 1.5 million people who attended the closing Mass of World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal on Aug. 6, 2023.

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QUO VADIS (WHERE ARE YOU GOING?)

08 August—Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop). She co-founded the Sisters of the St Joseph of the Sacred Heart “Josephite.” She is the first Australian saint.

15 August - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patron Saint of New Zealand .

You're Invited to the **"Joy of the Gospel" Life in the Spirit Seminar!** Join us for a transformative two-day event designed to rekindle your faith and explore the good news of the gospel. Saturday, August 19 – Sunday, August 20 Time: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm (both days) at St Joseph's Church Hall, Takapuna Seminar Highlights: Praise & worship, Proclaims, Small group discussions Fellowship, Registration fee: \$20 Lunch and afternoon cuppa provided To reserve your spot register at bit.ly/joyofgospel For further inquiries, please contact us: Phone: 027 226 2319 OR 021 0234 6853.

02, 03 September—There are only liturgy in the whole of Mid-North Parishes .

The Vigil Mass at St Paul, Paihia during this Winter Season is now at **5:00 PM** every Saturday.

09-13 October 2023—Te Kotahitanga o Nga Amorangi / National Assembly of Priests. It will be held at Novotel Hotel, Rotorua

Fr Ramil will be having his holidays to the Philippines beginning next month, 1st September until 3rd October. Fr Tony O'Connor, SM will take Fr Ramil's place while he is away.

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