

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 5:30 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 NOVEMBER 2023

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SUNDAY MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY YR A Cycle 2023	5th November 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	12 November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	19th November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	26th November Christ the King
PAIHIA	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:30 PM	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:30 PM	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:30PM	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:30PM
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



DATE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
05 November	Malac 1:14-2:2,8-9	1 Thess 2:7-9,13	Matthew 23:1-12
12 November	Wisdom 6:12-16	1 Thess 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
19 November	Prob 31:10-13,19-20,3-31	1 Thess 5:1-6	Matthew 25:14-30
26 November	Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17	1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28	Matthew 25:31-46

National Assembly of Diocesan Priests



Approximately 175 Priests, from each of the six dioceses of New Zealand, attended the National Assembly of Diocesan Priests held in Novotel Hotel in Rotorua from 9th to 13th of October. The last assembly was held in Christchurch in 2018.

The attendees heard presentations from various speakers on pressing subjects. One of the presentations was delivered by the Archbishop of

Brisbane, Mark Coleridge, who expounded about the Spirituality of the Diocesan Priest in the 21st Century. Archbishop Mark said, "The diocesan priesthood today has to come from an in-between personality. We have to live between being pilgrim and settler." Likewise, Father Vui Huang, assistant parish priest of New Plymouth; Father Craig Butler, Parish Priest of Whanganui; and Mena Antonio, chief executive of Caritas Aotearoa NZ, shared their presentations during the first day of the assembly. The first day of the assembly ended with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at Saint Michael's Church in Rotorua.

Wednesday presentations revolved around the topic of Evangelisation, Outreach, and Mission. Archbishop Mark remarked that "Imagination is part of evangelisation – doing stuff we've never done before." Fr Sherwin Lapaan, Parish Priest of Saint Mark's in Pakuranga, described transforming Saint Mark's as a missionary parish. The new Bishop of Palmerston North, John Adams spoke of the winning vision implemented in his former parish of Saint Peter Chanel in North Canterbury. And the Catholic Enquiry Centre Director, Rebecca Taylor-Hunt set out the changes she's been making. The second day session culminated with a Miha Māori in Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

The third day of presentations involved sharing from Hannah and James van Schie on their faith practice and life as a Catholic couple. Hannah, James and their three children put a plastic bag of little toys in every table and asked all the priests to take them out and play with them during this session. Hannah said that, "All parents know that a toy is helpful for keeping children in the pews at Mass rather than running outside to climb the trees. We're employing the same principle here today to keep you in this room." The other presenters were Dr Therese Lautua and Lucienne Hensel, who shared on their experiences participating in the synod process. The third and final day of presentations culminated with a Mass in Saint Michael's and a final dinner in the evening.

Each day there was also the opportunity to do different activities around Rotorua. The National Assembly of Diocesan Priests was successful and reinvigorating. Thank you to the members of the organising committee for a successful event. — Fr. Mark Napa (Takapuna Parish)



NO PRAYER IS TOO SMALL FOR THE LORD

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.



Pope Francis has appointed Father Richard Laurenson from the Diocese of Hamilton as the new Catholic Bishop of Hamilton. The appointment was announced in Rome, Wednesday 25 October. Bishop-elect Laurenson, the parish priest at All Saints by the Sea, Papamoa Coast, replaces Bishop Stephen Lowe, who left when he was appointed Bishop of Auckland in December 2021. It means all six New Zealand dioceses now have a bishop, following the recent ordination and installation of Bishop John Adams as Bishop of Palmerston North. A statement about the appointment is online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/bishoprl/>



We're able to celebrate Mass at St Patrick Church, Okaihau during the commemoration of the all the faithful departed. Hopefully we'll be able to keep the celebration every year.

Some random pictures during the New Zealand National Clergy Assembly 2023 held in Rotorua. The next assembly will be in the year 2028.



Pope Francis on Wednesday told pilgrims in St. Peter's Square that holiness is both a "gift" from God and a "journey" to which we must "commit" ourselves after we've received it.

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QUO VADIS (WHERE ARE YOU GOING?)

02 November—All Souls Day. Mass was held at St Patrick Church , Okaihau.

04 November - Feast Day of St Charles Borromeo, the Patron Saint of Rawene. All are invited for the Eucharistic celebration at 9am.

Approved Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course:

Are you are getting married? Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation course here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/> Please book 1 year (if getting married in NZ) or 18months (if getting married overseas) in advance of your wedding date. The 3-part course takes about 32 hours to complete and is usually spread over 3 months. For more information email: marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz or call Gerry on **M:021 02247442**.

12 November —Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting at St Therese, Moerewa at 2pm.

26 November -Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting at St Charles Borromeo right after the 11am Mass .

12-17 November -Fr Ramil Hamil will be attending the Annual Clergy Retreat at St Francis Retreat Centre, Hillsborough, Auckland. There is no weekday Mass during this time.

The Vigil Mass at St Paul, Paihia is now back to **5:30 PM** every Saturday.

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