

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 JANUARY 2024

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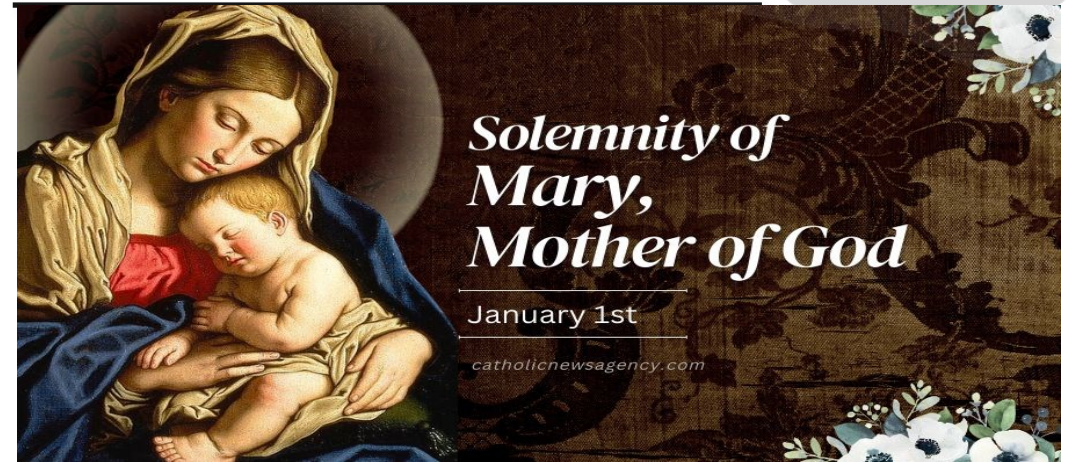


SUNDAY MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY YR B Cycle 2024	7th January EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	14th January 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	21st January 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	28th January 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
PAIHIA	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:30 PM	LITURGY SATURDAY 5:30 PM	LITURGY SATURDAY 5:30 PM	LITURGY SATURDAY 5:30 PM	
MOEREWA	MASS 9:00 AM	LITURGY 9:00 AM	LITURGY 9:00 AM	LITURGY 9:00 AM	
RUSSELL	MASS 11:30 AM	LITURGY 11:30 AM	LITURGY 11:30 AM	LITURGY 11:30 AM	
KAIKOHE	LITURGY 9:00 AM	LITURGY 9:00 AM	LITURGY 9:00 AM	LITURGY 9:00 AM	
OKAIHAU	MASS 5:30 PM	LITURGY 5:30 PM	LITURGY 5:30 PM	LITURGY 5:30 PM	
SOUTH HOKIANGA	MASS Whirinaki 11:00 AM	LITURGY Whirinaki 11:00 AM	LITURGY Whirinaki 11:00 AM	LITURGY Rawene 11:00 AM	



DATE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
07 January	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6	Matthew 2:1-12
14 January	1 Samuel 3:3-10,19	1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20	John 1:35-42
21 January	Jonah 3:1-5,10	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
28 January	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	1 Corinthians 7:32-35	Mark 1:21-28



Happy New Year!

We are at the beginning of the year 2024. While many of us started the year with a party, Mama Mary teaches us to start the New Year with a prayer... "Mary treasured and pondered all these things in her heart" (Lk 2:19).

What do we pray for in the New Year? First of all let us THANK GOD for the year that was. Whatever happened in the past year, good or bad, happy or sad, let us leave that all now, with gratitude in God's heart. Second, let us SURRENDER TO GOD the year ahead of us. We do not know what the future holds, but we know He holds the future in His hands and that is enough. We believe that he will be with us every single day of the year, so we need not fear. Finally, let us ASK GOD to give us strength and courage to face whatever lies ahead of us especially the grace to be able to carry out whatever mission we have for Him and the Blessed Mother.

A happy and blessed New Year to all. Through it all, let us remember the words of our Most Blessed Mother when she appeared in Guadalupe, Mexico: "I'm here, I am your mother, Do not fear, I am near."

-Fr Ramil Hamil, MSP



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, Tehia, 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. **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**



15-23 December —Nine -day evening Masses (Simbang Gabi) before Christmas at St Therese Church, Moerewa. On the last day of the Novena Mass, there were about one hundred people attended the Mass.

30 December —Mid-North Parishes Christmas gathering at Fr Ramil's place. Thank you all for coming for our first community Christmas gathering. See you all next Christmas.

01 January 2024— We joyfully welcome the New Year by celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Within the Eucharistic celebration we baptized one baby.



Pope at Angelus: Holy Family shows God is with us in times of trial

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QUO VADIS (WHERE ARE YOU GOING?)

Meet the new priest for the Mid-North Parishes. Rev Father Alex Pontilla has been appointed by the MSP Superior to join Fr Ramil in shepherding the Mid-North Parishes, Diocese of Auckland. With God's help, he will be here early this year. Let's keep Fr Alex in our prayers.



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14 January 2024 – Totara Point Mass

Fr Ramil will be away from the 10th January until 1st February for the Mission Society of the Philippines General Assembly. Let's keep him in our prayers.

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