

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 DECEMBER 2024

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Mid-North Parishes



SUNDAY MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULES FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

SUNDAY YR C Cycle 2024	1st December 1st Sunday of Advent	8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	22nd Decem- ber 4th Sunday of Advent	Christmas Vigil Mass 24 December	Christmas 25 December
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	MASS 5:30PM	
MOEREWAWA	MASS 9: 00 AM	LITURGY 9:00 AM	MASS 9: 00 AM	LITURGY 9:00 AM	MASS 9:00PM	
RUSSELL	MASS 11: 30 AM	LITURGY 11: 30 AM	MASS 11: 30 AM	LITURGY 11: 30 AM		MASS 11:30AM
KAIKOHE	LITURGY 9: 00 AM	MASS 9: 00 AM	LITURGY 9: 00 AM	MASS 9: 00 AM	MASS 7:30PM	
OKAIHAU	MASS 5:00PM	MASS 5:00PM	LITURGY 5:00PM	LITURGY 5:00 PM		MASS 9:00AM
SOUTH HOKIANGA	LITURGY Whirinaki 11: 00 AM	MASS Whirinaki 11: 00 AM	LITURGY Whirinaki 11:00 AM	MASS Rawene 11:00 AM	Midnight Mass Rawene	

SUNDAY YR C Cycle 2023	20 December Feast of the Holy Family	1st January Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God				
PAIHIA	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:30 PM					
MOEREWAWA	LITURGY 9: 00 AM	MASS 5:30 PM				
RUSSELL	LITURGY 11: 30 AM					
KAIKOHE	MASS 9: 00 AM					
OKAIHAU	LITURGY 5:00PM					
SOUTH HOKIANGA	LITURGY Whirinaki 11: 00 AM	MASS Rawene 9 00 AM				

THE SPIRITUAL IMPORTANCE OF ADVENT AND THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we journey through Advent, I want to share this message of hope and preparation with you. Advent, meaning “coming,” invites us to reflect on Christ’s birth in Bethlehem, His presence in our lives, and His return in glory. It is a sacred time to prepare our hearts through prayer, repentance, and acts of love, following the call of John the Baptist to “prepare the way of the Lord” (Isaiah 40:3).

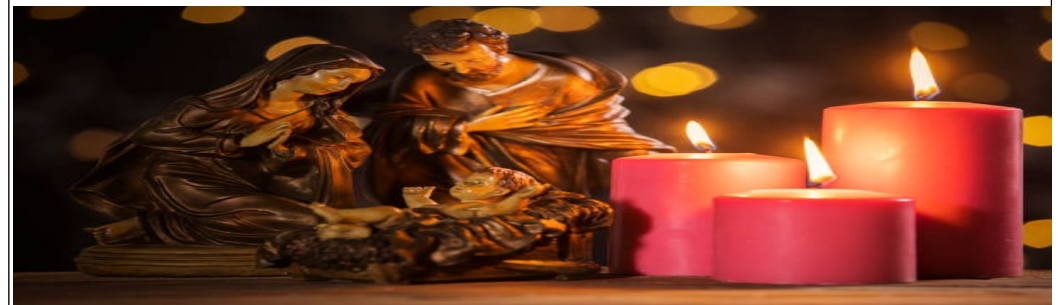
In a world often distracted by the commercialism of Christmas, Advent reminds us to focus on what truly matters: Jesus Christ, the greatest gift of all. His humble birth in a manger is a testament to God’s profound love for us. This season invites us to let Christ be born anew in our hearts, bringing us His peace, joy, and love.

I encourage you to embrace Advent’s spiritual practices—prayer, Scripture reading, the Sacraments, and acts of service. These help us celebrate Christmas with true gratitude and allow Christ’s light to shine through us, bringing hope to those around us.

May this Advent be a time of renewal and grace for you and your families as we prepare to welcome Christ, the true reason for our joy this Christmas. Have a merry Christmas and a blessed New Year in advance!

With every blessing,

Fr Ramil Hamil, MSP





PRAYER FOR PARISHIONERS

- ◆ Please pray for the healing and fast recovery of all the sick especially Marie Wilson, Brenda Tweendale, Shaun, Sandy Waru, Tehia, Winnie, Pat and Jo James 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.**



Bishop Steve Lowe visited the Mid-North parishes from 1 to 3 October. On 1 October, he attended the Far North deanery meeting, and on the following day, he presided over the Eucharistic celebration in honor of St Therese, the patron saint of Moerewa on the following day. On 3 October, Bishop Steve visited Nan Little alongside Janice and later meet the Marist brothers.

The Couple for Christ (CFC) based in Whangarei and Auckland, has been conducting a Christian Life Programme (CLP) at St Therese Church, Moerewa. Over ten individuals have been participating in the seminar.

The Far North Deanery priests held our last meeting for the year on 12 December at Marsden Winery. Present were Fathers Brian, Trevor, Peter, Tony, Maliu, James and Ramil.



Pope Francis to the Choirs: 'Help community sing, don't replace its voice'

Catholic News Agency 24 November 2018

QUO VADIS (WHERE ARE YOU GOING?)

15-23 December –Nine-day evening Masses (Simbang Gabi) before Christmas at St Therese Church, Moerewa. Mass time is 6:00PM.

Year of Jubilee Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope. As well as local initiatives the diocese has a calendar of **Jubilee Events**. At this stage they are presented as date claimers so that you can put them in your diaries so that when notification of registrations been opened your calendars are free. Explore and return regular to <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/>

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.

15 December –Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting at St Therese, Moerewa at 2pm.

31 December –Mid-North Parishes Christmas gathering at Fr Ramil's presbytery. Gathering time is 11:00AM. Kindly bring a plate.

12 January 2024 – Totara Point Mass

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

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