

WEEKDAY MASSES & HOLY HOUR

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

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



Last Wednesday of the Month

SUNDAY MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULES FOR MARCH & APRIL

SUNDAY YR C Cycle 2025	2ND March 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9th March 1st Sunday of Lent	16th March 2nd Sunday of Lent	23rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent	30th March 4th Sunday	
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	LITURGY SATURDAY 5:30 PM	
MOEREW A	MASS 9: 00 AM	LITURGY 9:00 AM	MASS 9: 00 AM	LITURGY 9:00 AM	MASS 9: 00 AM	
RUSSELL	MASS 11: 30 AM	LITURGY 11: 30 AM	MASS 11: 30 AM	LITURGY 11: 30 AM	MASS 11: 30 AM	
KAIKOHE	LITURGY 9: 00 AM	MASS 9: 00 AM	LITURGY 9: 00 AM	MASS 9: 00 AM	LITURGY 9: 00 AM	
OKAIHAU	MASS 5:00PM	MASS 5:00 PM	MASS 5:00PM	MASS 5:00 PM	LITURGY 9: 00 AM	
SOUTH HOKIANGA	LITURGY Whirinaki 11: 00 AM	MASS Whirinaki 11: 00 AM	LITURGY Whirinaki 11:00 AM	MASS Rawene 11:00 AM	LITURGY Whirinaki 11:00 AM	

SUNDAY YR C Cycle 2025	6th April 5th Sunday of Lent	13th April PASSION SUNDAY	17th April Holy Thursday	18th April Holy Friday	19th April Easter Vigil	20th April Easter Sunday
PAIHIA	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:30 PM	Vigil MASS SATURDAY 5:00 PM			MASS SATURDAY 5:00 PM	
MOEREW A	MASS 9:00 AM	LITURGY 9:00 AM		Station / Confession 3:00 PM	MASS SATURDAY 7:30 PM	
RUSSELL	MASS 11: 30 AM	LITURGY 11: 30 AM				MASS 11: 30 AM
KAIKOHE	LITURGY 9: 00 AM	MASS 9: 00 AM	MASS 5:30 PM			MASS 9: 00 AM
OKAIHAU	MASS 5:00PM	MASS 5:00 PM				MASS 5:00PM
SOUTH HOKIANGA	LITURGY Whirinaki 11: 00 AM	MASS Whirinaki 9 :00 AM				

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The Spiritual Importance of the Season of Lent and the True Meaning of the Lord's Resurrection

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we journey through the sacred season of Lent, I want to share this message of reflection, repentance, and renewal with you. Lent is a time of spiritual preparation, calling us to turn our hearts toward God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a season of grace, inviting us to walk with Christ on His path of sacrifice, leading to the ultimate victory of His resurrection.

In a world often filled with distractions and self-indulgence, Lent reminds us of what truly matters: Jesus Christ, who gave His life for our salvation. His suffering and death on the cross are the ultimate expressions of God's love, and His resurrection brings us the hope of new life. This season challenges us to die to sin and rise with Christ, allowing His mercy and grace to transform us.

I encourage you to embrace the Lenten journey with a sincere heart—through prayer, repentance, acts of charity, and participation in the Sacraments. These practices help us deepen our faith and prepare to celebrate Easter with true joy and gratitude.

May the light of Christ's resurrection shine in our lives, renewing our hearts and filling us with His peace and love.

May this Lenten season be a time of conversion and grace for you and your families. As we prepare to celebrate the victory of Christ's resurrection, may we be strengthened in faith and share His love with the world.

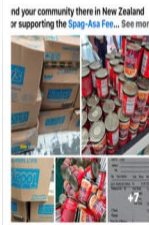
With every blessing,

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, Nan, 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.**



Janice and I attended Jinu and Jophy's son, Samuel, 1st birthday celebration at Kaikohe Rugby Club. The event was joyfully celebrated with family and friends.

The offerings collected during the nine-day Novena Masses for Christmas at St. Therese Church in Moere-wa were donated to **Spag-Asa** for the children's feeding program.

We sincerely thank Richard and Veil of St. Paul, Paihia, for generously providing refreshments for the community after every Mass. Your kindness and dedication are truly appreciated!

We are deeply grateful to Teihia and Ana of Moere-wa for generously sharing the fruits of their labor with us. They lovingly cultivated corn, watermelon, grapes, and other crops in their backyard and selflessly shared their harvest with the community. Thank you for your generosity!



During Lent, the Catholic Church emphasizes three key spiritual practices:

- **Prayer** – Strengthening one's relationship with God through Mass, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, and Eucharistic Adoration.
- **Fasting and Abstinence** – Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, abstaining from meat on Lenten Fridays, and making personal sacrifices.
- **Almsgiving** – Helping the poor, donating to charity, and performing acts of mercy.

QUO VADIS (WHERE ARE YOU GOING?)

17 March—Feast of St. Patrick. There will be a Mass at St Patrick Church, Okaihau, at 10:30 AM. Kindly bring a plate.

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/>

CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND: The Bishops Conference has recently launched the renewed CathNews New Zealand project. This ministry supports Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing news and other content of interest. It draws from material that has already been published and includes original content. The best way to receive CathNews New Zealand is by signing up to the newsletter, which is sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Visit the CathNews New Zealand website and sign up at <https://cathnewsnz.com/>

16 March —Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting at 2:00 PM, St Therese Church, Moere-wa.

01 April—Pro-Life talk at 7:00 PM, St. Francis Xavier Church, Whangarei.

14 April – Chrism Mass at 12:00 PM, St. Francis Xavier Church, Whangarei.

The Vigil Mass at St Paul, Paihia, will return to 5:00 PM every Saturday starting 12 April 2025.

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