

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**TUESDAYS** Kaikohe, 6.30pm.

**WEDNESDAYS** Rawene, 9.00am.

**THURSDAYS** Paihia, 12.05pm.

**1st FRIDAYS** Mass & Anointing at Kaikohe Care Centre & Hospital, 9.30AM



## SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE DECEMBER 2018

SUNDAY Yr C Cycle 2018	Dec 2nd 1st Sun Advent	Dec 9th 2nd Sun Advent	Dec 16th 3rd Sun Advent	Dec 23rd 4th Sun Advent	Dec 30th 5th Sun Advent
<b>PAIHIA</b> Vigil 5.30pm Saturday	MASS	MASS	LITURGY	MASS	MASS
<b>MOEREWA</b> 9.00am	MASS	MASS	LITURGY	MASS	MASS
<b>RUSSELL</b> 11.30am	MASS	MASS	LITURGY	MASS	MASS
<b>KAIKOHE</b> 9.00am	LITURGY	MASS	MASS	MASS	MASS
<b>OKAIHAU</b>	MASS 9.00 am Sunday		MASS 5.30pm Saturday		MASS 5.30pm Saturday
<b>SOUTH HOKIANGA</b> 11.00am	MASS <b>Whirinaki</b>	MASS Waiwhatawhata	MASS <b>Rawene Hospital</b> 10.30am	MASS <b>Rawene</b>	MASS Waiwhatawhata

## SUNDAY READINGS FOR DECEMBER

SUNDAY Yr C 2018	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
<b>December 2nd</b>	Jeremiah 33:14-16	1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2	Luke 21:25-28,34-36
<b>December 9th</b>	Baruch 5:1-9	Philippians 1:4-6,8-11	Luke 3:1-6
<b>December 16th</b>	Zephaniah 3:14-18	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:10-18
<b>December 23rd</b>	Micah 5:1-4	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-44
<b>December 30th</b>	1 Samuel 1:20-28	Colossians 3:12-21	Luke 2:41-52

## PARISHES OF KAIKOHE/OKAIHAU SOUTH HOKIANGA PARISH COMMUNITIES BAY OF ISLANDS PARISH COMMUNITIES

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## MID NORTH PASTORAL AREA NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018

As we come into the month of December, we will think about many things – school holidays, family members coming to visit, the Santa parades, and, of course, Christmas. Yes, CHRISTmas. NOT Xmas.

This month is a wonderful opportunity for each one of us to make sure that Jesus Christ is the focus of our celebrations. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading for the First Sunday of Advent (1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2) is a great inspiration for us all: “ May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.” Our response to this would be: Alleluia, Alleluia! I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

Pope Francis shares a reflection on Christmas: “In the Child of Bethlehem, God comes to meet us and make us active sharers in the life around us. He offers Himself to us, so that we can take Him into our arms, lift Him and embrace Him.” There is so much more that we can find in the writings of others, but we have to ask ourselves, what would I write about my experience of Christmas? Think about it. Share it with your family and friends and so spread the Good News that Jesus came into the world for each and every one of us. This would be a great gift to give to family and friends. A priceless gift.

Father Maliu and I wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas. We thank you for the way you witness to the presence of Jesus within you, spreading the Good News so joyfully. We hold you in our hearts and in our prayer. The journey continues into 2019. Jesus is there with you.

May God Bless you all, always.

Fr. Emile

### PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for : Alex Wakefield,

Let us not forget those who have died, especially George Owen the beloved husband of Mary Owen in Moerewa. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

### CALENDAR DATES FOR DECEMBER 2018

3rd —Monday: St. Francis Xavier  
6th —Thursday: St. Nicholas  
7th —Friday: St. Ambrose  
8th —Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
12th —Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe  
13th —Thursday: St. Lucy  
14th —Friday: St. John of the Cross  
25th —Tuesday: Christmas Day  
26th —Wednesday: St. Stephen  
27th —Thursday: St. John, Apostle, Evangelist  
28th —Friday: The Holy Innocents  
29th —Saturday: St. Thomas Becket

NZ ROSARY  
CRUSADE

8th December  
3pm

*for Life  
and  
Faith*

*under the mantle of  
Our Lady of  
Assumption*



To join the Crusade select a place or parish, form a group, and register it at [www.rosarycrusade.co.nz](http://www.rosarycrusade.co.nz) or phone 022 1912 886 or 03 359 2087 to register.

Then continue to pray the Rosary for this event and to promote it.

More fliers are available. Phone 022 1912 886 or email: [clarests4@gmail.com](mailto:clarests4@gmail.com)

### CALL FOR LITURGISTS NEW & OLD

We are going to have a Liturgy workshop early next year with Diocesan input.

This is inviting people to serve as:

**Eucharistic Ministers,  
Readers of the Word at Mass,  
Leaders of the Sunday Liturgy, when there is no Mass.**

We invite you to sign up and get involved.

The more the merrier. Please contact Fr. Maliu or David Nicolson.

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### *"I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME"*

The Catholic Prison Chaplaincy is still looking for volunteers to become official visitors to Ngāwhā Prison just outside of Kaikohe.

Those who are interested please contact the Catholic Prison Chaplain, Gwen Tahana (09) 401-5844 or Fr. Maliu (09) 401-9281

### A CHILD'S ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am very sorry for having defended you.....

**PASS IT ON:** If you find this Newsletter interesting and informative please pass it on to other Catholics living in your area and share the news and bring them along to Mass.



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