

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

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## MID-NORTH PASTORAL AREA NEWSLETTER

### Third Sunday after Easter 5th May

A well-known speaker began a seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. He asked the audience, "Who would like to have this \$20 bill? Hands started going up. He then said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you, but first let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" The hands remained in the air. Well," he added, "What if I do this?" He dropped it to the floor and proceeded to grind it with his shoe. He picked it up, crumpled and dirty. Now who still wants it?" Still a few hands were raised because the bill had not decreased in value. It was still worth \$20.

Many times, in our lives, we feel crumpled and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. No matter what has happened to us, however, we never lose our value in God's eyes. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we are, but from Him to whom we belong! We are special – let us never forget it! This is the lesson of today's Gospel, which tells us how Jesus chose Peter to be the leader of his Church, even though Peter had denied. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

### LITURGY WORKSHOP (12pm-3pm)

11th MAY in **Moerewa**  
15th JUNE in **Kaikohe**

Training for ALL MINISTERS  
**This is an opportunity for ALL**

### CALENDAR Dates for May 2019

14th —Tuesday: St. Mathias, Apostle  
24th —Friday: Mary Help of Christians  
31st —Friday: VISITATION



### I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME

Contact Catholic Prison  
Chaplain: **Gwen Tahana**  
**09-401-5844**

### Fourth Sunday After Easter (MOTHER'S DAY) 12th May

**Eminent men on mothers:** George Washington once said, "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her." Abraham Lincoln spoke similar words when he said, "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother." Theodore Roosevelt has the following beautiful advice to all mothers: "Into the woman's keeping is committed the destiny of the generations to come after us. In bringing up your children, you mothers must remember that, while it is essential to love and be tender, it is no less essential to be wise and firm." Thomas Edison once said, "I did not have my mother long, but she cast over me an influence which has lasted all my life. The good effects of her early training I can never lose. If it had not been for her appreciation and her faith in me at a critical time in my experience, I should never likely have become an inventor. I was always a careless boy, and with a mother of different mental caliber, I should have turned out badly. But her firmness, her sweetness, her goodness were potent powers to keep me in the right path. My mother was the making of me. The memory of her will always be a blessing to me." HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.

## BAY OF ISLANDS

Total Parish Donations from 24 March to 14 April 2019

These Figures DO NOT include Income from other sources such as koha etc.

Moerewa	\$586.70
Russell	\$315.70
Paihia	<u>\$568.50</u>
Total banked =	<u>\$1470.90.</u>

Regards in Christ,  
Pat James (Finance)

### Meeting:

#### Moerewa Parish Pastoral Council

26th May at 2pm

### Moerewa Parish Pastoral Council Members 2019-2022

Anthony Buckels (**Chairperson**)  
Rosemarie Green (**Secretary**)  
Pat James (**Treasurer**)  
Ana & Teihia Finau (**SVD Representative**)  
Anita Palmer (**SVD Rep**)  
Paddy Bennet (**Youth Representative**)  
Buster Harris (**Youth Rep**)  
Willie Cash (**Parish priest Appointee**)  
Elaine Heeney (**Parish Representative**)  
Julia Barber (**Parish priest Appointee**)  
Mary Hape (**Parish priest Appointee**)  
Jo James (**SVD Rep**)

## National Safeguarding Seminar:

### What is this training for?

The training is required to comply with new standards rolled out by the Church's National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS).

### When and where is the training taking place?

Kaitaia: 11th May 1pm  
**Moerewa: 18th May 12-3pm**  
Whangarei: 19th May 11.30am

### Contact details:

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### CONTACTS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA COMMUNITIES

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## New Zealand Catholic Medi- cal Association

**DATE SAVER:** Inaugural Meeting

**Date:** Saturday: 25 May 2019

**Time:** 10am -3pm

**Place:** St Michael's School Hall, 6  
Beatrice Road, Remuera,  
Auckland - Cost \$25 per person.

Will include Blessing and Holy  
Mass from Bishop Patrick Dunn  
and provide an opportunity for  
doctors and others involved in  
healthcare to find pastoral care,  
support, encouragement and faith  
development.

**We wish to extend an invitation  
to doctors, nurses, midwives,  
physiotherapist, counsellors, so-  
cial workers, chaplains,  
pharmacists, dentists, health ad-  
ministrators, lawyers and anyone  
who works in allied roles.**

Registration is required for cater-  
ing purposes by 20 May 2019.

**Event details:** newzea-  
landcatholicmedical.co.nz/event

### Contact

**email:** info@newzealandcatholicm  
edical.co.nz

I would like to have a space in our  
next Newsletter for each area, **Bay  
of Islands, Kaikohe & Okaihau  
and South Hokianga.** Feel free to  
tell me what to write. Fr. Maliu

## PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS

Alex Wakefield,  
Ron Campbell  
**Not forgetting those who  
have died; REST IN PEACE**  
Hinewaiora Toia, Joan  
Simpson, George Owen

My dear friends of the Mid North  
Pastoral Area, I give thanks to  
God for all of you; for the way  
you witness to the presence of  
God and how you work at show-  
ing that Jesus is alive in our  
world today.

I thank God for the opportunity I  
have had in being here with you  
all this past year. I will keep you  
in my heart and in my prayer, as  
we continue to be the modern-  
day apostles. There is so much  
more to be done; so many more  
people to invite to come to  
Church and praise the Lord. We  
are on this mission together  
every day. Please keep me in  
your prayer as I continue my  
part of this mission on the Hibis-  
cus Coast area. As I said, you  
are in my heart and in my  
prayer. God's blessing be  
with you all. **Fr. Emile MHM**