

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUESDAYS Kaikohe, 6.30pm.
WEDNESDAYS Rawene, 9.00am. Moerewa 6.30pm
THURSDAYS Paihia, 12.05pm. (Resumes after winter)

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



SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY Yr C Cycle 2019	Sep 1st 22nd Sun Ordinary	Sep 8th 23rd Sun Ordinary	Sep 15th 24th Sun Ordinary	Sep 22nd 25th Sun Ordinary	Sep 29th 26th Sun Ordinary
PAIHIA Vigil 5.30pm Saturday	MASS	MASS	LITURGY	MASS	MASS
MOEREWAA 9.00am	MASS	MASS	LITURGY	MASS	MASS
RUSSELL 11.30am	MASS	MASS	LITURGY	MASS	MASS
KAIKOHE 9.00am	LITURGY	MASS	MASS	MASS	MASS
OKAIHAU Vigil 5.30pm Saturday	MASS	MASS	LITURGY	MASS	MASS
SOUTH HOKIANGA 11.30am	MASS Whirinaki	MASS Waiwhatawhata	MASS Rawene Hospital 10.30am	MASS Rawene	MASS Waiwhatawhata

SUNDAY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY Yr C 2019	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
September 1st	Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 3:17-20,28-29	Hebrew 12: 18-19,22-24	Luke: 14:1,7-14
September 8th	Wisdom 9:13-18	Philemon 9-10, 12-17	Luke 14:25-33
September 15th	Exodus 32:7-11,13-14	Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-32
September 22nd	Amos 8:4-7	1 Timothy 2:1-8	Luke 16:1-13
September 29th	Amos 6:1,4-7	1 Timothy 6:11-16	Luke 16:19-31

Please, Fr. Sean is away for a while, some communities will be asked to have Liturgy.

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MID NORTH PASTORAL AREA NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2019

22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Do we want to be happy, successful, with good reputation? Then, we need to “conduct our affairs with humility” (Sirach 3:17). The clothing of humility can never go out of style in a Christian world. But the fact is that humility is a virtue has fallen on hard times in our day, while arrogance and aggression, pride and self-righteousness are being paraded as marks of the modern culture which hates all simplicity. Yet humility remains at the root of the Christian life, in which the great Gospel reversals still ranks first: to lose one’s life is to find it; the last shall be first; “the humble shall be exalted” (Luke 14:11). However, Sirach and Jesus are teaching us not some kind of fake humility, but real humility. Fake humility is about pretending to look great in front of others but inside is like a rotten apple at the heart.

Real or genuine humility is not something forced from outside. At times, you see some people playing humble role, because they have to. True humility is one’s own personal recognition of one’s true status, we will joyfully accept all gifts, talents and abilities as coming from God and will use them for our own enrichment and for the glory of God. But at the same time we will not deny his human limitations and weaknesses; we will not rely solely on our own strength, neither will we “seek things beyond his strength” (Sirach 3:21).

It is wise to stay humble, lest we stumble. We need to stay humble also for the rewards it brings. A humble person “wins esteem of his fellow guests” (Luke 14:10). A humble person who often looks up to God rarely looks down on anyone, especially if they were poor, and as a result the humble can have more friends.

Pope Saint John XXIII once remarked, “Anybody can be Pope, the proof of this is that I have become Pope.” Any great personality like him is humble, for great goes with humility. May the Word of God bless us All.
 Fr. Maliu

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for : Alex Wakefield, Pat Noble,

Let us not forget those who have died, especially George Owen. May the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God. REST IN PEACE.

Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

By Francis of Assisi.

Sunday 1st to Wednesday 18th September

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Monday 2nd Sept

Rawene: **9.00am**
Lady of the Highway:**10.30**
Kaikohe: **12.00pm**
Okaihau:**2.30pm**

Tuesday 3rd Sept
Moerewa: **12.00pm**



Family Life International invite you to join our
PILGRIMAGE for Life.

The two statues will travel through the country and meet in Wellington on the 18th September, the day before the Abortion Legislation Bill submission close. Details and the itinerary visit: fli.org.nz/pilgrimage-for-life
Contact Clare 022 1912 886 OR email: life@fli.org.nz

COLLECTIONS BAY OF ISLANDS

JULY 2019

30th June - 21st July

Moerewa	\$534.60
Russell	\$210.50
Paihia	\$478.90
TOTAL	\$1224.00

AUGUST 2019

28th July - 25th August

Moerewa	\$549.30
Russell	\$359.40
Paihia	\$479.80
TOTAL	\$1388.50



**“I WAS IN PRISON
AND YOU VISITED
ME”**

Those who are interested please contact the Catholic Prison Chaplain, Gwen Tahana (09) 401-5844

Not only will we have to repent for the sins of bad people; but we also will have to repent for the appalling silence of good people.

By Martin Luther King

26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

When I was a boy, my parish priest used to preach long sermon on hell. Too much stress on the negative aspects of religion, such as hell and damnation, has led, many to think of Christianity as a religion of fear and guilt. The rich man in our Lord's parable, who did nothing to the beggar Lazarus who sat at his gate, is said to be "tormented in eternal fire" (Lk 16:24). But biblical scholars think that this language, describing the fate of sinners, could be imaginative and poetic and need not to be taken literally. Although saints shared their inspirational experience, however, we do not really know what the torments of hell may be, though the possibility of hell is always there, for anyone who chooses to enter.

The main purpose of Amos' warning and our Lord's parable is to arouse and surface in us a sense of duty to bring God's mercy to others less fortunate than ourselves. Mercy of course, is not just pity nor a concern to help the needy without any personal involvement. Mercy is a personal concern which demands the giving of one's all.

In order to give to the needy quickly and generously, one much needs to be driven by a vision. We all need some worthwhile goal in our lives towards which we can direct all our energies. Having a meaningful purpose in life keeps a person happy and healthy. St. Augustine perceived that all humans were restless and unfulfilled. This led him to say the famous words. "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart rests not until it rests in you". **May God bless you all.**
Fr. Maliu

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