

The Amalgamating Parishes of State Highway 3

Saint Patrick, Te Awamutu; Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Otorohanga; Saint George, Te Kuiti

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Items for the Notice Sheet must be in by Wednesday 12pm

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our parish notice sheet emailed, please email office@stpatta.org.nz "St Patrick's Parish Te Awamutu"

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6-7 February 2021 Waitangi Day

Saturday 6 February is our national day commemorating the first signings of the
Treaty of Waitangi – Te Tiriti o Waitangi, in 1840.

'Because of the Christian involvement in its signing and the Church's mission to bring about a better world we
can mark Waitangi as a significant spiritual event and a time to pray for the land and its peoples. We can give
thanks for the gift of being here, ask forgiveness for the wrongs of our history from which some have benefitted
and some have lost, and re-commit ourselves to work for a more just society.' Monsignor Gerard Burns homily
Waitangi Day 2019

*"It is good that we look here to Waitangi, where in these first sacred discussions about the way to live in
partnership with each other, my predecessor Bishop Pompallier asked for and received a guarantee of
religious freedom and protection. It is religious tolerance, religious inclusion and religious acceptance that is
our heritage. We honour and celebrate that today." From Cardinal John's address at Waitangi in 2020
reaffirming protection of religious beliefs.*

Readings for THIS Sunday - 6-7 February 2021

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Response: Psalm 146:1-6, resp v3
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Job speaks out as the plain man who cannot make sense of the suffering to be found in daily life. The
questions that are raised by the tedium and shortness of life are asked in every age. The Christian sees a
meaning through the life of Christ, for whom suffering became a means of achieving true life. Healing is a
lifting up, and all suffering can lift up the world anew.

Readings for NEXT Sunday - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13-14 February

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11, resp v7; 1 Corinthians 10:31-1,1:1; Mark 1:40-45

Weekday Mass Times

Monday 8 February 7.15am Te Awamutu *St Josephine Bakhita* **Tuesday** 9 February 9.15am Te
Awamutu 5.30pm Te Kuiti

Wednesday 10 February 9.15am Te Awamutu 9.15am Te Kuiti *St Scholastica* **Thursday** 11 February
5.30pm Te Awamutu 9.15am Otorohanga *World Day of the Sick Our Lady of Lourdes*

Friday 12 February 9.15am Te Awamutu 9.15am Te Kuiti
7.00pm Te Awamutu - Filipino Mass

Saturday 13 February 8.15am Te Awamutu

The Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita – the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking is celebrated on 8th February. On this day Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and the people that volunteer and work to eradicate this crime.

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, is also “World Day of the Sick” on Thursday 11th. We particularly pray for those who are sick, for those who care for them, and for others involved in healing ministry and in working to relieve pain and suffering. The theme for this year’s World Day of the Sick is: *You have but one teacher and you are all brothers and sisters (Matthew 23:8): a trust-based relationship to guide care for the sick.*

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION – RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Te Kuiti: Tuesdays 6pm (after 5.30pm Mass)

Te Awamutu: Thursdays 6pm-7.15pm, Fridays 8.30am-9am, Saturdays after evening Mass

Otorohanga: Wednesday 3rd March (first Wednesday of the month), 5pm after Rosary and Stations

SUNDAY MASS TIMES during Covid-19 Emergency Level 1

Te Kuiti: 9.30am Sunday

Otorohanga: 11.30am Sunday

Te Awamutu: 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass, 10.30am Sunday (there is no 8.30am Mass at Covid Level

1) **Kawhia:** Sunday 7th February, at 5pm, St Peter’s Church, Hoturoa Street, Kawhia

FILIPINO MASS - Friday 12th February, 7.00pm at Saint Patrick’s Te Awamutu. All welcome!!

SUNSHINE PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP - Sunday 7th February at Robert Harris Cafe after 10.30 Mass. Enquiries to Ria 871 5455

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Monthly meetings resume Sunday 14th February, at 9.45am in the Saint Patrick’s Parish Lounge. Regular and prospective interested members are all welcome. Plenty to do!!!

More info from Allan MacManus 027 936 5986.

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY - Do you have any “palms” left over from a previous year? If so, please place them in the basket in the foyer. These will be used for making the Ashes for this year’s Ash Wednesday.

SHROVE TUESDAY - Please join our St Patrick’s school families for pancakes on Tuesday 16th February at 7.30am. BYO Pancakes and they will provide the toppings.



ASH WEDNESDAY, 17th February - St Patrick’s is hosting a combined non-Eucharistic service at 7pm for Anglicans and other denominations. Mass times at Te Awamutu 7.15am and 9.15am, 9.15am Te Kuiti, 5.15pm Otorohanga

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



This term we will be running a course for our school children interested in Baptism (more details to come). Parents of those children must attend a parents course so we encourage your attendance at **Baptism Programme for Parents - 23rd February** 7.30-9pm, St Patrick’s Parish Lounge.

For parents with children (of all ages) getting ready for this sacrament. Please ring Anita 027 259 1330 to register.

For a series of short educational videos that are designed to kick off a deeper discussion on Baptism. Visit cdh.org.nz/baptism-program

COMMISSIONING MASS - Tuesday 16th February. A blessing on the school year at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 6.00pm

COME, STEP OUT OF THE BOAT - An online event for men. Tuesday 9th February at 7.30 pm
Guest speaker, Fr Robert Sharplin. Refresh, reignite, reunite and rebuild.

Online Registration by Feb 7th: stepout.rsvpify.com.

Enquiries: Gary 0211591135, Dave 0278848408, Daniel 0211279947, Mike 021937234



DOMINICAN SISTERS IN AOTEAROA-NEW ZEALAND

18th February 2021 will mark 150 years since ten Dominican Sisters arrived in Dunedin from Dublin, Ireland, to begin the Congregation in New Zealand. A Mass of Gratitude will be held at St Mary's Church, Mosgiel, 10.00am, Saturday 20th February.



CURRENT OF GRACE, HAMILTON DIOCESE, SERVICE OF COMMUNION - 11th March
Invite you all to Mass with Bishop Steve, Praise & Worship, Prayer Ministry and Hospitality
Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7pm Thursday 11 March

CATHOLIC FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES 2021 GALA - Saturday 20th March.

Music, stalls, hangi, fun, food. Te Ara Hou Village Green, 100 Morrinsville Road, Hillcrest

WAIKATO MARCH FOR LIFE - Sunday the 14th March at Memorial Park on River Road, Hamilton.

Stalls and family friendly events will be present from 12.30 and the march will commence at 2pm.

Bring your family and friends and join us as we march to be a voice for the voiceless

COVID-19 UPDATE - <https://covid19.govt.nz/everyday-life/make-summer-unstoppable/>

"As a Church we must be conscious of the needs of the vulnerable as Christ himself was"

- Please remember if you are unwell stay home.
- At Church and/or Mass hand sanitising and use of the COVID tracing app or sign in applies. ● Greet people before/after Mass and at the Sign of Peace with a smile, nod or bow to one another ● Maintain social distance
- Holy Water is removed from stoups and fonts
- Holy Communion will not be distributed from the chalice and is only distributed by hand. "I am grateful to those who have embraced this condition graciously. I know for others, this restriction remains a trial. Let us remember that the matter of primary importance is RECEIVING THE LORD, not how WE physically receive the Lord"

NZ CATHOLIC BISHOPS URGE EVERYONE TO HAVE A COVID-19 VACCINE

Our bishops have issued a strong statement in support of all people getting a Covid-19 vaccine when it becomes available. Their statement addresses both the moral and health issues involved including from where the vaccines are derived, and the dangers of people rejecting vaccinations (the "anti-vax" movement). Pope Francis strongly endorses getting vaccinated. Read the statement online:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/bishops-support-covid-vaccine/>

DONATIONS TO YOUR LOCAL PARISH - If you wish to make a payment, one-off or regular, to your local Parish, here are the bank accounts. (Kawhia money is deposited into the Otorohanga Parish account.). Ref: Donation

R C Bishop of Hamilton - Parish Account Te Kuiti 02 0342 0050032 004;

R C Bishop of Hamilton - Parish Account Otorohanga 02 0342 0050016 021;

R C Bishop of Hamilton - Parish Account Te Awamutu 02 0342 0050032 003

If you would like a receipt, email the parish office with your details.

Our Churches are Open for Private Prayer and Devotions

Saint George's Te Kuiti: 9am – 5pm

Saint Patrick's Te Awamutu: Mon-Fri: 8am – 5pm; at other times, please enter numbers into keypad

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Otorohanga: Wednesdays 5pm for Stations of the Cross and Rosary
or by arrangement - please ring Deacon Brian Whitlow, 07 873 7722