

The Amalgamating Parishes of State Highway 3

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

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"St Patrick's Parish Te Awamutu"

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13-14 February 2021

SIN is a short word with a long sentence

Readings for THIS Sunday - 13-14 February 2021

1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Response: Psalm 31:1-2, 5, 11, resp v7
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Sin sets us outside the Church community. Jesus comes to bring the leper back by the ritual means prescribed by the Law. The Sacrament of Reconciliations restores the sinner to the community.

Readings for NEXT Sunday - 1st Sunday of Lent - 20-21 February

Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 24:4-9 resp v10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Weekday Mass Times

Monday 15 February	No Mass Te Awamutu		
Tuesday 16 February	9.15am Te Awamutu	5.30pm Te Kuiti	<i>Shrove Tuesday</i>
Ash Wednesday	7.15am, 9.15am Te Awamutu	9.15am Te Kuiti	5.15pm Otorohanga
17 February	<i>We welcome the children from St Patrick's and St Joseph's to the 9.15am Mass</i>		
Thursday 18 February	5.30pm Te Awamutu	9.15am Otorohanga	
Friday 19 February	9.15am Te Awamutu	9.15am Te Kuiti	
Saturday 20 February	8.15am Te Awamutu		



ASH WEDNESDAY, 17th February - Ecumenical Service, 7pm - St Patrick's - the Churches of Te Awamutu are all invited to be with Saint Patrick's Catholic Church and Saint John's Anglican Church at a Liturgy of the Word and Blessing & Distribution of Ashes at Saint Patrick's 7pm

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

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

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Friday 26th February, 2pm, St Patrick's Parish Lounge

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 March, at 5pm, St Peter's Church, Hoturoa Street, Kawhia

FRIDAY 19TH - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF ABUSE

Approved by Pope Francis in 2016 and observed on the first Friday of Lent, today is a central part of the healing process for survivors and victims and a very important element in raising consciousness in the Church.

BISHOPS' LENT APPEAL - During Lent, NZ Catholic Bishops invite us to consider the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas. Money raised through the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. Lenten giving envelopes are being distributed today at Mass. Please return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection.



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.

VALENTINES DAY, SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

- In popular culture, and especially in the world of advertising, this is Valentine's Day. Regardless of whether this is an occasion that we embrace, we can acknowledge that God made us to know, love and serve him, and to love and serve each other, and so aspire to eternal happiness. As we continue our preparation for this Mass, let us give thanks for the love of God within our hearts, and think of someone with whom we shall share that love today.

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



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

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE - Wednesday, 17th February, 1.30pm in the Parish Lounge

RANGIAOWHIA COMMEMORATION - SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Join Bishop Steve, the people of Ngati Apakura, Bishop David Moxon and the Anglicans for the commemoration of the 1864 invasion of Rangiaowhia and the Anglican and Catholic Missions. Dawn service begins at 5.30am on the corner of Rangiaowhia and Puahue Roads.

On Saturday 20th February there are other memorial events at the Te Awamutu Racecourse. Full information about the commemorations have been advertised in Thursday's Te Awamutu Courier

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

PARISH SCHOOL COMMUNITY MASS - Saturday 13 March, 5pm, Saint Patrick's Church

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

HOUSE FOR RENT - 22 Seddon Street, Te Kuiti (next to the Catholic Presbytery). Four bedrooms, weatherboard, recently renovated and compliant with insulation standards, electric heating, single garage attached at rear of house, adjacent to Church and School, easy flat walk to shops. All initial enquiries to John Whyte 021 949 101.

House at 701 Alexandra Street (formerly the convent) is in the final stages of preparation for renting; some painting and some insulation are still to be done. Applications to rent it are not yet being considered.



NEW BEGINNINGS MASS AND BBQ FOR YOUNG ADULTS - Sunday 7 March

Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton East

Ring in the new year with our annual welcome event for young adults in the Diocese! Come to the 6pm Mass on Sunday 7 March celebrated by Bishop Steve with a special blessing for young adults, followed by a BBQ, games and chances to win spot prizes, all for FREE! Also, if you bring a friend, you will be in the draw to win a double pass to Heaven Come (at least one of you or your friend must not have been to Heaven Come before).

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

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/>

COVID-19 UPDATE “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”

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