

# 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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## **Fourth Sunday of Lent - 13-14 March 2021**

**Laetare Sunday**

**Parish-School Mass**

**Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis, 2013**

"Lent stimulates us to let the word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life."

*Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*

### **Readings for THIS Sunday - 13-14 March 2021**

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23  
2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Response: Psalm 136 resp v6  
Gospel: John 3:14-21

*The seed is sown in the ground when its hour comes. In time it bears fruit. Christ through his obedience dies, but through his dying he brings eternal life to all who call on his name. In the new relationship with him that comes about, God remembers our sins no more.*

### **Readings for NEXT Sunday - 5th Sunday of Lent - 20-21 March**

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 50:3-4, 12-15 resp v12; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-30

**PARISH SCHOOL COMMUNITY MASS - Saturday 13 March, 5pm.** The parish and school will be together to seek the intercession of their heavenly patron in bearing credible and generous witness to the love of Christ, whose Gospel St Patrick so eloquently and fruitfully proclaimed to Ireland.

*After Mass, there will be a "social time", an opportunity to purchase pizza from Chariot of Woodfire (Gaines' pizza truck) and the Catholic Women's League will be providing tea and finger food for a gold coin donation. Don't forget some extra change for the CWL's raffle.*

### **Weekday Mass Times**

**Monday** 15 March 7.15am Te Awamutu  
**Tuesday** 16 March 9.15am Te Awamutu  
**Wednesday** 17 March 9.15am Te Awamutu  
**Thursday** 18 March 5.30pm Te Awamutu  
**Friday** 19 March 9.15am Te Awamutu

5.30pm Te Kuiti  
9.15am Te Kuiti  
9.15am Otorohanga  
9.15am Te Kuiti

*St Patrick  
St Cyril of Jerusalem  
St Joseph, husband of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Saturday** 20 March 8.15am Te Awamutu



### **HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND AND TO REST HOMES**

Our Amalgamating Parishes each offer Holy Communion to those of their Parish who are residents of a Rest Home or are housebound in their own home and unable to get to Sunday Mass on a regular basis. Please contact one of the priests or Deacon Brian Whitlow if you or someone you know needs to be visited.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - Friday 26th March, 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)

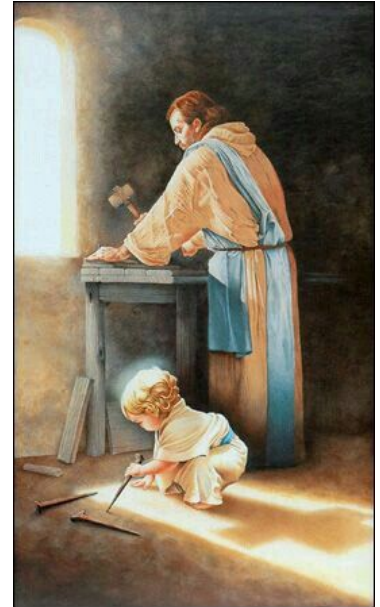
**Kawhia:** Sunday 4th April, at 4pm, St Peter's Church, Hoturoa Street, Kawhia. Please note the change of time due to the end of daylight saving

**SAINT JOSEPH'S DAY - Friday 19 March - Pope Francis declared 2021 the Year of Saint Joseph, the Foster Father of Jesus**

From the example of St Joseph we all receive a strong invitation to carry out with fidelity, simplicity and modesty the task that Providence has entrusted to us.

I think especially of fathers and mothers of families, and I pray that they will always be able to appreciate the beauty of a simple and industrious life, cultivating the conjugal relationship with care and fulfilling with enthusiasm the great and difficult educational mission.

To priests, who exercise a paternal role over Ecclesial Communities, may St Joseph help them love the Church with affection and complete dedication, and may he support consecrated persons in their joyous and faithful observance of the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. May he protect workers throughout the world so that they contribute with their different professions to the progress of the whole of humanity, and may he help every Christian to fulfil God's will with confidence and love, thereby cooperating in the fulfilment of the work of salvation. *Pope Benedict XVI*



**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 7th April (first Wednesday of the month), 5pm after Rosary and Stations

**RECONCILIATION FOR LENT - all start at 7pm, Visiting priests will be present.**

18 March Tokoroa

19 March Taumarunui

**21 March** **Te Awamutu** - 3pm, parishioners are also welcome to come to the First Reconciliation and avail themselves of a visiting priest after the children have completed their First Confession

22 March Cambridge

**23 March** **Te Kuiti** and Frankton

24 March Fairfield

26 March Matamata

The Parish Clergy will be in attendance for any Confessions. The regular Confession times in Te Kuiti and Te Awamutu, advertised elsewhere on this notice sheet, still continue throughout Lent.

**BAPTISM PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS - 13th April, 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](https://cdh.org.nz/baptism-program)



**BISHOPS' LENT APPEAL** - A Sign of Healing. Money raised through the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. Lenten envelopes are available in the parish foyer. Please return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection. Alternatively you can give through <https://caritas.org.nz/donate>

**CENTENARY St Patrick's Catholic School - 1921-2021- Celebrating 100 Years** 22nd-23rd October 2021.

We welcome all of St Patrick's past and present students and staff to join in celebrating our centenary. Please spread the word! Pre registration is now open on our website - [100years.co.nz](https://100years.co.nz)

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES** - Please spread the word about these dates and programmes!!!!

**Friday 12th March:** Last day for enrolments for the 2021 Sacramental Programme in Te Awamutu.

Forms available at school office or parish foyer.

**Sunday 21st March:** First Reconciliation. The preparation begins at 9am, includes 10.30am Mass, and the Sacrament will be celebrated at 2.45pm that afternoon.

**Sunday 13th June:** preparation for Confirmation

**Sunday 20th June:** preparing for Eucharist (Holy Communion)

**Sunday 25th July:** practice for Confirmation and First Holy Communion after 10.30am Mass

**Sunday 1st August:** Confirmation and First Holy Communion with Bishop Steve Lowe

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** - meeting 8.45am Sunday 14th March in Parish Lounge. Allan 027 936 5986

**FOOD BANK** - We need items for the food bank and assistance delivering food parcels from the food bank to clients' homes. Please contact Ian McLauchlan (suemclauchlan@xtra.co.nz) if you can help.

**PASTORAL SERVICES TEAM**

Discipleship will be the theme of our diocesan resources and events for this year.

Check out the [video](#) and links below to see what we've got in store!

[Events & Retreats](#), [Media & Resources](#)



**WAIKATO MARCH FOR LIFE** - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Memorial Park, River Rd, 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.

<https://www.facebook.com/marchforlifehamilton>

**CATHOLIC FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES 2021 GALA** - Sat. 20th March. Note: this event has been cancelled

**SACRED HEART COLLEGE, AUCKLAND** - Open Day, Tuesday, 16 March, 10am and 1pm

**COVID 19 UPDATE** "As a Church we must be conscious of the needs of the vulnerable as Christ himself was"

- ★ If you are unwell stay home
- ★ Sanitise and use the Covid Tracing App or sign in
- ★ Maintain social distance
- ★ Greet people before/after Mass and at the Sign of Peace with a smile, nod or bow
- ★ Holy Water is removed from stoups and fonts
- ★ Holy Communion will not be distributed from the chalice
- ★ Holy Communion is only distributed by hand, not on the tongue



"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"

**Covid 19 Vaccine** Our bishops have issued a strong statement in support of Covid-19 vaccine when it becomes available. <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/bishops-support-covid-vaccine/>

**CARE TO MAKE A DONATION?**

The end of March and the end of the financial year is not far away! If you are thinking about making a donation to your local parish, you can do so by depositing money into the appropriate account, listed below. Alternatively, you can be included in your Parish's planned giving scheme by emailing [office@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:office@stpatta.co.nz) for further information. *This is your last chance to give this financial year.*

Receipts will be available mid-April. If you would like a receipt, email the parish office with your details.

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

Ref: Donation. Note: Kawhia money is deposited into the Otorohanga Parish account

**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