

# The Amalgamating Parishes of State Highway 3

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

Te Awamutu 625 Alexandra St, PO Box 191, Te Awamutu 3840  
Father Joe Stack  
Office: 07 871 6109; Presbytery: 07 871 7404  
E-mail: [office@stpatta.org.nz](mailto:office@stpatta.org.nz) or [parishpriest@stpatta.org.nz](mailto:parishpriest@stpatta.org.nz)  
St Patrick's Catholic School: 07-871 4669

Te Kuiti 24 Seddon St, PO Box 21 Te Kuiti 3941  
Father Joseph George  
Presbytery: 07 878 6417  
Email: [stgeorgetekuiti@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgetekuiti@gmail.com)  
St Joseph's Catholic School: 07-878 8190

Lounge/Church Bookings: email [office@stpatta.org.nz](mailto:office@stpatta.org.nz)

Otorohanga 38 Hinewai St, PO Box 5, Otorohanga  
Deacon Brian Whitlow: 07 873 7722  
St Mary's Catholic School: 07-873 8801

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

If you would like the Diocesan Newsletter, please email [newsletter@cdh.org.nz](mailto:newsletter@cdh.org.nz)  
If you would like our parish notice sheet emailed, please email [office@stpatta.org.nz](mailto:office@stpatta.org.nz)

Follow us on [Facebook](#)  
"St Patrick's Parish Te Awamutu"

## Fifth Sunday of Lent - 20-21 March 2021

The hour is near. The climax of Jesus' work is fast approaching. The cost of his mission is growing greater by the day. The price to be paid is such that Jesus will pray "aloud and in silent tears to the one who had the power to save him out of death". In the end it becomes all too clear - the grain of wheat must be buried in the ground and die before it can yield a harvest of life.

The way ahead is the way of the cross. It is the way Jesus has trod before us, so we know it to be the path of life. The time has come for us to make our choice. Are we so in love with the life we know that we run the risk of losing it, or dare we let go of who we are and what we have in order to find life to the full?

Like the foreigners in today's gospel, we would "like to see Jesus" Our wish will be granted. We shall see the Son of Man raised on the tree of the cross. The longer and more lovingly we gaze on him there, the more we shall be drawn to him and see his glory, "the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14)

### Readings for THIS Sunday - 20-21 March 2021

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Response: Psalm 50:3-4, 12-15 resp v12  
Gospel: John 12:20-30

*Lent reminds us that God loved us so much that he was generous with his mercy.  
If we have faith in that mercy we will not be lost. But we have to bring that message to all.  
Like Saint Patrick, the Christian has to preach to the world the saving work of Jesus Christ.*

### Readings for NEXT Sunday - Palm Sunday - 27-28 March

Procession Mark 11:1-10;  
Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24, resp v2; Philipians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

### Weekday Mass Times

<b>Monday</b> 22 March	7.15am Te Awamutu	
<b>Tuesday</b> 23 March	9.15am Te Awamutu	5.30pm Te Kuiti
<b>Wednesday</b> 24 March	7.15am Te Awamutu	9.15am Te Kuiti
<b>Thursday</b> 25 March	5.30pm Te Awamutu	9.15am Otorohanga
<b>Friday</b> 26 March	9.15am Te Awamutu	9.15am Te Kuiti
<b>Saturday</b> 27 March	8.15am Te Awamutu	

*The Annunciation of the Lord*

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

### **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.

## **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

## **EASTER SERVICES**

<b>Holy Thursday</b> (Mass)	<b>Te Awamutu:</b> 7.30pm, Silent Prayer after Mass at altar of repose until 10pm <b>Otorohanga:</b> 7pm <b>Te Kuiti:</b> 7pm
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Te Awamutu:</b> 10am Walk of Witness starts from St Patrick's, walk to St John's Anglican Church. Morning tea afterwards in St John's Lounge 3pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, including Adoration of the Cross, and Holy Communion <b>Otorohanga:</b> 9am Stations of the Cross, 3pm Adoration and Communion <b>Te Kuiti</b> 3pm
<b>Holy Saturday</b> (Easter Vigil Mass)	<b>Te Awamutu:</b> 7.30pm <b>Otorohanga:</b> 7.00pm <b>Te Kuiti:</b> 7.30pm
<b>Easter Sunday</b> (Mass)	<b>Te Awamutu:</b> 10.30am <b>Otorohanga:</b> 9.30am (time change) <b>Te Kuiti:</b> 9.30am <b>Kawhia:</b> 4pm
<b>Easter Monday</b>	<b>Te Awamutu:</b> 8.15am



## **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** (except where noted), Visiting priests will be present.

**21 March** **Te Awamutu - 2.45pm;** 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

Confessions in Te Kuiti will start after 5.30pm Mass, and continue for as long as there are penitents waiting.

## **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** - Trust in the Lord and Follow His Voice. 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>

## **DAY OF PRAYER FOR FAMILY LIFE - Thursday 25th**

As have all the modern Popes, Pope Francis urges us to accompany families with prayer in the many different and sometimes very difficult situations they find themselves in. He asks us not to judge others but to recognise that "No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed." (*Amoris Laetitia* #325) The Bishops of New Zealand have for several years nominated the Solemnity of the Annunciation as a day to specifically pray for families, as a sign of our desire to encourage and support families.

God, our Father,  
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,  
One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.  
Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need.  
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.  
Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray:

*(We pause and remember family members and others by name).*

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen

## **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](http://100years.co.nz)

## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES**

**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

## **PASTORAL SERVICES TEAM**

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

Check out these links to see what we've got in store! [Events](#), [Resources](#)

**Set Free Youth Festival** - Christian Youth Camp, Ngaruawahia 16-18 April for Year 10-13 college students. [www.setfree.cdh.nz](http://www.setfree.cdh.nz)

**Sacred Heart Girls' College** - Open Evening, Thursday 8th April, 6pm-8pm

<https://shgcham.school.nz/enrolment/enrolment-2022/>

**Retreats at Tyburn Ngakuru** 7-9th May, 16-21st May

**St John's College** - Information Evening, Thursday 20th May, 6-8pm



## **CARE TO MAKE A DONATION?** *Reminder - the end of the Financial Year approaches even more quickly than Easter!* Would you care to make a donation to the parish, and receive a 33% tax rebate (with receipt).

Please deposit to the appropriate account or 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. 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

**COVID 19 UPDATE** "As a Church we must be conscious of the needs of the vulnerable as Christ himself was" Please abide by the guidelines posted in the Parish foyer.

## **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