

**PARISH ROSTERS 01 — 16 December 2018**

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**PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD**

Saturday 01 Dec	Ruth Gracie	Mary Sullivan	Pat Sullivan
Sunday 02 Dec	Angela Marsden	Peter Gherardi	Pat Canning
Saturday 08 Dec	Romel de Guzman	Beng de Guzman	Clare Campbell
Sunday 09 Dec	Pat Canning	Kirsten Sloan	Christine Sloan
Saturday 15 Dec	Bronwen Muir	Laurie Leonard	Ruth Gracie
Sunday 16 Dec	Vikki Trainor	Ivan Grbin	Carol Grbin

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

Saturday 01 Dec	*Susan McCusker	Velvet Cooney	
Sunday 02 Dec	*Pauline Dunkley	Ann Ita Harrison	Cathy Carroll
Saturday 08 Dec	*Velvet Cooney	Chris Lynch	
Sunday 09 Dec	*David Sloan	Fe Wilson	Mike Glynn
Saturday 15 Dec	*Adelaide Nicholson	Mary Grice	
Sunday 16 Dec	*Fe Wilson	Glen Trainor	Cathy Carroll

(\* denotes minister responsible for setting up)

**ADVENT WEEKDAY MASS**

**Wednesday 05 December 9.00am**

Reader: Bronwen Muir  
Communion: Pauline Dunkley

**Wednesday 12 December 9.00am**

Reader: Laurie Leonard  
Communion: Pat Sullivan

**DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE**

08 December — Brian Nolan

15 December — Clucy Ingram

**CHURCH CLEANING**

08 December — Serafina Hall

15 December — *(After Wednesday Mass on 12 December a group of older ex-cleaners have offered to clean the church as a 'one off' because of unavailability of regular cleaners. Thank you for your generosity.)*

**MERCY SPIRITUALITY CENTRE** 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph 638 6238.

See our website for more details - [www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz)

**PROGRAMME BOOKLET FOR 2019 HAS ARRIVED!**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ONE SENT TO YOU PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW.

- **ADVENT SERIES: ENCOUNTERING THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ADVENT:** Talks Tues 4 & 11 Dec, 7-9pm. **CANCELLED.**
- **EVANGELISATION AND SETTLEMENT IN EARLY CALIFORNIA** with Beate Matthies. Fri 7 Dec, 7-9pm. Koha/Donation. If you missed this talk in Nov, Beate will look at the history of the missions, early stories and the fate of these missions today in modern California.
- **RETREAT: WHO ARE YOU O GOD AND WHO AM I?** with Christina Cathro rmdm. Tues, Wed, Thus 11, 12 & 13 Dec, 10am-1pm. \$65 per 3-day Retreat. We fall into a particular way of seeing and know God that we are given a lifetime to unveil. This is a silent morning retreat with input from Christina, time to oneself and sharing in a group.

See our website for more details.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** — email: [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) to register.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING FROM SURGERY OR NEEDING OUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY:** Shane Roffey, Angela Marsden, Kevin Sanderson, Peter Ryder, Ann Thomas, Pat O'Grady, Elizabeth O'Flaherty, Shona Sullivan, John Gillespie, Jenny Wallace, Grevatt family, Mike & Josie Glynn and son Mark Walsh and his family, Josie McLean, Debbie Sheridan, Anne Cortesi, Father Gerard Glynn, Shirley and Lloyd Webber, Gail Whelan, Don Robertson, Eileen & Noel Porteous, Freddy Gonzales, Monica Kelsey (sister of Tom Hughes), Val Insley, Bronwen Muir, Stuart Weekes, Peter Davie, Kennedy Harper Wilson, Amanda & Garret Quinn, Elaine McGrath and David Sloan.

*Parish of St Peter - Waiheke Island*

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**PARISH TIMETABLE:** SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5.00PM  
SUNDAY MASS 9.15AM

RECONCILIATION RITE | AVAILABLE BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES  
WEDNESDAY: LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION: 9AM

**PARISH PRIEST:** Pa Peter Tipene ([peter@stpatericks.org.nz](mailto:peter@stpatericks.org.nz)) : 09 303-4509

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*1st Sunday of Advent : (Year C) : 02 December 2018*



It's always a little bit of a shock that, as we begin the season of Advent, preparing for Christmas, our readings on the first Sunday are about the end of the world. To most people the joy of Christmas and the fear of Armageddon don't seem very compatible. And yet the heart of this season is the fact that they are.

The season of Advent, the very word means 'coming towards', is about the coming of Christ. Not just his first coming in the stable at Bethlehem, but also his coming in glory at the end of time. Indeed, the first coming was all about making possible for us the

second. Jesus came into the world in order that, in the fullness of time, our world might be remade into His world, and that we might live in that new world for all eternity.

So for us, as Christians, the end of the world isn't, or shouldn't be, a source of fear, but of hope. It doesn't mean that this world is worthless. It was made by God, after all, and it is our home at the moment. It is here that we are called to live as God's people. But always remembering that it isn't our true home. And the way to that true home is through the end of this one.

The end of the world seems a fair way a way, however. I could be wrong about that: the world may in fact end tomorrow. We have no knowledge of when it will be. But it probably won't be tomorrow, or the next day, or even the next fifty years.

But there is an end that probably will happen in the next fifty years: my end. Because for all of us who may not be called to wait until the end there is another coming of Christ that is certain. Our death – when we shall meet Christ face to face.

The solemn readings of this part of Advent are to remind us of that coming of Christ, and to encourage us to look towards it as we do to the celebration of His first coming into the world. Because of that first coming, and His passion, death and resurrection that He accomplished, I can look forward, as can we all, in hope and trust.

So the challenge of this first Sunday of Advent, as we turn our thoughts towards preparing for Christmas is this: Do I look forward to the end with the same hope and joy with which I look forward to Christmas?

Because we all should.  
*Blessings, Fr Chris Denham,  
St John the Baptist Church — Parnell*



**Entrance:** City of God 390     **Lighting of Advent Candle** Maranatha 272  
**Communion:** Mo Maria 4a  
**Recessional:** Sing a New Song 414

**APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 Creator of Heaven and Earth;  
 and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born  
 of the Virgin Mary;  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried.  
 He descended into Hell;  
 on the third day  
 He rose again from the dead;  
 He ascended into Heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand  
 of God the Father Almighty;  
 from there He will come to judge  
 the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and life everlasting. Amen.



**SMALL FUNDRAISING CRAFT TABLE. CONGRATULATIONS** — the GRAND TOTAL raised is a FABULOUS \$33,040.00 Thank you to the whole Parish. There is a variety of cards, jewellery, Preserves, books and gifts for sale. The wonderful Christmas Hamper is the new raffle and will be drawn on 16<sup>th</sup> December. We would love donations for the Craft table. It is looking a little empty.

JO & THE TEAM



**GIFTING FOR THE NEEDY ON THE WEEKEND 10/11TH DECEMBER.**  
 Some Christmas cheer. Thanks a bunch.

**MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY AT THE CATHEDRAL.** Saturday, 8 December at 8.30 am and a Choral Mass at 7.30 pm with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles. Validated parking available for both Masses.

**PARISH TO PARISH BED & BREAKFAST.** Since the first book was printed 15 years ago, many hosts have suffered health problems or downsized their homes. We urgently require more hosts in places all over the country. I would encourage anyone with a spare bedroom or two in their home to join us. The accommodation does not have to be 5-star - just clean, comfortable and welcoming, as well as being able to provide a light breakfast. The aim is to provide Catholic hospitality and make new friends. The hosts charge a fee of \$35 for one person, or \$30 per person for 2 or more per night. For further information contact Marie Anderson on +64-3-359 5541 or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz.

**THE DEC. 2-15 ISSUE OF NZ CATHOLIC IS OUT NOW.** Some headlines are: New priest ordained in Dunedin. Gender diversity issues guide for Catholic schools. World Day of the Poor activities in Wellington. Catholics in Palmerston North anti-weapons protest. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on December 16.

**PAX CHRISTI AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND AGM** will be held at 2F 22 Emily Place, Auckland Central, 5.30pm, Wednesday 12 December 2018. All welcome.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM # 25**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,  
 teach me your paths.  
 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for  
 you are the God of my salvation.

Good and upright is the Lord,  
 therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
 He leads the humble in what is right, and  
 teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast  
 love and faithfulness, for those who  
 keep his covenant and his decrees.  
 The friendship of the Lord is for those  
 who fear him, and he makes his  
 covenant known to them.



As we progress through the season of Advent, "we go by this road to meet the Lord, we walk to meet him," to "encounter him with the heart, with life; encounter him alive, as He is; encounter him with faith." "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ."

**POPE FRANCIS.**

*Take time in this frenetic commercially busy time to encounter Christ with your heart.*



**HEARTS AFLAME 2019 SUMMER SCHOOL.** Friday, 4th — Sunday, 13th January 2019. Venue: Nga Tawa College, Marton. **HEARTS AFLAME** is a ten day Catholic summer school that is open to young adults aged 18 to 35 and it has been happening every year in New Zealand since 1992. There will be Speakers from across the country and around the world. For more information either contact Hearts Aflame, 148 Martyn Wright Rd, R D 3, Pukekohe, Auckland 2678 or email — info@heartsaflame.org.nz

**Advent and Christmas -  
 St Peter's (Waiheke)**

Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am on  
 Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> December during Advent.

**Rite II Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday,  
 18th December at 7.00pm.**

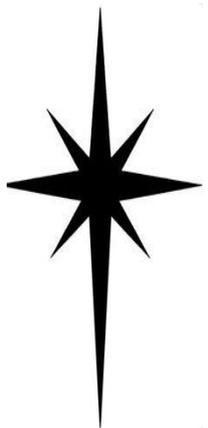
**Christmas Masses**

**Christmas Eve Vigil Mass** — Monday, 24th  
 December at 6.00 pm.

Christmas carols from 5.30 pm.

*This mass will have a special focus on children.*

**Christmas Day Mass** — Tuesday, 25th December at 9.15 am  
 with Christmas carols from 8.45 am.



**LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

**02 Dec: 1st Sunday of Advent:** Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36  
**09 Dec: 2nd Sunday of Advent:** Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6