

PARISH ROSTERS 08 — 23 December 2018

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

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
Saturday 22 Dec	Clare Campbell	Debbie Sheridan	Don Sheridan
Sunday 23 Dec	Peter Gherardi	Pat Canning	Kirsten Sloan

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 08 Dec	*Velvet Cooney	Chris Lynch	
Sunday 09 Dec	*David Sloan	Fe Wilson	Mike Glynn
Saturday 15 Dec	*Adelaide Nicholson	Susan McCusker	
Sunday 16 Dec	*Fe Wilson	Glen Trainor	Cathy Carroll
Saturday 22 Dec	*Velvet Cooney	Mary Grice	
Sunday 23 Dec	*Pauline Dunkley	Ann Ita Harrison	Mike Glynn

(* denotes minister responsible for setting up)

ADVENT WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday 12 December 9.00am

Reader: Laurie Leonard
Communion: Pat Sullivan

Wednesday 19 December 9.00am

Reader: Pat Canning
Communion: Cathy Carroll

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

15 December — Clucy Ingram

22 December — Patrick Newton

CHURCH CLEANING

15 December — (Volunteers)

22 December — Romel/Beng de Guzman

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

See our website for more details - www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

- **RETREAT: WHO ARE YOU O GOD AND WHO AM I?** with Christina Cathro rmdm. Tues, Wed, Thurs 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.
- **Retreat Day: Rediscovering Wholeness of Life in Christ: How gratitude opens the way** with Sarah Cooper. Sat 16 Feb, 9.30am-3.30pm. \$65 incl. lunch.
- **Music Workshop: Psalms and Gratitude** with Fr Chris Skinner sm. Sat 23 Feb, 10am-1pm. \$30 incl. Morning tea. St Columba Centre.

See our website for more details.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL — email: 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) : 09 303-4509

PARISH LIAISON: Christine Sloan (stpeters.waiheke@gmail.com) : 09-372-3581



2nd Sunday of Advent : (Year C) : 09 December 2018



In our gospel, Evangelist Luke is about to unfold the story about Jesus Christ with the accompanying story of John the Baptist. For two reasons, their stories will be different from the tales of many gods and goddesses of Greece and Rome and Babylon.

First, Jesus was a real historical person. He was a man, not a woman. He lived in a particular place and at a particular moment in history. The time and places in which he lived were well within the records of written history. He spoke a particular language, called Aramaic and knew Hebrew for he read the Scripture publicly in the synagogue and had some colloquial Greek, the lingua franca of the Eastern Mediterranean. John the Baptist was equally an historical figure who was chosen to announce the coming of Jesus: the Messiah, the Christ, the Saviour-Servant-King.

Second, the Evangelist noted that names of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas and Caiaphas, indicating that the stories of Jesus and John the Baptist happened during the ruling time of these men whose names bode more doom than deliverance. These men were the mighty and the dangerous, the important and the awesome. Yet hidden in the records of their dominion, a single voice was raised to preach repentance and forgiveness. John the Baptist, mindful of Isaiah's promise that all shall see the salvation of God, grasped that the time was ripe. Here was this hidden man, John, a voice in the wilderness of time, who was given God's word. *"Make ready the way of the Lord."*

Our readings this second Sunday of Advent may as well speak to us of paradoxical affirmation of hope despite almost impossible odds. It invites us to hope and despite every sinking feeling in our hearts about the world – to hope against hope that *"all flesh shall see God's salvation."* This is what Advent waiting means – to believe that God will, against every odd, complete his work of salvation not only in us, but also through us.

Thus, as we continue to enter more deeply into this season of Advent, let us not give up waiting and keep hoping that God in time, in His own time, will show us His salvation.

Blessings — Fr Sherwin Lapaan
Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph



Entrance:	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	Verses 1-2	285
Communion:	One Bread, One Body		193
Recessional:	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	Verses 3-5	285

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 16th December. We would love donations for the Craft table. It is looking a little empty.

JO & THE TEAM



GIFTING FOR THE NEEDY. WAIHEKE BUDGETING SERVICES THIS WEEKEND. Please place your non perishable items in the basket in the atrium. Thank you.

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



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

ST FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE TIME OUT DAY FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION. Wednesday 12th December 2018, 9.30am – 2.30pm at 50 Hillsborough Rd, Mt Roskill. Light lunch provided. Gold coin donation for the day. Booking essential : ph. 09 625 6651 or email : admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

EXPLORE YOUR FAITH: The New Zealand Bishops' Conference provides many opportunities for people to learn more about their faith. **GOOD SHEPHERD COLLEGE — TE HEPARA PAI** is an NZQA registered tertiary provider offering papers towards level 7 awards; the Bachelor of Theology degree and the Graduate Diploma in Theology. Details of what is offered in Semester One of 2019 can be found at <http://www.gsc.ac.nz/course-papers/2777-1/>

TCI THE CATHOLIC INSTITUTE OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND — offers courses in Religious Education, Pastoral Ministry, Scripture, Theology and Leadership. Courses are available online or in face-to-face classes. To find out more go to www.tci.ac.nz or email office@tci.ac.nz

RESPONSORIAL PSALM # 126

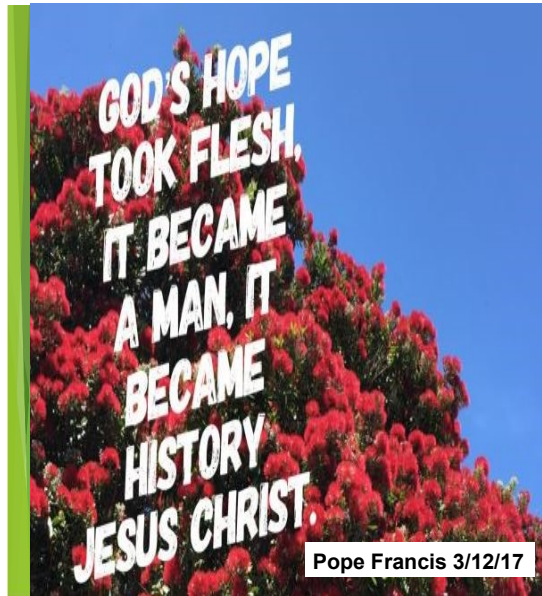
When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the desert of the Negev.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.



Pope Francis 3/12/17

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

09 Dec: 2nd Sunday of Advent: Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6
16 Dec: 3rd Sunday of Advent: Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Advent and Christmas - St Peter's (Waiheke)

Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am on Wednesday 12th, and 19th 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.

