

PARISH ROSTERS 15 — 30 December 2018

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve—24 December 6.00pm (*Children of the Parish*)
Christmas Day—25 December 9.15am Christine Sloan; Debbie Sheridan; Angela Marsden

Saturday 29 Dec	Kevin McBride	Barbara McBride	Bronwen Muir
Sunday 30 Dec	Ivan Grbin	Mary Wright	Carol Grbin

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve—24 December 6.00pm *P Dunkley; V Cooney; A Nicholson
M Grice; S McCusker; C Lynch.
Christmas Day—25 December 9.15am *D Sloan; A I Harrison; M Glynn;
C Carroll; K Sloan; G Trainor.

Saturday 29 Dec	*Velvet Cooney	Chris Lynch	
Sunday 30 Dec	*David Sloan	Ann Ita Harrison	C Carroll

(* denotes minister responsible for setting up)

ADVENT WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday 19 December 9.00am
Reader: Pat Canning
Communion: Cathy Carroll

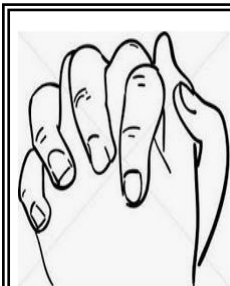
NB. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will not be available during January.

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

22 December — Patrick Newton
29 December — Ted Roughton

CHURCH CLEANING

22/29 December — Romel & Beng de Guzman



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 Porteous & Clive Brock (sister & brother of Ruth Gracie), 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



3rd Sunday of Advent : (Year C) : 16 December 2018



ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

John the Baptist was a true prophet and he bore testimony to Christ not only by his words but also by his way of life. In fact, Jesus himself remarks about John: "*What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind?*" Jesus thus praises John and calls him someone who is more than a prophet.

John did not achieve his popularity just by his eloquence. Crowds from all over came to see him because they finally found a man who 'walked the talk'. John could boldly challenge the crowds to repentance and convince them to start living a life of union with God, because he himself did it in his own life.

We too are called to be followers of Christ not in words alone but like John also through our actions of love and good deeds.

John in his day gave concrete examples of good deeds: people should share their food and clothes; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly and so forth.

In our day and time, we have our own concrete examples of good deeds that bring a remedy to our lives, our union with God and our relationships with our neighbour. John's teachings suggest that each person has a role to play in God's salvation and the betterment of society. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.



The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for "rejoice." We mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on our Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

May the life of John the Baptist inspire us to be not just proclaimers of the word but proclaimers who put into practise the word and by doing this we too can join the ranks of the greatest in the Kingdom of God.

Blessings — Fr George Carlos Sdb

*Waiheke Parish is part of the Auckland Inner City Pastoral Area,
Catholic Cathedral of St Patrick, Parish of St Benedict — Newton, Parish of St John — Parnell*



Entrance: Prepare the Way
Communion: To Be Your Bread [Black A5 Parish Hymn Book] 284
Recessional: Praise to You, O Christ, Our Saviour 91
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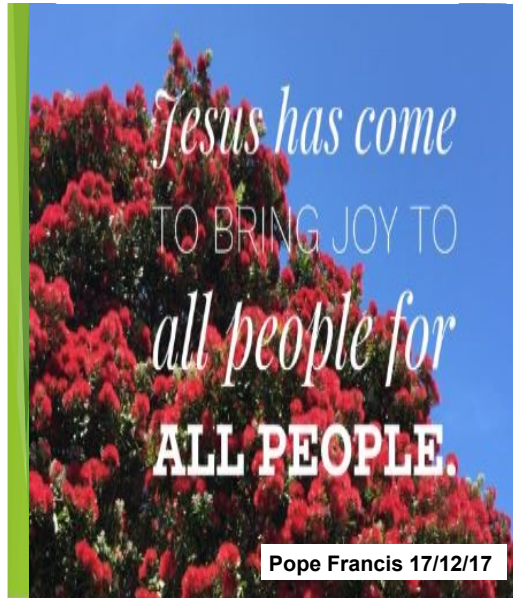
APOSTLES CREED

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.



PSALM ISAIAH 12

Surely God is my salvation;
 I will trust, and will not be afraid,
 for the Lord God is my strength and my
 might;
 he has become my salvation.
 With joy you will draw water from the
 wells of salvation.
 Give thanks to the Lord,
 call on his name;
 make known his deeds among the
 nations;
 proclaim that his name is exalted.
 Sing praises to the Lord,
 for he has done gloriously;
 let this be known in all the earth.
 Shout aloud and sing for joy O royal
 Zion, for great in your midst is the
 Hope One of Israel.



LITURGY OF THE WORD:

16 Dec: 3rd Sunday of Advent: Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18
23 Dec: 4th Sunday of Advent: Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

SMALL FUNDRAISING CRAFT TABLE. CONGRATULATIONS!! — The GRAND TOTAL raised is a FABULOUS \$33,110.00 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.

GIFTING FOR THE NEEDY. WAIHEKE BUDGETING SERVICES thank the Parish for the contributions this year. Next gifting will be in February 2019. **JO & THE TEAM**

CHRISTMAS CONCERT ST PIUS X CATHOLIC PARISH, Sunday 16th December 2018 at 6pm – 9pm at 101 Castledine Crescent, Glen Innes. Music, entertainment and much more. Food and refreshments will be provided during the night. Come along with your families and friends and join in on the Christmas vibe.

HEAR THE CRY OF THE POOR AND OF THE EARTH. A day of retreat and reflection on hearing the 'cry of the poor and of the earth' through the lives of St. Mary MacKillop who urged us to 'seek the poorest' and ecologist Julian Tenison Woods. Led by Lyndall Brown rsj and Jill McLoughlin rsj. 9am-4pm Saturday 23 February 2019 at Mary McKillop Centre 30 Holgate Road, Kohimarama. Cost: \$15 including lunch. Numbers limited. Please register with Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz phone 022 1300 730 to secure your place.

THE DEC. 16-22 ISSUE OF NZ CATHOLIC IS OUT NOW. Some headlines are: 1200 in March for Life in Wellington. Translation wars running out of steam? Mary comes back to her Tuakau grotto. Abrahamic faiths deepen understanding. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on December 23rd.

MERCY SPIRITUALITY CENTRE 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph 638 6238.
 See our website for more details - www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

- **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.
- **DREAMWORK 101: Introduction to Dreamwork** with Margaret Bowater. Fri 23 Feb, 6-9pm & Sat 23 Feb, 9.30am-4pm. \$130.

See our website for more details.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL — email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register.

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

Advent Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am this
 Wednesday, 19th December.

**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.

