

PARISH ROSTERS 22 December — 06 January 2019

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

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
Saturday 05 Jan	Laurie Leonard	Mary Sullivan	Pat Sullivan
Sunday 06 Jan	Pat Canning	Vikki Trainor	Peter Gherardi

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

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
Saturday 05 Jan	*Adelaide Nicholson	Susan McCusker	
Sunday 06 Jan	*Pauline Dunkley	Glen Trainor	Mike Glynn

(* denotes minister responsible for setting up)

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

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

29 December — Ted Roughton 05 January — Brian Nolan

CHURCH CLEANING

29 December — Romel & Beng de Guzman 05 January — Carol & Ivan Grbin





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



4th Sunday of Advent : (Year C) : 23 December 2018



With Christmas just around the corner, the days of Advent waiting are almost over. On this fourth Sunday the scripture readings are alive with excitement about the Saviour who is coming very soon. It is no surprise that the spotlight is focussed on Mary because no one can help us to understand the meaning of Christmas better than Mary. The visitation to her cousin Elizabeth is more than a happy exchange of support between two women sharing the joys of pregnancy. It's a story of faith as well as friendship and human love. Elizabeth clearly recognises that Mary is carrying Jesus the image of the unseen God when she says: "Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?" What a warm welcome the unborn Christ child received at Elizabeth's home in contrast to the cool welcome he would receive in Bethlehem when there was no room for them in the Inn.

Mary reveals in living colour how all Christians are to await Christ. She was carrying him as a gift to a world in need and we are to do likewise. We are signs of his presence when we give ourselves to others – and what better time than at Christmas, when we meet family and friends with warmth and added feeling. It's a social celebration of family, food and fun and its joy should not be spoiled by somebody being left out because they are not considered suitable or worthy enough to take part in our festivities. At Christmas everybody ought to feel like an insider, but society doesn't work that way and a lot of people feel more outside than they have ever been in their lives. Let's not forget the humble origins of Jesus, born into our world of pain and sorrow, in a stable on the very bottom of the social ladder.

All our celebrations are an empty sham if Jesus is not born into our hearts. Good things need to be done at a deeper level out of love and affection and a spirit of generosity. The gifts that we give have no purpose unless God is part of the giving and unless we make Christmas a pattern to be followed in everyday living.

Like Mary we are all invited in our own lives to do the will of God. Perhaps this year a neighbour or an old friend has to spend Christmas in hospital or away from the security of family. It could be that old age has taken its toll and the Lord has called someone home leaving a vacant chair at home.

A visit made there in the spirit of Mary to Elizabeth will always be appreciated and will bring loving warmth and badly needed company. It is one sure way of offering the perfect Christmas gift saying to God as Mary did, 'Here I am Lord, I've come to do your will.'

**Advent Blessings,
Pa Peter**



Entrance:
Communion:
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O Come Divine Messiah
 Eat This Bread
 The Magnificat

[Hymn sheet enclosed]
 # 205
 [Hymn sheet enclosed]

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 # 80

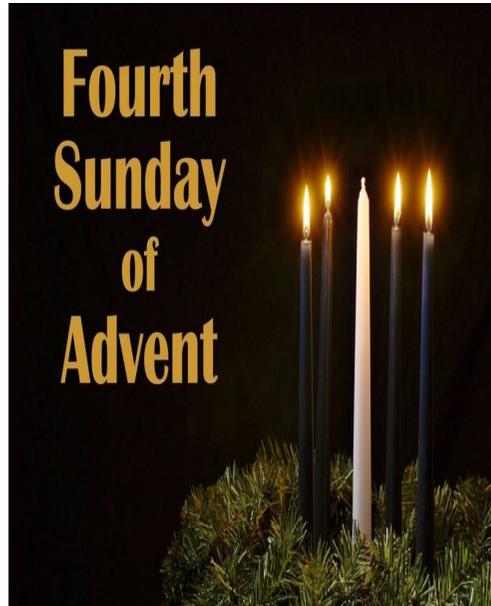
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
 you who are enthroned upon the
 cherubim, shine forth.
 Stir up your might,
 and come to save us.

Turn again, O God of hosts,
 look down from heaven and see;
 have regard for this vine,
 the stock that your right hand has
 planted.

But let your hand be upon the one at
 your right,
 the one whom you have made strong for
 yourself.
 Then we will never turn back from you;
 give us life, and we will call on your
 name.

CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God
 and to you, my brothers and sisters,
 that I have **greatly sinned**
 in my thoughts and in my words,
 in what I have done and
 in what I have failed to do,
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
 therefore I ask blessed Mary
 ever-Virgin,
 all the Angels and Saints,
 and you, my brothers and sisters
 to pray for me to
 the Lord our God



LITURGY OF THE WORD:

23 Dec: 4th Sunday of Advent: Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45
24/25 DEC: CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL / CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:



HELP IS REQUIRED!! Due to family illness I sadly advise that as from this date I have stepped down from producing the weekly Newsletter. A replacement is needed for this important ministry commencing in the New Year. I will still be popping into mass but unable to give an ongoing commitment to the weekly bulletin role. Those interested please contact Pa Peter to offer to take on this ministry. Many thanks.
 Love to all — Ruth G

SMALL FUNDRAISING CRAFT TABLE. HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS. The GRAND TOTAL raised is a FABULOUS \$33,175.00 Thank you to the whole Parish. There is a variety of cards, jewellery, Preserves, books and gifts for sale. The wonderful Christmas Hamper was won by John Campbell. **THE CRAFT STALL WILL BE CLOSED ON 29/30 DECEMBER.**
 JO & THE TEAM

THE DEC. 23 – JAN. 26 ISSUE OF NZ CATHOLIC IS OUT NOW. *Some headlines are:* Papal medal awarded in recognition of decades in Maori mission. Wellington has new pro-cathedral. First Baptism at Otago Corrections Facility. Pope's year in review. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on January 27.

THANK YOU FROM THE CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION. The Foundation would like to sincerely thank all parishioners for their prayers and support of Bishop Pat's Foundation, throughout 2018. Through your support, the Foundation was able to give grants to over 50 organisations who care and support families and communities in need throughout the diocese. Thank you.



JANUARY NEWSLETTERS AND ROSTERS: Over January newsletters will not be published. Rosters will be emailed to people who are ministers over this time. In addition, a copy will be placed on the noticeboard plus a copy will be on the wall in the sacristy. The notices at the end of Masses during January will include the names of those performing ministries the next weekend.

SINCERE THANKS TO RUTH GRACIE. On behalf of the Parish, Pa Peter thanks Ruth for the wonderful ministry she has provided in the preparation and presentation of the Parish Newsletter and the special booklets for Easter & Christmas etc. Ruth's contribution has been deeply appreciated and I am so grateful to you for your years of faithful service. Thank you thank you!! from all parishioners.

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.

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 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.