

PARISH ROSTERS 23 February — 10 March 2019

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

	Welcome/POF's	First Reader	Second Reader
Saturday 23 Feb	Barbara McBride	Kevin McBride	Ruth Gracie
Sunday 24 Feb	Pat Canning	Kirsten Sloan	Christine Sloan
Saturday 02 Mar	Mary Sullivan	Pat Sullivan	Laurie Leonard
Sunday 03 Mar	Christine Sloan	Angela Marsden	Peter Gheradi
Saturday 09 Mar	Romel de Guzman	Beng de Guzman	Bronwen Muir
Sunday 10 Mar	Kirsten Sloan	Pat Canning	Vikki Trainor

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 23 Feb	*Adelaide Nicholson	Mary Grice	
Sunday 24 Feb	*Fe Wilson	David Sloan	Cathy Carroll
Saturday 02 Mar	*Susan McCusker	Chris Lynch	
Sunday 03 Mar	*David Sloan	Ann Ita Harrison	Mike Glynn
Saturday 09 Mar	*Velvet Cooney	Adelaide Nicholson	
Sunday 10 Mar	*Pauline Dunkley	Glen Trainor	Cathy Carroll

(* denotes minister responsible for setting up)

LITURGY of the WORD with HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday 27 February 9.00 am

Presider: Pat Sullivan
 Reader: Mary Sullivan
 Communion: Pauline Dunkley

Ash Wednesday Mass 06 March 9.00am

Readers: Pat Canning
 Laurie Leonard
 Communion: Pauline Dunkley

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

02 March: Brian Nolan
 09 March: Patrick Newton

CHURCH CLEANING

02 March: Serafina Hall
 09 March: Serafina Hall

One more notice...

Holy Land Pilgrimage - Join the Auckland diocesan pilgrimage, led by our Vicar General, Monsignor Bernard Kiely, and our diocesan Media & Communications person, Dame Lyndsay Freer. Departing **Saturday 14 September**, this 15-night pilgrimage offers superior accommodation, daily breakfast and dinner, daily Mass for our group and outstanding local guides. See the Gospels come alive as we retrace the steps of Jesus from his Nativity to Calvary. For further details contact the organiser, Harvest Journeys, on their free-calling number (0800) 819 156 or visit www.harvestjourneys.com or call Lyndsay on (021) 272 4895.



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, David Sloan and John Thompson.

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

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time : (Year C) : 24 February 2019

Jesus' teaching about our relationships with each other can seem intimidating. Again and again he calls us to behave in ways that seem unnatural. When insulted or attacked, not to respond as we instinctively wish to – with anger and aggression. When cursed to bless in return. To love our enemies. It is tempting to regard this as an inhumanly hard way of life.

In fact, however, it is the only truly human way of life. Jesus calls us to love like God, because we were made in the image and likeness of God. We bear, as St Paul tells us in the second reading this week, the image of the heavenly Christ, and are therefore called to live as '*alter Christus*', other Christs, following the pattern of our master. To love like that is in fact to be perfectly human. It is what the human person is meant to be.

We see what could be called the first stage of that modelled in our first reading. Saul has persecuted David for no good reason, simply out of jealousy and fear. When Saul is placed in David's power, David spares him and refuses to harm him. That was a good start. But simply refraining from hurt does not fulfil our call. We are called not merely to not do evil to another, but to seek each other's good, in other words to love them.

That doesn't mean approving or accepting wrong being done. It does not mean trying to force ourselves to like those who hurt us or others. That is not something we control. What we control are the acts of our will, and so we are able to will, to desire, the good of those who hurt us, even people we don't like, or who irritate us, often a harder task.

And it is a hard task. In fact one that we can only achieve by recognising the reality of who we are. David refuses to harm Saul because Saul is the Lord's anointed, the chosen king. The challenge for us is to recognise that each human person bears the image of God and is loved by God. Our love for others, even those who hurt us, follows from our love of God. Drawn to love the image by our love for the one whose image we all bear.

That is fully human, but not natural. At least not with our nature wounded as it is. It does require something supernatural – God's grace working in us. So if we desire to follow Jesus' call for us we need first and foremost to pray for the grace to live that. How much of a change would it make to us, and to the world, if each of us could pray each day: "Lord, give me the grace to love everyone I meet today, and especially those who hurt me, as you love them."

Fr. Chris, Parnell.



Entrance: 462 Love Is His Word
Communion: O God, You Search Me (on separate sheet)
Recessional: 414 Sing A New Song

Notices

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
 and on Earth peace to people of good will.
 We praise you, we bless you,
 we adore you, we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God, almighty Father.
 Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
 you are seated
 at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 103

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
 all my being, bless his holy name.
 My soul, give thanks to the Lord
 and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
 who heals every one of your ills,
 who redeems your life from the grave,
 who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love,
 slow to anger and rich in mercy.
 He does not treat us according to our sins
 nor repay us according to our faults.

As far as the east is from the west
 so far does he remove our sins,
 As a father has compassion on his sons,
 the Lord has pity on those who fear him.



LITURGY OF THE WORD:

24 Feb: 7th Sun in Ord Time: Samuel 26:2-7-9.12-13.22-23 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38
03 Mar: 8th Sun in Ord Time: Ecclesiastes 27:4-7 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Luke 6: 39-45

We would like to invite members of the Parish to be visible signs of faith, hope and love by serving as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion or Lectors**. Please prayerfully consider this service to the parish. Training will be held, once names received. Please contact Kirsten Sloan sloanknz@hotmail.com with your name and Mass time and Ministry preference. Thank you from Liturgy Team.

Palm Sunday palms for Ash Wednesday. Please bring your palms and place them in the basket on the table in the atrium. These will be burnt for ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday 6th March. Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am with the distribution of ashes.

Small Fundraising Craft Table. The Grand Total raised is a fabulous \$33,796.00. Thank you to the whole Parish. There is a variety of cards, jewellery, preserves, books and gifts for sale. The new raffle is a smart lightweight suitcase and will be drawn on 24th February. Jo and the Team.

World Day of Prayer, Ecumenical Service. Prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee, Slovenia. Hosted by the Anglicans, St Andrew's Church, Onetangi, Friday 1 March 2019, 10.30 am. A small plate please.

The 24 Feb – 9 Mar issue of **NZ Catholic** is now available in the foyer. Some headlines are: Minister's Filipino-Catholic jibe 'hurtful'. Tomorrow's Schools demolition opposed. Does God will a diversity of religions? Family deal proposed for southern church.

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr Sherwin Lapaan: 13-day affordable pilgrimage departing 9 September 2019. Small, exclusive group; limited seats. For full details, please contact Laura on laura@skytrain.co.nz or phone 09 921 5106.

St Paul's College, Open Day, Thursday, 7 March. 183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby. Sessions at 9.30am and 1.45pm. Enrolments for Years 7,8 and 9.

Baradene College – Open Evening will be held on Thursday 7 March 2019 at 6.30 p.m. We welcome all prospective parents and students to visit the College. Entry at Gate 2 to the Auditorium. Enrolments for Year 7, 2020 are presently being accepted and will close on Friday 15 March 2019. A limited number of places in Year 9 will be available and applications will close on Friday 15 March.

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- **EVENING TALK: Grateful for God's Goodness - Love Poured Out** with Elizabeth Snedden rcsj. Fri 1 Mar, 7-9pm. \$15
- **LENTEN SERIES: Journey of the Cross** Fridays during Lent, 7-8.30pm. \$10 each session or all 6 sessions for \$50. This series will provide an opportunity to reflect on the cross through music, Scripture, reflection, prayer and times of silence. Over the 6 weeks, each presenter will do two sessions each. The presenters are: Max Max well, Anne Warren chf and Cathryn Wiles-Pickard rsm. These are all stand-alone events and complimentary events. You are welcome to come to one, two, or them all...
- **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION 101: Introduction to Christian Meditation** with Cathryn Wiles-Pickard rsm. Sat 9 Mar, 9.30am-3.30pm. \$35.