

**PARISH ROSTERS 09 March — 24 March 2019**

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**PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD**

		<u>Welcome/POF's</u>	<u>First Reader</u>	<u>Second Reader</u>
Saturday	09 Mar	Romel de Guzman	Beng de Guzman	Bronwen Muir
Sunday	10 Mar	Kirsten Sloan	Pat Canning	Vikki Trainor
Saturday	16 Mar	Don Sheridan	Debbie Sheridan	Clare Campbell
Sunday	17 Mar	(Children's Mass)		
Saturday	23 Mar	Ruth Gracie	Barbara McBride	Kevin McBride
Sunday	24 Mar	Christine Sloan	Vikki Trainor	Angela Marsden

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

Saturday	09 Mar	*Velvet Cooney	Adelaide Nicholson	
Sunday	10 Mar	*Pauline Dunkley	Glen Trainor	Cathy Carroll
Saturday	16 Mar	*Susan McCusker	Chris Lynch	
Sunday	17 Mar	*Fe Wilson	David Sloan	Mike Glynn
Saturday	23 Mar	*Adelaide Nicholson	Mary Grice	
Sunday	24 Mar	*David Sloan	Glenn Trainor	Cathy Carroll

(\* denotes minister responsible for setting up)

**LENTEN MASSES**

**Wednesday 13 March 9.00am**

Reader Mary Sullivan  
Communion Cathy Carroll

**Wednesday 20 March 9.00am**

Reader Kevin McBride  
Communion Pat Sullivan

**DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE**

16 March Clucy Ingram

23 March Ted Roughton

**CHURCH CLEANING**

16 & 23 March Fe Wilson & Eil McDonald

*Pastor's Note continues...*

In this season of Lent, let us repent of the flaws in us that that keep us far from our loving God. Lent is a time to recognise the subtle ways that the devil eats away into our hearts and keeps us from following Christ and being a true child of God. The Gospel of today suggests that there will always be wild beasts, and they will continue to challenge us all our lives, but there will also be angels who will look after us. We need to trust and recognise that God does not leave us to struggle on our own. The Lord's ministering, empowering and comforting presence is always at hand. The Lord will stand by us. God is constantly at work among us and within us. Like Saint Paul we can say, 'I can do all things in Him who strengthens me'.  
Lent is a time for making God supreme in our lives, making Him not just a resident but the President of our lives.  
*Fr George Carlos*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING FROM SURGERY OR NEEDING OUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY** Shane Roffey (RIP), 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 & Garet Quinn, Elaine McGrath, David Sloan and John Thompson.

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

RECONCILIATION RITE I 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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*1st Sunday of Lent : (Year C) : 10 March 2019*

**Lent - a time for returning to God**

**The Season of Lent**, in the Catholic church is a period of penitential preparation for [Easter](#), it begins on [Ash Wednesday](#), six and a half weeks before Easter, and provides for a 40-day [fast](#) (Sundays are excluded), in imitation of [Jesus Christ's fasting](#) in the wilderness before he began his public ministry. This period of preparation has been observed since apostolic times, though the practice was not formalized until the [First Council of Nicaea](#). It was a time also of preparation of candidates for [baptism](#) and a time of penance for sinners. In this period of Lent, Catholics often choose to give up specific pleasures, such as sweets, alcohol, or social media. This is a way to foster simplicity and self-control; many use their cravings or desires for these items as a reminder to pray and to refocus on spiritual matters. The Gospel reading of the first Sunday of Lent speaks to us of Jesus driven by the Spirit into the desert in order to be tempted by the devil. The three temptations - to sensual pleasure, to power, and to pride - represent three fundamental ways that all of us can be distracted from the path that God wants us to walk. It is therefore a salutary Lenten exercise to attend carefully to the texture of Jesus' responses to these temptations. It is interesting that the Gospel places these temptations of Jesus in the wilderness, the desert, a place where he encountered both the wild beasts and the angels. We too are called into this desert experience in this season of Lent. In the desert what is impressive is its sheer aridness. There is no vegetation, no bird life and almost no animals. The silence is almost total.

In this season of Lent, we need to create a time and a space to nurture our spiritual lives; we must allow the Holy Spirit to confront the devils that haunt our lives, the wild beasts of our own selfish hearts and the evils of the world around us. According to William Barclay, 'Temptation is not meant to make us sin; it is meant to enable us to conquer sin. It is not meant to make us bad, it is meant to make us good. It is not meant to weaken us, it is meant to make us emerge stronger and finer and purer from the ordeal. Temptation is not the penalty of being human, temptation is the glory of being human. It is the test which comes to everyone whom God wishes to use. So, then, we must think of this whole incident of the temptations of Christ, not so much as the TEMPTING, but as the TESTING of Jesus.' The Season of Lent is also a time for Repentance. The word 'repent' implies regret for our sins and resolving to do better. Regret without resolve changes nothing. Repentance is like a child approaching the teacher in the examination hall and telling her 'I have ruined this page, please may I have another?' It's like the prodigal son who returns to the father, full of regret and resolve and tells him, '**I AM SORRY, NO MORE WILL I GO AWAY FROM YOU**'. The son is ready to be even a servant if only he gets a chance to be close to his father once more. We too are asking God, 'Could we start again, please?' That is the point of Lent: a new beginning.

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**Mass Setting during Lent - Mews Mass (2010)**  
**Entrance:** 307 **God of Mercy and Compassion**  
**Communion:** 191 **Gift of Finest Wheat**  
**Recessional:** 330 **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**PRAYER FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

E te Atua, God of the journey,  
 we pray that you teach us  
 to listen to the Spirit as Jesus listened.

May we discern your presence in our daily life  
 and be filled with the Spirit.

**LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ  
 King of endless Glory (x2)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 90**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
 and abides in the shade of the Almighty  
 says to the Lord: 'My refuge,  
 My stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

Upon you no evil shall fall,  
 no plague approach where you dwell.  
 For you he has commanded his angels,  
 to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands  
 lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
 On the lion and the viper you will tread  
 and trample the young lion and the dragon.

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;  
 protect him for he knows my name.  
 When he calls I shall answer:  
 'I am with you.'

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

**10 Mar: 1st Sunday of Lent:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13  
**17 Mar: 2nd Sunday of Lent:** Genesis 15:5-12 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28-36

**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.



**Lenten Notices**

**Mass** will be celebrated each Wednesday at 9.00am. during Lent.  
**Stations of the Cross** will be held each Friday at 6.00pm.

**Lenten Giving Packs** are available on the table in the atrium. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelope during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas direct.

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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.

**Small Fundraising Craft Table.** The Grand Total raised is a fabulous \$33,850.00. Thank you to the whole Parish. There is a variety of cards, jewellery, preserves, books and gifts for sale. The new raffle is an Easter Basket and it will be drawn on 14 April. (Jo and the Team.)

**Gifting** for the needy, 9 and 10 March. Please place your non-perishable goods in the basket. These goods will be delivered to the Waiheke Budgeting Services.

**Beginner Hatha Yoga classes** will be held in the church foyer starting on Wednesday 13 March from 6.30pm-7.45pm. Classes will run for 5 weeks, once a week. If you haven't tried yoga before and are curious or if you're looking to refresh your practice then please join us for a relaxed and gentle approach to yoga. Classes are approximately 1hr 15min long. Please bring your own mat, water and a light blanket. Numbers are strictly limited so please message or email Tanya (mob) 02102316605 or email: [tanya.ld@icloud.com](mailto:tanya.ld@icloud.com) to confirm a place. Payment for these classes is by 'koha' and received with gratitude. Tanya Downing.

**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](mailto:laura@skytrain.co.nz) or phone 09 921 5106.

## JESUS spends forty days and forty nights alone in the desert

(Luke 4:1-13)

Jesus, lead by the Holy Spirit, tested  
 ... Had own desert experience, hungry  
 ... Feeling lonely, isolated  
 ... Needing strength, faith

**Have I been led to a place ending up feeling alone, isolated, in need of strength?  
 Was I surprised? Angry? At peace? Did I seek and became closer to Jesus?**