

## 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

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*6th Sunday of Lent : (Year C) : 14 April 2019*

**“Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.”**

Who is “they”? Who is the Lord forgiving? And, what do you mean, “they know not what they do”?

I guess Jesus must be referring to the Roman soldiers who were responsible for torturing, jeering and crucifying him. And yes, also Pilate for succumbing to the crowd. All of them thought they were just doing their jobs.

Perhaps, Jesus must be referring to the Jewish leaders who instigated the whole affair and plotted his death. Annas rationalised it by saying, “It’s better for one man to die than for an entire nation to perish!” They cover themselves with the blanket of patriotism where in fact they were all jealous of Jesus and were threatened by his growing influence upon the people. They were looking out for themselves and their own interests.

They could be the crowd that used to follow Jesus around but who with a little prodding from their leaders, chose to free Barabbas, a hardened criminal, over Jesus. Before, they cried “Hosannas” to Jesus and now, they change their tune and shout, “Crucify him!” Their change of mind, their change of allegiance shows that they are the type of people who were just “going for the highest bidder.”

And yes, maybe Judas, his very good and trusted friend who betrayed him for pieces of silver. Maybe Judas, by pushing Jesus into a corner wanted to force him to reveal himself as the promised Messiah. Or maybe, Peter and the other disciples who promised to be with him to death but when ‘real threat’ came, they ran away and hid themselves among the crowd.

Then Jesus, added, for “they know not what they do”. I don’t know but it sounds to me like Jesus is just making excuses for the people he is trying to forgive. This is actually so typical of God: God has been known to do this quite often in Scriptures. He is quick to change his mind about destroying entire cities at the slightest excuse. He is just so eager to forgive. He is the same here on the cross.

Maybe all the 5 groups can also be found in ourselves. Maybe they can serve as our examination of conscience this coming Holy week.

- Like Pilate and the Roman soldiers, we say we are just doing our job. How many times have we rationalized doing something by saying that we’re just following orders?
- Like the Jewish leaders, we are just looking out for ourselves. How many times have we ended up hurting other people because of our own self-interests?
- Like the fickle crowd, we prefer to go for the highest bidder. How many times have we traded our principles and values for a better deal?

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### PARISH ROSTERS 6 April – 21 April 2019

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#### PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

**WELCOME/POFs    1st READING    2nd READING**

Saturday 13 April **Vigil Passion/Palm Sunday**

Ruth Gracie                  Debbie Sheridan                  Don Sheridan

**Gospel Readers**

Bronwen Muir                  Neil Johnson

Sunday 14 April

Christine Sloan                  Kirsten Sloan                  Vikki Trainor

**Gospel Readers**

Pat Canning                  Mark Mullins

**Holy Thursday 18 April 7.00pm**

Pat Sullivan                  Laurie Leonard                  Mary Sullivan

**Good Friday 19 April 3.00pm** (NB No Welcome)

Romel de Guzman                  Beng de Guzman

**Gospel Readers**

Barbara McBride                  Kevin McBride

**Easter Vigil 7.00pm** (NB No Welcome)

**Old Testament Readers:**

1) Genesis1: Peter Gherardi    2) Genesis 22: Kirsten Sloan    3) Exodus 14: Clare Campbell

4) Isaiah 54 Pat Canning                  5) Isaiah 55: Hannah Thompson

6) Baruch 3: Ruby Bell                  7) Ezekiel 36: Mark Mullins

Epistle: Ruth Gracie                  POFs: Laurie Leonard

**Easter Sunday 21 April 9.15am**

Christine Sloan                  Debbie Sheridan                  Angela Marsden

#### MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 13 April

\*Adelaide Nicholson

Velvet Cooney

Sunday 14 April

\*David Sloan

Glenn Trainor

Mike Glynn

**Holy Thursday 18 April 7.00pm**

\*Pauline Dunkley

Susan McCusker

Cathy Carroll

**Easter Vigil 20 April 7.00pm**

\*David Sloan

Susan McCusker

Velvet Cooney

**Easter Sunday 21 April 9.15am**

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Ann Ita Harrison

Moira Eades-McMahon

Mike Glynn

David Sloan

Adelaide Nicholson

#### LENTEN MASSES

**Wednesday 17 April 9.00am**

Reader: Mary Sullivan

Communion: Pauline Dunkley

#### DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

13 April Clucy Ingram

20 April Ted Roughton

#### CHURCH CLEANING

13 & 20 April Jess & Vi de Guzman



**Mass Setting during Lent - Mews Mass (2010)**

**Entrance:** 558 Hosanna To The King Of Kings  
**Communion:** 204 I Am The Bread Of Life  
**Recessional:** 390 Hail Redeemer, King Divine

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22**

All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Response**

"E te Ariki, whakarongo mai ra kia matou."

**PRAYER FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

E te Ariki, Lord, we remember  
that Jesus showed mercy and  
forgiveness to others even as  
he was dying on the cross.  
Open our hearts so that we might  
follow his example and  
live our lives with love.

**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 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**14 Apr: Palm Sunday** Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 1Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15  
**21 Apr: Easter Sunday** Acts 10:34,37-43 1Corinthians 5:6-8 John 20:1-9

· Like Judas, we presume to think we are doing other people a favour. How many times have we harmed other people because we did not respect them enough and wanted to run their lives and make their decisions for them?

· Like Peter and the other fair-weathered followers of Jesus, we're just plain too scared to do anything. How many times have we looked the other way or pretended not to see because we were too afraid of getting involved?

When Jesus forgives on the cross, he forgives us too: the Roman in us, the Pharisee in us, the 'Barabbas-lover' in us, the Judas in us, and the Peter in us. All this reveals a couple of important things about God. The first words uttered by Jesus on the cross show us the kind of God we have. **He is a God who forgives even when it hurts and a God who makes excuses for us.**

*Fr. Sherwin, St Patrick's Cathedral*

**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.

**Walk of Witness, Good Friday, 10.30am.** An ecumenical Walk of Witness through the village of Oneroa will be held on Good Friday leaving St Paul's Presbyterian Church at 10.30am and concluding with Stations of the Cross at St Peter's at 11.15am. All welcome.

**Lenten Giving Offertory Collection.** 3rd & 4th Sundays, 9 envelopes received. \$260.00. Total to date forwarded to Caritas is \$372.40.

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**Parish Finance.** St Peters Parish of Waiheke is blessed to be in a unique position as a holiday destination for many visitors throughout the year. Donations to St Peters from the small number of Waiheke resident parishioners is not sufficient to keep the Parish financially viable. It is the generosity of visitors that is important to the long term viability of the Parish. This year we are faced with the expense of long-needed maintenance work on our Presbytery and the unknown cost of drainage work to stop water running under the Church. Donations can be made directly to our Parish account: BNZ- St Peters Waiheke – 020100-0120990-14. For receipt purposes or to start regular donations please email: [stpeters.waiheke@gmail.com](mailto:stpeters.waiheke@gmail.com) with your details.

**Euthanasia Bill Petition signing in the atrium this weekend.** Parishioners are strongly encouraged to sign the petition in the atrium urging MPs to vote 'NO' when the Euthanasia Bill comes before Parliament in early May. Petition forms & pens available.

**Small Fundraising Craft Table.** The grand total raised is a marvellous \$34,145.00. 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 will be drawn on 14<sup>th</sup> April. Please note: the Craft Table will be closed for Easter.

We remember Paul Cowan who passed away last week. Eternal rest grant to him.

**HOLY WEEK AT ST PETER'S WAIHEKE**

Holy Thursday 18 April 7.00pm  
**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Good Friday 19 April 3.00pm  
**THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Holy Saturday 20 April 7.00pm  
**EASTER VIGIL**

Easter Sunday 21 April 9.15am  
**MASS AT 9.15 am**

**EASTER OCTAVE (22 April – 27 April)**  
*Normal Mass times resume*