

**PARISH ROSTERS 27 July — 11 August 2019**

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**PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD**

Saturday 27 July	Don Sheridan	Bronwen Muir	Debbie Sheridan
Sunday 28 July	Judith Aggrey	Peter Gherardi	Mary Wright
Saturday 03 Aug	Kevin McBride	Clare Campbell	Barbara McBride
Sunday 04 Aug	Angela Marsden	Pat Canning	Christine Sloan
Saturday 10 Aug	Beng de Guzman	Romel de Guzman	Neil Johnson
Sunday 11 Aug	Kirsten Sloan	Ceri O'Connor	Viki Trainor

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

Saturday 27 July	*Susan McCusker	Mary Grice
Sunday 28 July	*Fe Wilson	Mike Glynn
Saturday 03 Aug	*Velvet Cooney	Lucy Santoso
Sunday 04 Aug	*David Sloan	Cathy Carroll
Saturday 10 Aug	*Susan McCusker	Chris Lynch
Sunday 11 Aug	*Pauline Dunkley	Ann Ita Harrison

**LITURGY of the WORD with HOLY COMMUNION**

**Wednesday 31 July 9.00am**

Presider: Kevin McBride  
 Reader: Barbara McBride  
 Communion: Cathy Carroll

**Wednesday 7 August 9.00am**

Presider: Laurie Leonard  
 Reader: Bronwen Muir  
 Communion: Pauline Dunkley

**DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE**

03 August — Patrick Newton

10 August — Brian Nolan

**CHURCH CLEANING**

03 & 10 August — Romel & Beng de Guzman

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**Muffin Meeting: Touching the Holy.** Pilgrimage with Mary Barker. Thursday 8 August, 10.30am-12.30pm. \$15 incl. morning tea. Mary is using art to show the journey of a pilgrim and what a pilgrimage actually involves. It will be a visual description of pilgrimage through the ages.

**Evening Talk: Ecology and the importance of actioning gratitude** with Bridget Crisp rsm. Tuesday 13 August, 7-9pm. \$15. This session will explore the grace and gratitude given to us by the planet, and our common response given in return. It will also include some strategies to help you explore giving gratitude and grace to creation, while at the same time strengthening your own receiving of grace.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING FROM SURGERY OR NEEDING OUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY:** Angela Marsden, Peter Ryder, Ann Thomas, Pat O'Grady, Elizabeth O'Flaherty, Pat Canning, Shona Sullivan, John Gillespie, Jenny Wallace, the Grevatt family, Mike & Josie Glynn and son Mark Walsh and his family, Debbie Sheridan, Father Gerard Glynn, Eileen Porteous & Clive Brock (brother & sister of Ruth Gracie), Freddy Gonzales, Monica Kelsey (sister of Tom Hughes), Bronwen Muir, Stuart Weekes, Kennedy Harper Wilson, Amanda & Garret Quinn, Elaine McGrath, David Sloan, Joy Camilleri and Paul Barnao.

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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

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*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time : 28 July 2019*

**Pastor's Note**

Our first reading this weekend is one of the more evocative passages in the Old Testament. Abraham knows that God is aware of the evil going on in the city of Sodom, and that the destruction of the city is promised. But his kinsman, Lot, lives there with his family. And so, delicately, with a great deal of caution and circumspection, Abraham starts trying to find out if they can be saved.

This encounter turns out to be what we, in modern parlance, would call a "teaching moment". Abraham has been called from his homeland by God with the promise that, by following that call, he would become the founder of a great nation. In fact, this is the beginning of the chosen people, the people of God. Yet in these beginning days they are really just one, quite small, family. And they know very little of the God who has called them.

So Abraham begins very cautiously. Dare he question God – or is this God one who says "Just do what I tell you and don't ask questions." Very rapidly Abraham discovers that God in fact does accept, indeed even seems to want, questions, wants his people to ask and try to find out more fully what their God wants of them.

Of even greater importance for Abraham, however, is the question whether this God is one who will happily wipe out the innocent in the cause of punishing the guilty; whether God is quite OK, in fact, with 'collateral damage'. And through the questioning that God encourages, Abraham finds out that, no, God does not do that. That far from such a decision rather, for the sake of the innocent, even if they be as few as fifty, forty, thirty, even just ten, the Lord will spare the guilty.

As things are to play out, Abraham discovers that, even though there aren't even ten just men in Sodom, there is only Lot and his family, the Lord works to bring them out of the destruction. The Lord's care for his people is complete and all-encompassing.

This story then is an essential pair with the account of the call to sacrifice Isaac, the son who will be born of the promise God has made. Because Abraham has dared to question God, because he has discovered the depth of God's mercy and care for his people, he is able to trust, in the face of the seemingly appalling demand placed upon him. He has seen the goodness of the Lord, and so he trusts.

And through his trust Abraham in truth becomes the father of a great nation. Not the one that will arise from bodily descent from him, but from his children in faith, who have the confidence to ask God again and again about his plans for us, and trust that his goodness and care will be displayed whatever path he calls us to walk. All we who can thus call Abraham, our father in faith, so that we may call God "Our Father" in truth.

*Fr Chris Denham, St John the Baptist, Parnell.*



**Entrance:**  
**Communion:**  
**Recessional:**

Come as You Are 212  
 Seek Ye First the Kingdom 456  
 Bring Forth the Kingdom 478

**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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 137**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
 you have heard the words of my mouth.  
 Before the angels I will bless you.  
 I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
 which excel all we ever knew of you.  
 On the day I called, you answered;  
 you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
 and the haughty he knows from afar.  
 Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
 you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
 Your hand will do all things for me.  
 Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
 discard not the work of your hands.

**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.

**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:**

**28 July: 17th Sun in Ordinary Time:** Genesis 18: 20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13  
**3 Aug: 18th Sun in Ordinary Time:** Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

**THIS SUNDAY IS CARING SUNDAY.** We give thanks for all those who support Bishop Pat's Caring Foundation and also those who by their acts of kindness care for others.

**REST IN PEACE.** Please pray for eternal rest for John O'Grady (father of Kevin) who died on 22 July. Our sincere condolences and love to Maeve & Kevin.

**SMALL FUNDRAISING CRAFT TABLE.** The Grand Total raised is a FABULOUS \$34,900.00. Thank you to the whole Parish. There is a variety of cards, jewellery, preserves, books and gifts for sale. The sherry raffle was won by John Campbell and the new raffle is two attractive patchwork pictures of Palm Beach to be drawn on 4 August. Goods suitable for a raffle will be gratefully received. Jo and the team.

**JENNY WALLACE OFS.** Jenny is now residing at the Mary McKillop Rest Home in Mission Bay, Auckland. She has her own private phone which is 521 0214 and we know she would be delighted to have a chat with us.



**WE HAVE TWO BIG MASSES COMING UP...** Sunday 28 July at the Cathedral at 7pm, a **Diocesan Youth Mass**, their opportunity to honour Bishop's 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee and Saturday 10 August at the Cathedral at 11am, the **ordination** to the Priesthood of Deacon Martin Wu. All welcome. Another big and joyful occasion!

The 28 July – 10 August issue of **NZ Catholic** is out now. Some headlines are: Reaction to proposed Christchurch parish changes; Bishop Dunn looks back – and to the future; what is needed to renew the NZ church, and NZ youth workers meet Pope Francis. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on 11 August.

Auckland Interfaith Council presents **The Imam and the Pastor** 27 August 7.30-9.00pm, Hillsborough Room, Fickling Center, 546 Mount Albert Rd, Auckland. Free admission.

**Beyond Conflict: Evolution, Science and God.** A two day conference at Otago University Business School, 30/31 August. All welcome. Scholarships available to students for subsidised travel, accommodation and/or registration through Nicola Hoggard hoggard.n@gmail.com. For more information and to register go to [otago.ac.nz/beyond-conflict](http://otago.ac.nz/beyond-conflict).

**Lord Give us Our Daily Bread**

How do you Examine  
 what is missing  
 from your Prayer  
 Life?



**Ask ... Seek ... Knock**