

PARISH ROSTERS 17 August — 01 September 2019

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 17 Aug	Laurie Leonard	Pat Sullivan	Mary Sullivan
Sunday 18 Aug	Ivan Grbin	Mark Mullins	Carol Grbin
Saturday 24 Aug	Clare Campbell	Ruth Gracie	Bronwen Muir
Sunday 25 Aug	Judith Aggrey	Angela Marsden	Mary Wright
Saturday 31 Aug	Neil Johnson	Debbie Sheridan	Don Sheridan
Sunday 01 Sept	Pat Canning	Christine Sloan	Kirsten Sloan

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday 17 Aug	*Velvet Cooney	Lucy Santoso
Sunday 18 Aug	*Fe Wilson	Mike Glynn
Saturday 24 Aug	*Susan McCusker	Mary Grice
Sunday 25 Aug	*David Sloan	Glen Trainor
Saturday 31 Aug	*Velvet Cooney	Chris Lynch
Sunday 01 Sept	*Pauline Dunkley	Cathy Carroll

(* denotes minister responsible for setting up)

LITURGY of the WORD & HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday 21 August 9.00am

Presider: Mary Sullivan
 Reader: Pat Sullivan
 Communion: Cathy Carroll

Wednesday 28 August 9.00am

Presider: Bronwen Muir
 Reader: Pat Canning
 Communion: Pat Sullivan

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

24 August — Clucy Ingram

31 August — Patrick Newton

CHURCH CLEANING

24 August — Serafina Hall

31 August — Fe Wilson & Eil McDonald

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See our website for more details - www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

Retreat day: Thank you – A day to celebrate our thanks to God for something for which we are grateful. With Fran Francis & Kris Telfer, Saturday 24 August, 9.30am-4pm, \$65 includes lunch.

Chile: Mapuche Spirituality and Spanish Colonisation in Chile with Ana Maria de Vos Sanchez. Friday 6 September, 7-9pm. *koha*/donation. This evening is for anyone who wants to know about the religion and culture of the Mapuche, the indigenous people of Chile.

Ignation Spirituality: Love is all around us in disguise with Fr Mark Chamberlain, Tuesday 10 September, 7-9pm, \$20.

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, Peter Gherardi and Joyce Camilleri.

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@stpatricks.org.nz) : 09 303-4509

PARISH LIAISON: Christine Sloan (stpeters.waiheke@gmail.com) : 09-372-3581



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time : 18 August 2019

Pastor's Note

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE
Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10 Luke 12 : 49-53

Today we are presented with the tragic figure of Jeremiah who has been thrown into the mud. This image must be one of the most pathetic images in all of Scripture. Here is the great prophet – representative of God - and counsellor to Kings – totally dejected, thrown into a cistern and left for dead. Jeremiah is stuck in the mud.

In all of our lives our struggles with faith and the crisis in our lives often leave us stuck in the mud. So often we end up stuck going nowhere. Our prayer is empty, our church going is dull and boring. We can't pull ourselves out and then some Ebed-melech comes to save us from the cistern.

In our secular society today we see a cooling of belief and Christian faith. Jeremiah lived out his faith within the machinations of state politics, at times persecuted for what views he held. He was committed to the truth of his conscience, he had a vision of faith that enabled him to go beyond what was immediately relevant.

In the gospel Jesus tells us that standing for truth is no easier today than it was for Jeremiah or his earliest followers. Jesus, just like Jeremiah, proclaimed a message of reform and rebirth – which would result in division. Jesus sees his role as that of setting "the earth on fire". On a number of occasions in recent weeks I have found myself reflecting on truth, as I have watched our Parliament debate the Bills on age assisted death and the reform of the Abortion Act.

In the debates there seems to be a shallowness that is devoid of any real search for truth. Nowhere do I hear members speak in regard to the Mystery of Life. In a society ruled by science and proof it's hard to come to terms with Mystery. When we reduce the Mystery of Life to the horizontal we too will end up stuck in the mud going nowhere.

An authentic life grapples with mystery – its beginnings and endings are apart of that awesome Mystery.

It is the bold vision of faith that sees life as mystery rather than something that we regard as immediately relevant.

In the Christian Vision of things it is the truth that will set us free.

As Christians may we be genuine searchers for truth and be ready and willing to share that truth in gentle and authentic ways with others.

Monsignor Paul Farmer, Pastor, St Benedict's Parish



Entrance:
Communion:
Recessional:

Bring Forth the Kingdom
 To Be Your Bread Now
 Firmly I Believe and Truly

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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;
 557He 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 39

I waited, I waited for the Lord
 and he stooped down to me;
 He heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit,
 from the miry clay.
 He set my feet upon a rock
 and made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song in my mouth,
 praise of our God.
 Many shall see and fear
 and shall trust in the Lord.

As for me, wretched and poor,
 The Lord thinks of me.
 You are my rescuer, my help,
 O God, do not delay.



LITURGY OF THE WORD:

18 Aug: 20th Sun in Ordinary Time: Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53
25 Aug: 21st Sun in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13: 22-30

Small Fundraising Craft Table. CELEBRATION! The Grand Total raised since 2011 is a FABULOUS \$35,050.00. Thank you to the team - Barbara, Mary, Jude and Fe and a HUGE thank you to the whole parish and supporters of the Craft Stall. Pa Peter will be here on Waiheke this weekend and we shall celebrate with chocolate fish. The raffle of 2 patchwork pictures of Palm Beach was won by Father George! The new raffle is a beautiful set of cake forks and teaspoons. Thank you, Jo and the team.

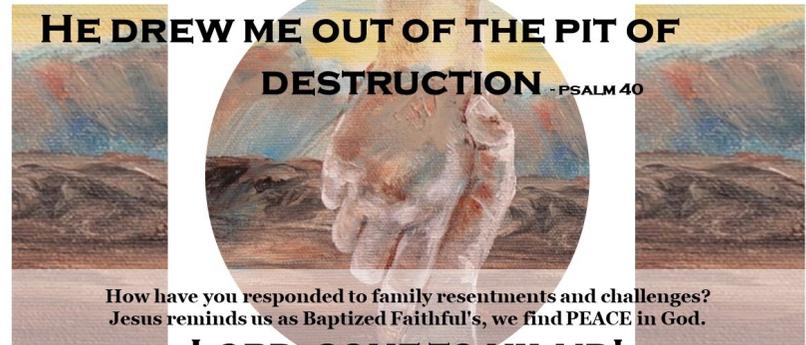
Passionist Family Group Mid-Winter Pot Luck Dinner. Clucy and Chris Ingram have again kindly offered to host a shared dinner on Saturday 24 August, after Mass. Please bring a plate and something to drink. Contact John or Claire Campbell on 021-813-522 or jccampbell@xtra.co.nz for more details. Please let us know if you are bringing a main dish or a dessert. If any other members of the parish would like to join us, you are most welcome.

Catholic Overseas Aid Committee/Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand – 50th anniversary Mass: Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is celebrating a ‘Jubilee Year’ this year, representing 50 years since national bodies were established for justice, peace and development. Bishop Patrick Dunn will celebrate a special Mass to mark this occasion. In conjunction with the Auckland Justice & Peace Commission and the Mangere East parish of St Thérèse, Caritas invite you to join us for this celebration. All are welcome. 5pm, Saturday 24 August, St Thérèse’s Church, 10 Wickman Way, Mangere East.

The **Abortion Law Reform Bill** was given its First Reading on 8 August. The proposed Bill: liberalises late-term abortion; has no safeguards to prevent sex-selective abortions; allows under 16’s to access abortion on-demand; has no safeguards to ensure women aren’t being coerced; has no cooling off period and pre-abortion counselling is not a requirement; has no safeguards to prevent abortions on the grounds of disability; does not require that abortions be provided by a doctor; violates the right to freedom of conscience of medical professionals; provides for ‘Safe Areas’ where freedom of expression would be curtailed. For further details and a Submissions Guide go to www.voiceforlife.org.nz. Submissions close on 19 September. E emailed submissions are not accepted. Post or send via the Parliamentary website: https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF_BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill

THE LORD HEARD MY CRY.

HE DREW ME OUT OF THE PIT OF DESTRUCTION - PSALM 40



How have you responded to family resentments and challenges?
 Jesus reminds us as Baptized Faithful's, we find PEACE in God.

LORD, COME TO MY AID!