

**PARISH ROSTERS 24 August — 08 September 2019**

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**PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD**

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	Ceri O'Connor
Saturday 07 Sept	Kevin McBride	Barbara McBride	Laurie Leonard
Sunday 08 Sept	Mark Mullins	Vikki Trainor	Kirsten Sloan

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

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
Saturday 07 Sept	*Susan McCusker	Lucy Santoso
Sunday 08 Sept	*Fe Wilson	Mike Glynn

(\* denotes minister responsible for setting up)

**LITURGY of the WORD & HOLY COMMUNION**

**Wednesday 28 August 9.00am**

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

**Wednesday 4 September 9.00am**

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

**DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE**

31 August — Patrick Newton

7 September — Brian Nolan

**CHURCH CLEANING**

31 August & 7 September — Fe Wilson & Eil McDonald

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See our website for more details - [www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz)

**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. A time to consider the presence of God in our lives, with reference to aspects of Ignatian Spirituality.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** — email: [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) to register.

**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 I AVAILABLE BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES  
WEDNESDAY: LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION: 9AM

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*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time : 25 August 2019*

**Pastor's Note**

The question Jesus asked in today's Gospel is one which many people would no doubt like answered: "Will many be saved, or only a few?" Is heaven just for an elite few, or does almost everyone get in?

Some people's optimistic thought is that everybody except a few very evil people, like Hitler, will be there. Others, hearing some of Jesus's harsher statements about the commitment needed, worry that almost no one will get in.

So there seems to be a lot of interest in the question. And yet, Jesus doesn't answer it!

In effect, he tells us that it's none of our business. Because the way the question is asked is, as so often, about others. Are that bunch over there going to be saved?

Whereas the subject we should be paying attention to is ourselves.

So Jesus tells the questioner to focus on their own call to enter the gates of the kingdom. Jesus makes it very clear that it is possible to fail and that if we spend our time saying this one or that won't get in, we may end up looking at them from the outside.

But it isn't just a reminder of our own need to respond to the Lord's call that Jesus points out. He also uses it as an opportunity to confirm something that the prophet Isaiah proclaims in the first reading.

There is no people - no subset of humanity - which is excluded from the possibility of salvation. Just as no one is guaranteed a place in heaven because of their birth or race or even that they ate and drank with the Lord, so also no people are beyond the reach of God's grace and mercy. It's always tempting to speculate about others. Even St Peter did it: "What about him?", speaking of St John. But the Lord's response is always the one St Peter got. "What is that to you? You, follow me." There are many things that can distract us from following the Lord. There are all sorts of difficulties and problems. But the greatest distractions are often the ones we create ourselves.

And Jesus makes clear that trying to determine the fate of others is one of them.

Although there is quite a bit of severity in Jesus's response - the sort of chastisement we hear of in our second reading - it is also a message of great hope. Everyone can hope for the kingdom to be theirs. No one is automatically excluded. For each of us there is the call to follow the Lord on a way which, we know, passes through the narrow gate into joy. And with God's grace, all of us can.

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

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Catholic Cathedral of St Patrick, Parish of St Benedict - Newton, Parish of St John - Parnell*



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

Gather Us In  
 Hosea  
 Glory and Praise To Our God

526  
 213  
 417

**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 116**

O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
 acclaim him all you peoples!

Strong is his love for us;  
 he is faithful for ever.



**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:**

**25 Aug: 21st Sun in Ordinary Time:** Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13: 22-30  
**1 Sept: 22nd Sun in Ordinary Time:** Ecclesiasticus 3:17-29; Hebrews 12:18-24; Luke 14:1,7-14

**Small Fundraising Craft Table.** The Grand Total raised is a FABULOUS \$35,050.00. The stall has a variety of books, preserves, jewellery, cards and gifts for sale. The new raffle is a beautiful set of cake forks and teaspoons. Thank you, Jo and the team.

The **Abortion Law Reform Bill** : Parishioners will be given the opportunity next week during Mass to complete a submission on the Abortion Legislation before Parliament. Resources will be supplied to help with making a submission. Enclosed with this week's newsletter are a message from the Catholic Bishops and further relevant information. The following are useful websites:

[https://www.chooselife.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Summary-Abortion-Legislation-Bill\\_.pdf](https://www.chooselife.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Summary-Abortion-Legislation-Bill_.pdf) and  
<https://www.chooselife.org.nz/lovethemboth/>

The Select Committee considering the new abortion legislation also has a Facebook page on which parishioners may wish to leave messages.

**I am coming to gather all nations  
 they shall see my glory - Isaiah 66**

**How do you bring your families and friends to a gathering?**

- Do you place a signage, balloons on the road?
- Do you send out FB, Instagram or email invites?
- Or do you visit them in person to spread the news?

**Go! Go out to all the world and tell the Good News!**

The **first educators of faith** are parents/whānau. <https://www.faithjourney.co.nz/> is a wonderful depository of family-friendly material for the domestic Church. It comes from the Bishops' Conference *National Centre for Religious Studies*. New materials are continually being uploaded. Explore!

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

The 25 Aug – 7 Sept issue of **NZ Catholic** is out now. Some headlines are: Revitalising parishes Monday to Saturday; Fr Martin Wu ordained in Auckland; Bishop Stuart O'Connell was approachable and encouraging; Soup for southern souls – and bodies. The next issue of NZ Catholic is due out on 8 September.