

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

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16th week in Ordinary Time : Year A : 19 July

Pastor's Note

One of the best known arguments against the existence of God is what is known as the problem of evil. How can you believe in an all-powerful God when so much evil and suffering are found in the world?

It should be noted that as an argument for the existence of God generally it has a weakness. If, as Iago sings in Verdi's Otello, we declare "I believe in a cruel God" there isn't an issue. But for Christians who declare a belief in a God who is love, there is a question to answer.

Some have argued that the issue is simply that we cannot see the whole picture – that from a proper perspective what we see as evil is part of a greater good. But the problem with this is we know that God teaches us that the end does not justify the means, so evil inflicted on innocents as a means to a greater good seems wrong.

A better answer is found in Our Lord's teaching in the Gospel. God permits evil, because to root it out would destroy that which is good, so the evil sown in the world must remain until all is made new.

There is more to it, however. It would be wrong to see this as Jesus explaining why 'bad people' are allowed to exist and, it seems, flourish; to look on it as an explanation for God allowing evil people to live.

We are not to see the weeds in the parable just as evil people, but rather to recognise that what is true of the world, is true of human hearts. Each of us has to acknowledge the presence of the weeds of evil in our own hearts. Which is why we should be grateful for God's forbearance, as Jesus explains. But also to recognise that the grace of God has the power to transform weeds into wheat.

Each of us, whatever our failures is made in the image and likeness of God, and has the possibility for sharing in the glory of the children of God. God goes to great lengths not to take that possibility away. Which is why our first reading rejoices in the hope of repentance. It reminds us that our response to evil in the world is not just to reject it, and stand against it. It is also always a call to let the grace of God into our own hearts, that whatever weeds have taken root may be, not rooted up, but transformed into that fruitful wheat that can yield, as we heard last week, thirty-fold, sixty, a hundred.

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*

PARISH ROSTERS 18 July – 15 August 2020

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

	Welcome/PoF	First Reading	Second Reading
Saturday 18 July	Bronwen Muir	Romel de Guzman	Beng de Guzman
Sunday 19 July	Carol Grbin	Ceri O'Connor	Ivan Grbin
Saturday 25 July	Barbara McBride	Ruth Gracie	Kevin McBride
Sunday 26 July	Kirsten Sloan	Christine Sloan	Mary Writght
Saturday 1 Aug	Neil Johnson	Clare Campbell	Laurie Leonard
Sunday 2 Aug	Vikki Trainor	Judith Aggrey	Mark Mullins

MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION (*responsible for set up)

Saturday 18 July	*Chris Lynch	Lucy Santoso
Sunday 19 July	*Pauline Dunkley	Glen Trainor
Saturday 25 July	*Velvet Cooney	Pauline Dunkley
Sunday 26 July	*David Sloan	Mike Glynn
Saturday 1 Aug	*Chris Lynch	Lucy Santoso
Sunday 2 Aug	*Fe Wilson	Jana Cerquettini



LITURGY OF THE WORD

	Wednesday 22 July 9.00am	Wednesday 29 July 9.00am
Leader	Kevin McBride	Laurie Leonard
Reader	Barbara McBride	Mary Sullivan
Minister	Pauline Dunkley	Patrick Sullivan

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

Saturday 25 July	Michael Tavares	Saturday 1 August	Clucy Ingram
Saturday 8 August	Barbara Boyce	Saturday 15 August	Patrick Newton

CHURCH CLEANING

25 July/1 August	Serafina Hall	8/15 August	Beng & Romel de Guzman
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING FROM SURGERY OR NEEDING OUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY: Louise Shave, Angela Marsden, Peter Ryder, Ann Thomas, Elizabeth O'Flaherty, Shona Sullivan, John Gillespie, Jenny Wallace, the Grevatt family, Mike & Josie Glynn & son Mark Walsh and his family, Debbie Sheridan, Father Gerard Glynn, Sarah Sommerlad (aunt of Pat Newton), 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, David Sloan, Joyce Camilleri, Rex McQuinn (father of Katie Horton), Roy & Jan Carroll.



Entrance: Christ Be Our Light 404
Communion: One Bread, One Body 193
Recessional: Go Now, You are Sent Forth (see below)

HYMN

GO NOW YOU ARE SENT FORTH

Go now you are sent forth
to live what you proclaim,
to show the world that you follow Christ,
in fact, not just in name.

Go now you are sent forth
to walk this troubled earth,
to share your faith with everyone,
and prove your real worth.

Go now you are sent forth
as God's ambassador.
By serving Him in those you meet,
we love Him more and more.

Go now you are sent forth
and Christ goes with you too.
Today you help his Kingdom come
in everything you do.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous
deeds,
you who alone are God.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

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:

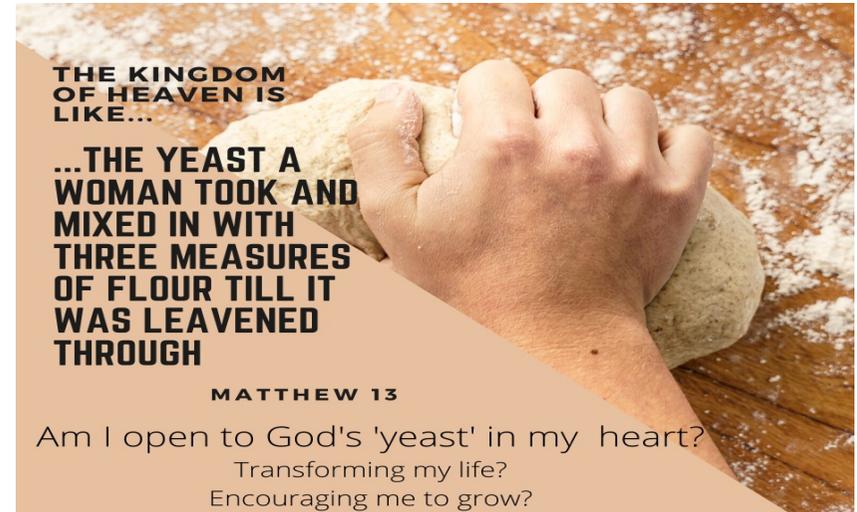
19 Jul: 16th week Ordinary Time: Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Romans 8: 26-27; Matthew 12:14-21.
26 Jul: 17th week Ordinary Time: 1Kings 3:5,7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13: 44-52.

Notices

Small Fundraising Craft Stall. The grand total raised is a wonderful \$37,120.00. The stall has books, freshly made marmalade and interesting small items for sale. The current raffle is for 6 tickets to Waiheke Cinema. Thank you to the whole Parish. Jo and the team.

Book Sale. For the next two weeks, all books on our bookstall in the atrium are \$1 each. Book donations are especially welcome at this time.

The **NZ Catholic** is available at <https://nzcatholic.org.nz/> (select the current issue, on the right hand side).



Residential Silent Individually Guided Retreat 2020 In the dynamic of the spiritual exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola 'Come and See' 6 days: 25-30 October 5. St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road, Auckland. Cost \$770 apply to chair@ignatianspirituality.nz

Caring Sunday: The Annual Appeal for The Caring Foundation. Please remember the work of the Caring Foundation on Caring Sunday, 26 July, and support our annual appeal and families and communities in need. With your support, The Foundation gives grants to social services across the diocese who care for our brothers and sisters in need. A gift to our annual appeal will support struggling families in hardship, our young people, our vulnerable elderly, and mothers and their babies and so much more. Please consider a gift today through the second collection, or through our website www.caringfoundation.org.nz or directly to our account: 02-0100-0242648-00. To find out more about the work of the Foundation, please visit our website or take home our newsletter from Mass today.

Liturgy Conference 2020 An invitation is extended to every parishioner in the Auckland Diocese to attend the Liturgy Conference from the 1st to the 3rd of October at Baradene College. Worshipping under Southern Skies *Te Huinga Whakamoemiti Kei Raro i Te Taki-o -Autahi* Weaving together Liturgy and Life *E rarangatia ana nga Ritenga me te Ira Tangata*. It will be a great opportunity to grow in faith. Please visit the website wuss.org.nz for more information.