

## 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

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*17th week in Ordinary Time : Year A : 26 July*

### Pastor's Note

Again this Sunday Matthew's gospel gives us a number of parables, told by Jesus in order to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

In recent weeks we have heard the parable of the sower, (Matt:13:1-23) the parables of the Weeds in the Wheat, the Mustard Seed, and the Yeast in the Flour (Matt:13:24-43). Today we are given three more parables, the Treasure hidden in a Field, the Merchant in search of Fine Pearls and the Net thrown into the Sea (Matt:13:44-52).

The gospels are littered with parables, telling a parable was Jesus' favourite method of teaching. Among the Rabbis at the time of Jesus there was an attitude of reverence towards the parable. Jesus used parables as an effective way of teaching. By teaching a parable he was following a long standing tradition.

We might well ask, why on earth did Jesus use parables as a way of teaching? Why didn't he just come straight out and say it?

The fact is that most of us don't like the truth, especially if it is about ourselves. Often the truth is so painful that we are not able to take it straight, so we dress it up, we adorn it. The point is that a story makes bitter truth more palatable. Jesus knew that great truths were best delivered by way of a story and as a consequence he wraps his truths up in story.

The primary work of Jesus was to teach and proclaim the Mystery of the Kingdom of God. That was always his primary focus. In all the parables Jesus speaks to us about growth. They also tell us that the growth of the human community of faith is never perfect, and that size and numbers must never be how we measure the kingdom.

Taking a look at our first parable in today's gospel reading of the Treasure hidden in a Field, we see that there are two words or themes that are worthy of our attention:

TREASURE AND DELIGHT and TREASURE AND JOY.

The treasure is that extraordinary gift that comes from God and the delight and joy is what we experience when we come to understand that the treasure is ours. The treasure of course, is the Kingdom of Heaven, it is nothing less than the reign of God. The treasure is the gift that gives meaning and purpose to our present lives. The reign of God is the answer to our deepest desires and greatest hopes.

The Kingdom of God should excite us as a child is excited at Christmas, or excite us like a bride on her wedding day. Remember the Kingdom is given, it is God's gift, we can never earn it in any way. All we have to do is accept it. Today's liturgy challenges us to ask ourselves; Is the Kingdom of God really the great treasure of our lives? With the blessings of the Kingdom!

*Monsignor Paul Farmer, Pastor, St Benedict's Church.*

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

## PARISH ROSTERS 25 July – 15 August 2020

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### PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

	<b>Welcome/PoF</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>
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
Saturday 8 Aug	Pat Sullivan	Mary Sullivan	Bronwen Muir
Sunday 9 Aug	Ivan Grbin	Carol Grbin	Mike Gaileen

### MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION (\*responsible for set up)

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
Saturday 8 Aug	*Susan McCusker	Mary Grice
Sunday 9 Aug	*Ann Ita Harrison	Moirra Eades-McMahon



### LITURGY OF THE WORD

	<b>Wednesday 29 July 9.00am</b>	<b>Wednesday 5 August 9.00am</b>
Leader	Laurie Leonard	Bronwen Muir
Reader	Mary Sullivan	Kevin McBride
Minister	Patrick Sullivan	Pauline Dunkley

### DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

Saturday 1 August	Clucy Ingram	Saturday 8 August	Barbara Boyce
Saturday 15 August	Patrick Newton	Saturday 22 August	David Harold

### CHURCH CLEANING

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, Felicita Malanay (sister of Fe Wilson and Eil Gordon).



<b>Entrance:</b>	Gather Us In	526
<b>Communion:</b>	To Be Your Bread Now	557
<b>Recessional:</b>	Now Thank We All Our God	425

## Notices

### 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.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver or gold.

Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple.

### 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:

**26 Jul: 17th week Ordinary Time:** 1Kings 3:5,7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13: 44-52.  
**2 Aug: 18th week Ordinary Time:** Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8: 35,37-39; Matthew 14: 13-21.

**Small Fundraising Craft Stall.** The grand total raised is a wonderful \$37,345.00. The stall has books, freshly made marmalade and interesting small items for sale. The current raffle is for 6 tickets to Waiheke Cinema and it will be drawn this weekend. **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. Thank you to the whole Parish. Jo and the team.

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



**Mercy Spirituality Centre : Interfaith Event.** Feeling a Divine Presence In the Light of Different Faiths. Wednesday 29 July, 7-9pm. Koha/donation. Join members of the Auckland Interfaith Council from the Hindu, Sikh, Jewish, Muslim, Baha'i and Christian communities. This is an event for participants who have open hearts and open minds and want to interact members of other faiths. See our website for more details. To register, email: [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz). (Sadly, we must announce the Mercy Spirituality Centre is closing permanently at the end of this month (31 July 2020). As of the 31st of July - no programs will be offered. The Centre thanks you for your support.)

**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](mailto:chair@ignatianspirituality.nz)

**Caring Sunday: The Annual Appeal for The Caring Foundation.** Please remember the work of the Caring Foundation on today, 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 making a gift through our website [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://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.

**Liturgy Conference 2020** An invitation is extended to every parishioner in the Auckland Diocese to attend the Liturgy Conference from 1 to 3 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 ngā Ritenga me te Ira Tangata*. It will be a great opportunity to grow in faith. Please visit the website [wuss.org.nz](http://wuss.org.nz) for more information.