

## 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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*Third Sunday of Advent: Year B : 13 December 2020*

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### Pastor's Note

It's one of our defining characteristics in the Church that we aren't good at extended solemnity. Even in those more reflective seasons of Lent and Advent, we can't help but let the joy at the end break through. And rightly so! While it is true that it is proper to keep our minds on the job, on our daily tasks, those troubles of each day which are quite sufficient in themselves, it is also true that there should always be an awareness of what it is that we are moving towards.

In a sense, that is what the season of Advent is all about – looking forward in hope and expectation. On this, the third Sunday of Advent, traditionally called “Gaudete”, that is “Rejoice”, Sunday, that call to joyfully look forward speaks commandingly from our readings. In all three readings, and in the psalm, there is a call to look beyond the here and now, to what is to come.

Even those around us have a hint of this call. We may well roll our eyes at the commercialisation, and indeed banality, of so much of the secular celebration of Christmas. But even so there is among our brothers and sisters a sense of looking forward to something good. Almost all children feel this, but many adults as well, and it is not just a desire for presents. It speaks in fact of the need for hope that is an essential part of being human. We need to believe that there is something worthwhile in the future.

Perhaps especially as we end this year, which has been so filled with disruption and difficulty, we all need that belief that there is something better to come. A secular Christmas doesn't really have the power to support that, though. But what we proclaim and look forward to, or rather, who we proclaim, does. The coming of the Lord, which John the Baptist foretells to the people of Israel is to be the cause of exultation, as Isaiah proclaims. Isaiah sees liberty, healing, and the renewal of all things. St Paul tells the Thessalonians to look for the remaking of everything, and ourselves in particular, into perfection and holiness.

Christ's coming into the world, which we celebrate at Christmas, was above all to make it possible for us, for the world, to experience that transformation. As we look back at the ashes of 2020, and recall all its problems, there should still be a current of joy running through us. Because, no more than any other solemnity or sorrow will this last.

Joy is coming into the world, that all may rejoice. So let us look forward in hope.

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

### PARISH ROSTERS 12 – 27 December 2020

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#### PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

	Welcome/PoF	First Reading	Second Reading
Saturday 12 December	Bronwen Muir	Kevin McBride	Barbara McBride
Sunday 13 December	Kirsten Sloan	Judith Aggrey	Gaileen McGivern
Saturday 19 December	Laurie Leonard	Ruth Gracie	Neil Johnson
Sunday 20 December	Gaileen McGivern	Judith Aggrey	Ceri O'Connor
<b>Thursday 24 December</b>	Judith Aggrey	Laurie Leonard	Mark Mullins
<b>Friday 25 December</b>	Christine Sloan	Neil Johnson	Kirsten Sloan
Saturday 26 December	Neil Johnson	Romel de Guzman	Ruth Gracie
Sunday 27 December	Mark Mullins	Ceri O'Connor	Judith Aggrey

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

Saturday 12 December	*Susan McCusker	Mary Grice	
Sunday 13 December	*Fe Wilson	Jana Cerquettini	Cathy Carroll
Saturday 19 December	*Velvet Cooney	Mike Glynn	
Sunday 20 December	*Pauline Dunkley	Maira Eades-McMahon	David Sloan
<b>Thursday 24 December</b>	*Pauline Dunkley	Mike Glynn	Mary Grice
	Jana Cerquettini	Maira Eades-McMahon	
<b>Friday 25 December</b>	*David Sloan	Mike Glynn	Lucy Santoso
	Ann Ita Harrison	Maira Eades-McMahon	
Saturday 26 December	*Pauline Dunkley	Mike Glynn	Mary Grice
Sunday 27 December	*David Sloan	Maira Eades-McMahon	Jana Cerquettini

**LITURGY OF THE WORD** will resume in the new year.

#### DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

Saturday 19 December	David Harold	Saturday 26 December	Barbara Boyce
Saturday 2 January	Patrick Newton	Saturday 9 January	Clucy Ingram

#### CHURCH CLEANING

19 December	Kirsten & Christine Sloan	26 December/2 January	Romel & Beng 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, Eileen Porteous & Clive Brock (brother & sister of Ruth Gracie), Freddy Gonzales, Monica Kelsey (sister of Tom Hughes), Bronwen Muir, Stu & Jo Weekes, Kennedy Harper Wilson, Amanda & Garret Quinn, David Sloan, Joyce Camilleri, Rex McQuinn (father of Katie Horton), Roy & Jan Carroll, Brian Henry.



**Advent Wreath**  
**Entrance:**  
**Communion:**  
**Recessional:**

Maranatha 272  
 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v1, 3, 4) 285  
 To Be Your Bread Now 557  
 O Come Divine Messiah 559

**Notices**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)**

Wait in joy - ful hope, a sav - iour will come,  
 Je - sus Christ the light of the world.  
 Wait in joy - ful hope, a sav - iour will come,  
 Wel - come to the Word of God.



**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**

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
 my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
 He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
 henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
 Holy his name!  
 His mercy is from age to age,  
 on those who fear him.

He fills the starving with good things,  
 sends the rich away empty.  
 He protects Israel, his servant,  
 remembering his mercy.

**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:**

**13 Dec: 3rd Sunday of Advent:** Isaiah 61:1-2;10-11; 1Thessalonians; 5:16-24; John 1: 16-24  
**20 Dec: 4th Sunday of Advent:** 2Samuel 7:1-5,8-11,16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

**Small Fundraising Craft Stall.** The grand total raised is a wonderful \$38,150.00. The stall has books, freshly made preserves and interesting small items for sale. The next raffle is for an amazing Christmas hamper and it will be drawn on 20 December. Thank you to the whole parish. Jo and the team.

A Gift of Giving. Help to fill our Christmas boxes which will go to needy families this Christmas on Waiheke. St Peters is participating in the **Advent Christmas Box Appeal** by Waiheke Budgeting Services. Please bring along Christmas goodies, pantry staples, toiletries and cleaning products until our boxes are filled. Monetary donations are also welcome - please see Kirsten or Christine Sloan.

**Parish Finance:** In preparation of the closure of the BNZ on Waiheke, we encourage all parishioners and visitors to use bank transfers for donations to St Peters. St Peters bank details are: BNZ, 020100-0120990-14. For further information please phone David Sloan on 021-668-801.

St Peter's Parish is going to be on TV. The Mass on Shine TV for the 4th Sunday of Advent is going to be pre-recorded at St Peter's. The Mass will be pre-recorded on **Wednesday 16 December at 9.00am**. Pa Peter will be the celebrant and Gabrielle Smith will play the music and Pa Peter will prepare a hymn sheet. **It would be wonderful if as many parishioners as possible could attend this Mass.**

**Waiheke Parish Advent Activity : "Come and renew the face of the Earth"**. Join us in prayer to prepare for the coming of Our Lord Jesus this Christmas by interceding for the World, our community and youth. Theme of the third advent Sunday is gratitude. Thank God every day in prayer for what he has done in your life and entrust him with the current problems of people and society around the whole World. "*Come and renew the face of the Earth*" is for the whole parish family of all ages with the aim of strengthening our Catholic Community for missionary discipleship and building up spirituality for our young people and children. If you want to allow God to renew the Earth and restore your life, see the activity board at the back of the St Peter's Church and glue a green leaf, a symbol of gratitude and joy, on the image. Children are welcome to bring a gift for Jesus, an image or completed prayer card, and put it into the prepared purple box which will be given to Jesus on his birthday.

Please note the following **mass times** over the Christmas period:  
 Thursday 24 December Christmas Eve - Carols at 5.30pm followed by mass at 6pm  
 Friday 25 December Christmas Day - Carols at 8.45am followed by mass at 9.15am  
 Saturday 26 December - Vigil mass at 5pm  
 Sunday 27 December - mass at 9.15am

A **refreshed diocesan website** same address <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/> is live. Bishop Pat invites you to explore it. You will also find a message from him and Bishop Michael regarding the Mission Map on the site as well as a wealth of information and resources.

**Heading North this summer?** A reminder and encouragement to visit the places of important Catholic history in our diocese, particular Motuti, where Bishop Pompallier remains are interred in St Mary's Church, and Totara Point, where the first official Mass was celebrated on 13 January 1838. All are invited to **Mass at Totara Point Sunday, 10 January 2021 at 11am** to commemorate the first Mass in Aotearoa.