

## 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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*Fourth Sunday of Advent: Year B : 20 December 2020*

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### Pastor's Note

We all know that there are three great figures in the Advent Scriptures: Isaiah, John the Baptist and Mary of Nazareth.

On this final Sunday of Advent we focus on Mary. For most of us Advent will come and go without us getting much of a chance to focus on the Christ who is at its centre. So how can I break into all of the feverish activity that occupies us so much at this time? I shall try in a practical way, not in some monastic way or in some weird and wonderful religious way. After all, the incarnation is at the heart of Christmas. This Sunday our liturgy focus is on that first Christmas mother. Today the liturgy puts us in touch with that third great figure of Advent – Mary of Nazareth. To activate your Advent I want to draw your attention to a simple gospel phrase. "Mary was much perplexed", in other words, Mary was puzzled. For all of her great faith she was puzzled. She believed profoundly but she was perplexed and puzzled. She had to ask herself what it all meant: conceiving a child without the benefit of man, giving birth "to the Son of the most high." Luke: 1:32.

She had to confront her baby in a feeding trough for animals and later had to flee like a refugee to Egypt. Later, she would have to sit on the side line and watch her son move ever closer to the death he predicted. Mary had to wrestle with all of that and much more. Mary was perplexed. Mary was puzzled.

Well now my practical advent advice: Take a few conscious minutes each day of this week and "toss over" the puzzle, and wrestle with what God has told you about His-Son-in-flesh. Give a reverent mulling over each day that is left of Advent to contemplate the miracle that took place in a hidden corner of the world 2000 years ago. Mull over in your mind that most known of all biblical affirmations: "God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." John:3:16.

Ask the question – who is this child – what does it all mean to you? In the days to come let the image of Jesus Son of God in swaddling clothes trigger your thinking. Let the image of Jesus trigger your thinking about him, about yourself and about all the others who people your days. Don't analyse it all – feel it! Let Christ simply BE! Just look and love. I challenge you to spend a few minutes each day on the episode that changed history forever.

With Advent blessings and Christmas joy.  
*Monsignor Paul Farmer, St Benedict's Church, Newton*

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*Waiheke Parish is part of the Auckland Inner City Pastoral Area,  
Catholic Cathedral of St Patrick, Parish of St Benedict – Newton, Parish of St John – Parnell*

### PARISH ROSTERS 19 – 27 December 2020

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#### PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

	Welcome/PoF	First Reading	Second Reading
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	Don Sheridan	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 19 December	*Velvet Cooney	Mike Glynn	
Sunday 20 December	*Pauline Dunkley	Moira Eades-McMahon	David Sloan
<b>Thursday 24 December</b>	*Pauline Dunkley	Mike Glynn	Mary Grice
	Jana Cerquettini	Moira Eades-McMahon	
<b>Friday 25 December</b>	*David Sloan	Mike Glynn	Jana Cerquettini
	Ann Ita Harrison	Moira Eades-McMahon	
Saturday 26 December	*Pauline Dunkley	Mike Glynn	Mary Grice
Sunday 27 December	*David Sloan	Moira 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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**NZ Catholic** has been named Publication of the Year at the Australasian Religious Press Association 2020 Awards. It is available online at <https://nzcatholic.org.nz>.

**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  
 Immaculate Mary 549  
 Eat This Bread 205  
 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v5, 6, 7) 285

**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**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
 through all ages my mouth will proclaim your  
 truth.  
 Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for  
 ever,  
 that your truth is firmly established as the  
 heavens.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen  
 one;  
 I have sworn to David my servant:  
 I will establish your dynasty for ever  
 and set up your throne through all ages.'

He will say to me: 'You are my father,  
 my God, the rock who saves me.'  
 I will keep my love for him always;  
 for him my covenant shall endure.

**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:**

**20 Dec: 4th Sunday of Advent:** 2Samuel 7:1-5,8-11,16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38  
**27 December: Holy Family:** Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40

**Small Fundraising Craft Stall.** The grand total raised is a wonderful \$38,305.00. The stall has books, freshly made preserves and interesting small items for sale. The next raffle is for a wonderful Christmas hamper and it will be drawn on 20 December. The stall will be re-open on Saturday 9 January 2021. Thank you and Merry Christmas to the whole parish from Jo and the team.

A huge **thank you** to all who contributed to the Christmas food boxes. It was very humbling how the parish came together to support the wider community of Waiheke. The generosity of the parish has seen us provide **13 Christmas boxes** to the Waiheke Budgeting Service. The monetary donations also provided for a couple of large shopping sprees, enabling us to provide a great variety of basics and Christmas goodies in each box. The Waiheke Budgeting Service was overwhelmed with the generosity of our parish community and they have asked Kirsten Sloan to pass on their utmost gratitude to us all.

**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.

**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. 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.

**Christmas Day Mass on Shine TV.** Shine TV will broadcast Christmas Day Mass starting at **1.50pm**. Shine is on free-to-air Channel 25 and Sky TV Channel 201. Mass comes from the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph and the presider is Bishop Michael Gielen. Join in the singing beautifully led by the Cathedral Choir and Vocal ensemble. Alternatively, it can be watched online at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/our-events/mass/>. Mass will be broadcast at 2pm the next Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family, and that will conclude this current provision of broadcast Masses.

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.