

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 LENT : YEAR B : 14 MARCH 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

Different communities will hear different Gospels this Sunday, depending on whether they are using the readings of Year B, or because they have an RCIA programme, are using Year A. For we who hear the Year B readings, there is one of the most famous passages in the Bible, including a verse that, through signs in many a public place, is familiar to us all, John 3: 16, "God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that all who believe in him might not perish, but have eternal life."

It is good that the verse is so familiar, because it encapsulates one of the greatest truths of our faith. As St Paul puts it, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." This is the hope in which we live, the message of joy which we are called to share with the world.

But our Gospel did not begin with those words. Jesus says first to Nicodemus that he, Jesus, must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert. He is referring to the episode in the Exodus when, through their own sins, the people of Israel find themselves afflicted by venomous snakes. God called Moses to make a bronze image of the serpent and tell the people to look upon it if they were bitten. And so, the means of their affliction became the means of their salvation.

In the same way that the serpents which harmed the people became what healed them, so the cross which lifted up Jesus, the symbol of torture, death, all human evil in fact, was to become the means of salvation for all the world.

This is what the grace of God which, as St Paul tells the Ephesians in our second reading, is so freely given to us can do. It can transform that which seems fearsome, terrible, even horrific, into that which bring healing, joy, and light. There is no place, no experience, no life so dark that the grace of God cannot make shine with the light that came into the world, not to condemn, but to save. And having saved, to glorify.

With that message before us, is it no surprise that the ancient tradition of the Church, drawing on the beginning of the entrance antiphon in Latin, calls this Sunday "Laetare Sunday", "Rejoice Sunday."

Blessings ~ Fr Chris Denham
Dean, Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph

PARISH ROSTERS 13 March 03 April 2021

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Saturday	13 March	Laurie Leonard	Ruth Gracie	Bronwen Muir
Sunday	14 March	Gaileen McGivern	Mark Mullins	Ceri O'Connor
Saturday	20 March	Pat Sullivan	Mary Sullivan	Neil Johnson
Sunday	21 March	Viki Trainor	Don Sheridan	Christine Sloan
Saturday	27 March	Bronwen Muir	Carol Grbin	Ivan Grbin
(+ 3 readers to read the Passion of Christ, email Jana if you would like to read it)				
Sunday	28 March	Christine Sloan	Viki Trainor	Ceri O'Connor
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MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION (*responsible for set up, 3rd Minister only if required)

Saturday	13 March	*Pauline Dunkley		
Sunday	14 March	*Ann Ita Harrison	David Sloan	
Saturday	20 March	*Chris Lynch	Mary Grice	
Sunday	21 March	*David Sloan	Mike Glynn	Cathy Carroll
Saturday	27 March	*Susan McCusker	Pauline Dunkley	Lucy Santosa
Sunday	28 March	*Fe Wilson	Jana Cerquettini	Maira Eades McMahon

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

13 March	David Harold	20 March	Clucy Ingram
27 March	Patrick Newton	03 April	Barbara Boyce

CHURCH CLEANING

13 March	Kirsten & Christen Sloan
20/27 March	Romel & Beng de Guzman

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In place of Liturgy of the Word, during the weeks of Lent, Mass will be celebrated on Wednesdays at 9am.



CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS, 2021. Through donations, the Caring Foundation is able to support Catholic and local social service providers that strengthen or support families, individuals and communities in need. We are now accepting grant applications until **April 9th, 2021**. To download a grant application form and to find out who can apply, please visit our website www.caringfoundation.org.nz Together we care for the poor, the marginalised and the vulnerable.

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, the Grevatt family, Mike & Josie Glynn & son Mark Walsh and his family, Debbie Sheridan, Father Gerard Glynn, Freddy Gonzales, Monica Kelsey (sister of Tom Hughes), Bronwen Muir, Kennedy Harper Wilson, Amanda & Garret Quinn, David Sloan, Joyce Camilleri, Rex McQuinn (father of Katie Horton), Roy & Jan Carroll, Brian Henry.



Entrance:	Christ, Be Our Light	404
Offertory:	To be chosen (if any)	
Communion:	Eat this Bread	205
Recessional:	The Servant Song	487

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 : #137

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon — there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion.
On the willows there we hung up our harps.
For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"
How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!
Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

DURING LENT THE FOLLOWING ACCLAMATION REPLACES THE "ALLELUIA" :

"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!"



Lenten Prayer for 2nd Sunday of Lent

E te Atua, God, in the light of your love, we recognise our need for you. We ask you to stay with us at every step, to be our strength and our courage so that we can find the way to you.

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

14 Mar: 4th Sunday of Lent: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; John 3:14-21
21 Mar: 5th Sunday of Lent: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

NOTICES



Help !!

ITEMS FOR WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS. As there has been no offers forthcoming to take over the role of producer of the weekly bulletin I will fill the position meanwhile. To assist me there are changes that need to be introduced so that I may accommodate day to day activities together with allowable time for study that I am committed to. Therefore, all notices for insertion in the weekly bulletin **MUST BE RECEIVED EACH THURSDAY BY 1PM TO** ruthgracie@xtra.co.nz.

SMALL FUNDRAISING CRAFT TABLE. The grand total raised is a wonderful \$39,220.00. The stall has books, preserves and very attractive cards and small items for sale.

THE CRAFT STALL IS HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THE PURCHASE OF A SOUND SYSTEM WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE CRAFT STALL. SO FAR A SPEAKER AND TABLET ARE IN USE AT AN APROX COST OF \$500. Thank you to the whole Parish. The new Raffle is a beautiful **EASTER HAMPER**. This will be drawn on 28th March.

Jo and the Team

WAIHEKE BUDGETING COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY will take place next weekend 20 and 21 March. Please put your non perishable goods in the basket in the atrium. If you wish to donate directly, the Waiheke Budgeting Account is 38-9007-0380393-09. Waiheke Budgeting is very grateful for all our contributions.



HEALING OUTREACH LED BY MARIST PRIEST FR. JOHN REA who leaves a trail of miracle healings in his tracks. Main event Sat 20th March 2021 9:30 am - 3:30 pm in Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby, Auckland. Everyone welcome. BYO lunch, koha appreciated. More info & other healing services available are on a poster in the church atrium. For enquiries contact Deidre Broome on 021 02251103.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY 19TH MARCH – BAPTIST CHURCH, OSTEND. Everyone is welcome to the ecumenical World Day of Prayer at 1.00pm at the Baptist Church. This was postponed from March 5th due to lockdown.

CHORAL MASS IN CELEBRATION OF ST JOSEPH "Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation." Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter on the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. We are delighted to bring you a beautiful Choral Mass celebrating the feast day of St Joseph in the Year of St Joseph: 7 pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, Friday 19th March 2021. Music is brought to you by the celebrated Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes. We look forward to welcoming you once more to the Cathedral. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Durham Lane \$2 & Hobson Street \$4. Please bring your ticket with you to validate in the Cathedral.

THIS WEEK, THE ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ABUSE IN CARE will hold Hearings that include church leaders making statements. We pray for those who will speak on behalf of the churches, and all those involved in this important work. Want to know more about how the Catholic Church has been involved so far, what work is being done, or how you can stay in the loop? Visit www.tautoko.catholic.org.nz for online resources and links.