

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 (ASK PRIEST)

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT : YEAR C : 05 DECEMBER 2021



PARISH ROSTERS 4 December — 19 December 2021

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DOOR GREETER (checking Covid passports & QR codes scans)

Saturday	04 December	Mary Grice	Elizabeth Yates
Sunday	05 December	Judith Aggrey	Jana Cerquettini
Saturday	11 December	Barbara Boyce	?
Sunday	12 December	Christine Sloan	Fe Wilson
Saturday	18 December	?	?
Sunday	19 December	Judith Aggrey	Jana Cerquettini

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Saturday	04 Dec	Ruth Gracie	Laurie Leonard	Neil Johnson
Sunday	05 Dec	Christine Sloan	Mark Mullins	Judith Aggrey
Saturday	11 Dec	Carol Grbin	Neil Johnson	Ivan Grbin
Sunday	12 Dec	Don Sheridan	Kirsten Sloan	Gaileen McGivern
Saturday	18 Dec	Barbara McBride	Kevin McBride	Laurie Leonard
Sunday	19 Dec	Judith Aggrey	Gaileen McGivern	Mark Mullins

MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION (*responsible for set up only)

Saturday	04 December	*Pauline Dunkley
Sunday	05 December	*David Sloan
Saturday	11 December	*Mary Grice
Sunday	12 December	*Ann Ita Harrison
Saturday	18 December	*Ruth Gracie
Sunday	19 December	*David Sloan

LITURGY of the WORD with HOLY COMMUNION : Will resume February 2022

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

04 December:	Clucy Ingram	11 December:	Barbara Boyce
18 December:	Patrick Newton	23 December:	David Harold

CHURCH CLEANING

4/11 December Kirsten & Christine Sloan

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING FROM SURGERY OR NEEDING OUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY: Bronwen Muir, 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, Freddy Gonzales, Monica Kelsey (sister of Tom Hughes), Kennedy Harper Wilson, Amanda & Garret Quinn, David Sloan, Joyce Camilleri, Roy & Jan Carroll, Brian Henry, Mary Wright and Dianna Elvin.

Pastoral Note for the Second Sunday of Advent

Advent is my favourite liturgical season of the year: I call it my "sweet Lent" because of its penitential aspects which, instead of leading to the horrors of a Cross, lead to the wood of a manger. And although it speaks, too, of suffering, poverty and injustice, it is softened by the love of a poor couple, the light of a bright star, the warmth of farm animals and the adoration of shepherds, angels and kings!

As kids we all looked forward to Christmas, probably more for the coming of Santa Claus (Sunday is the feast day of the real St. Nicholas!) rather than the birth of our Saviour-King but in our own way we understood it wouldn't be Christmas without midnight Mass, Christmas carols and a Nativity scene or play of some sort.

But St. Paul tells us that as adults in Christ, we put aside the things of a child (1 Cor 13, 11) to enter more deeply into this great mystery of faith, the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity! And that doesn't come easily in our world "hell-bent" on taking Christ out of Christmas (in Europe they are even talking of banning the use of words like "Christmas" and "Mary"!)

But on this 2nd Sunday of Advent, the liturgy of the Word comes to our aid in the austere figure of the Baptist who is still shouting out today in the desert of practical-atheistic societies, to awaken us from "peacefully-deadly" slumbers of superficiality and indifference, in order to give less attention to presents and more to preparing for the Presence of a Child, the Father's Gift of salvation for all the peoples of the world, for all time!

The Word of the Lord that came to John in the wilderness and to Mary in her Womb, seeks a place also in our hearts this Christmas but, as the prophets Baruch and Luke tell us, we need to prepare a way for the Lord. This year we have been driven by Covid into a forced-time of "sacramental desert" but one in which the Word will have spoken clearly in our hearts. Now that a "red-light" permits greater freedoms, one of the best ways not to lose the "grace of lockdown" and the foremost way of making straight paths for the Coming of the Lord, is to avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (perhaps one of the first items on our list of things-to-do before Christmas?!)

A Saviour is given to save us from our sins (the wood of the manger is the same as that of the Cross!) He's seeking the only thing that is truly ours and the best gift we could ever give Him and ourselves...so let's give generously this Advent!

Peace to all people loved by the Lord! Fr. James



Entrance:
Recessional:

O Come O Come Emmanuel
Christ Be Our Light

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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.

PSALM : # 126
(PRAY TOGETHER)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of
Zion, we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter;
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
"The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the
watercourses in the desert of Negev.
May those who sow in tears reap with
shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

TOGETHER AGAIN

Just to say "hullo" with a welcome
smile that sings a thousand words.

The doors of the church have
opened wide and the Spirit lovingly
beckons us, to come to His
Table, and receive, the
Holy sacred Eucharist.

To those we have not seen
for a while but always in our minds . . .

Just to say "hullo".



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.

ENTRANCE HYMN

O COME O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. (R)

O come, O Wisdom from on high
Who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. (R)

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.*



RESPONSE TO LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Maranatha, Maranatha, Come, Lord Jesus Come!

RECESSIONAL HYMN — CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Christ Be Our Light
Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Refrain:
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Reconciliation

The Bishop has suggested that Rite 2 Reconciliation not be celebrated at this time, but that increased opportunity for Rite 1 be provided.

The priests coming to Waiheke will provide Rite 1 Reconciliation from **4.30pm prior to Saturday Vigil** and for 20 minutes following Mass; also from **8.45am prior to Sunday morning Mass.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WHOLE PARISH!!! Since 2011 we have been fundraising, initially for the refurbishment of the Church and now ongoing maintenance. The grand total raised is a wonderful \$40,665.00. The stall has BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS CARDS, books, preserves and new small items for sale. The raffle of a brand new Queen sized Galaxy duvet and cover set and will be drawn on 5th December. The new raffle is a WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER and this will be drawn on 19th December.

Thank you. Jo and Fe and the team

WAIHEKE BUDGETING COLLECTION. Thank you all for the amazingly generous cash donations totally \$1570.00 which were raised during Lockdown for the needy. The Budgeting Service is extremely grateful and the funds were used to purchase Countdown vouchers. The need is ongoing. Please deposit your non perishable goods in the basket in the Atrium. If you wish to donate directly, the Waiheke Budgeting Account number is 38-9007-0380393-09.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

05 December: 2nd Sunday of Advent: Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:3-6, 6-11; Luke 3:1-6
12 December: 3rd Sunday of Advent: Eph 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18