

PARISH ROSTERS 4 December — 19 December 2021
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DOOR GREETER (checking Covid passports & QR codes scans)

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	11 Dec	Carol Grbin	Neil Johnson	Ruth Gracie
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	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

11 December:	Barbara Boyce	18 December:	Patrick Newton
23 December:	David Harold		

CHURCH CLEANING

11 December	Kirsten & Christine Sloan
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NOTICES

On **SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER** Kevin Sanderson will be playing the organ at Mass. At the conclusion of Mass we will have a singing practise for approx. 15-20 minutes to revise the Mass Sung Responses for our Christmas Masses. It is many months since we have sung the Alonso Mass settings. We will also sing a couple of Carols that we will have at Mass. Morning tea will follow for those who wish to stay.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE – We are planning our Christmas Masses but we will not announce these until after the Covid Traffic Light Settings Announcement on Monday 15th. Our limit numbers for church are different depending on whether we are in Red setting or Orange setting.

RECONCILIATION – FATHER CHRIS DENHAM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RECONCILIATION BEFORE AND AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND.

DOOR GREETERS - We are looking for people to help as greeters at the church door. You will be welcoming people and checking their covid vaccination passport. Also to make sure that they've scanned the QR code, or signed in. Please contact Jana if you can help, we hope to have 2 greeters at each mass. You will need to be at the church at least 20 minutes prior to the mass start time for this ministry. waihekeparish.rosters@gmail.com

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, and Mary Wright.

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)

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Chris Denham (frchris@stpatericks.org.nz) : 09 303 4509

PARISH LIAISON: Christine Sloan (stpeters.waiheke@gmail.com) : 09-372-3581



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT : YEAR C : 12 DECEMBER 2021

Pastoral Note for the Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday - A ray of light - rejoice!

In the picture of the first Christmas a ray of star light is often seen shining in the darkness and surrounding the child Jesus. The third Sunday of Advent tells us 'Gaudete, rejoice!' because the Lord is near. He is our light and our salvation. He is our peace and our joy!

Today we are called to rejoice in the Lord.

Our readings today say 'Lætāre, Ierúsalem, be joyful, Jerusalem, and all who love her!' because she herself is loved by the Lord. We are the new Jerusalem.

*Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!*

Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst,

you have no more evil to fear...have no fear,

do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.

As Christian's we have optimism, positive thinking, happiness, gratitude, and the ability to look on the bright side of life. This is truly an extra-ordinary gift from the Lord. But we need to pray for it. "Lord, be the light of my heart and mind, today!"

When the Wise Men saw the star the Bible tells us that "they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

And again, the angel said to the Shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

It is part of human nature to sink into gloom especially in these rather dark Covid times but if we pray and trust in our Lord He will give us the gift of peace and joy, the gift of Christian optimism.

The third candle of Advent is pink and it symbolises joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink **because rose is the liturgical colour of joy.** ... the joy we share with the humble shepherds.

The white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve.

This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and reminds us Christ is our light and is near to us this Christmas.

If we truly follow Jesus we are assured of true peace and joy while here on earth, and most importantly, in the life to come! Peace and joy are the two great gifts of the Incarnation, because God Himself now dwells among us.

*God bless, Fr Andrew Matthew
St. Benedict's, Newton*

*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*



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.

CANTICLE ISAIAH (PRAY TOGETHER)

Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my
might;
he has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water from the wells
of salvation.
Give thanks to the Lord,
call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.
Sing praises to the Lord,
for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O Royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of
Israel.



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

12 December: 3rd Sunday of Advent: Eph 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18
19 December: 4th Sunday of Advent: Micah 5.2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

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

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for you, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see, (R)

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. (R)

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

COMMUNION HYMN

*Take our bread we ask you, take our hearts we love you.
Take our lives O Father we are yours, we are yours.*

Yours as we stand at the table you set, yours as we eat this bread our hearts can't
forget, we are the sign of your life with us yet. We are yours, we are yours. (Refrain)

SMALL FUNDRAISING CRAFT TABLE. 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 \$40,775.00. The stall
has BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS CARDS, books, preserves and new small items for sale.
The raffle of a duvet and cover set was won by Kevin Sanderson. 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.

2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS. Calendars are on sale in the atrium. \$12.00 each —
a wonderful Christmas gift.