

# PARISH ROSTERS

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## PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

	<i>Welcome/Prayers of faithful:</i>	<i>1st reader:</i>	<i>2nd reader:</i>
Saturday 17 December	Bronwen Muir	Neil Johnson	Ruth Gracie
Sunday 18 December	Judith Aggrey	Viki Trainor	Christine Sloan

### Christmas Vigil Mass

Saturday 24 December	Neil Johnson	Bronwen Muir	Kirsten Sloan
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### Christmas Day Mass

Sunday 25 December	Christine Sloan	Judith Aggrey	Mark Mullins
<b>Saturday 31 December</b>	Ivan Grbin	Carol Grbin	Neil Johnson
<b>Sunday 01 January</b>	Viki Trainor	Kirsten Sloan	Judith Aggrey

## MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION (\*responsible for set up, 2<sup>nd</sup> minister if required)

Saturday 17 December	*Lucy Santoso	
Sunday 18 December	*Fe Wilson	Glen Trainor
Saturday 24 December	*Pauline Dunkley	Mike Glynn
Sunday 25 December	*Ann Ita Harrison	David Sloan
Saturday 31 December	*Lucy Santoso	Mike Glynn
Sunday 01 January	*David Sloan	Glen Trainor



## DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

24 December	Barbara Boyce
31 December	David Harold
07 January	Patrick Newton

## CHURCH CLEANING

17 December	Fe Wilson & Eil McDonald
24/31 December	Jess & Vi de Guzman

### St Peter's Christmas Mass Times

#### **Christmas Vigil Mass Saturday 24th December**

Carols at 5.00pm followed by Mass at 5.15pm

#### **Christmas Day Mass Sunday 25th December**

Carols at 9.00am followed by Mass at 9.15am

#### **Reconciliation - Individual Reconciliation will be available prior to Masses**

Week 4 of Advent – 17-18 December with Father Chris

#### **Please pray for those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers,**

**especially:** Louise Shave, Angela Marsden, Shona Sullivan, Grevatt family, Mike & Josie Glynn & son Mark Walsh and his family, Debbie Sheridan, Freddy Gonzales, Monica Kelsey (sister of Tom Hughes), Bronwen Muir, Kennedy Harper Wilson, Joyce Camilleri, Roy & Jan Carroll, Mary Wright, Laurie Leonard, Patricia Fisher, Karen Bertanees.

# 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

**Parish Priest:** Fr Chris Denham ([frchris@stpatericks.org.nz](mailto:frchris@stpatericks.org.nz)): 09 303 4509

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YEAR A: 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## PASTOR'S NOTE

Matthew's account of the birth of Jesus shows it as the perfect fulfilment of the Prophet Isaiah's words to King Ahaz in the first reading (Isa 7: 10 – 14). Matthew is putting before us a vital theme of Christian faith: that Jesus is the living presence of God in the human world.

Today's Gospel is concerned with the circumstances surrounding the conception of Jesus and the names given to this special baby. The passage focuses on the divine origin of Jesus, explained in the saying "child conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit" and with his role as saviour of all humankind, proclaimed in the name Joseph is to give him.

This child is distinct and unique. He is more than the accumulated best of his ancestors. The developing story tells how this child will act distinctly as the agent of the divine Spirit and manifest in a unique way the power of God.

Matthew puts forward Joseph as a representative figure who welcomes the coming of Emmanuel. He is struck with profound humility at the mystery of what God's action may require of him and he doubts himself. Joseph's thoughts of "dismissing her privately" were not prompted by suspicion that Mary had been unfaithful – he already knew that 'she was with child from the Holy Spirit'. The dream brings with it the reassurance that he too could stand in the presence of the divine mystery, that he was not outside the providence of what God was doing; that God's grace will support him in fulfilling his mission.

If the conception calls attention to Jesus' special place in history, so also does his name. Joseph, acting the part of the legal father, is directed by the messenger to call the child "Jesus". For non-Jewish readers like us, the narrator adds an interpretation "for he will save his people from their sins".

The name, together with the title "Messiah" alerts us to the peculiar role the infant is to play throughout his ministry. He is the one who does what only God can do. Where Jesus is, God is there, present with the people of faith and the reassurance of Divine forgiveness.

For ourselves there is the opportunity to reflect on the name given to us by our parents, acknowledging the hope and joy they saw in our births and the expectations they nurtured in us to be bearers of God's love to all. When we feel we are not living up to a life lived in Christ we can call on the intercession of St Joseph, that we too can stand in the presence of the divine mystery once again celebrated in Christ's nativity and cry out "'Come Emmanuel' – God is with us!"

**Blessings ~ Fr Stephen Berecz**

*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:** 285  
**Offertory:** 556  
**Communion:** 557  
**Recessional:** 544

O Come, O Come Emmanuel vs 1,6,7  
 O God You Search Me and You Know Me  
 To Be Your Bread Now  
 Hail Mary Gentle Woman

## NOTICES

### Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

*[Pray together]*

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;  
 the world and those who dwell in it.  
 For he founded it upon the seas  
 and established it upon the rivers.

Who can ascend the mountain  
 of the LORD?  
 or who may stand in his holy place?  
 One whose hands are sinless,  
 whose heart is clean,  
 who desires not what is vain.

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD  
 a reward from God his saviour.  
 Such is the race that seeks for him,  
 that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.



### 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.

### 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

**18<sup>th</sup> December:** **Forth Sunday of Advent**  
 Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.  
 Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:23; Gospel: Mt 1:18-24

**24<sup>th</sup> December:** **Christmas Vigil Mass**  
 Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29  
 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; GOSPEL: Mt 1:1-25



**Parish Donations:** via internet banking are preferred:  
 Account: St Peters Waiheke: 020100-0120990-14

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**NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again.** Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years).

### A reminder that the diocese continues to provide broadcast Sunday Mass.

*It is uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night (as per a Vigil Mass time) to the Youtube channel  
 Auckland Catholic [bit.ly/PathToMass](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)*  
 It is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25,  
 Sky TV Channel 201.

### Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Preparation for this year's Christmas Readings:

**The Infancy Narratives in the Gospel of Matthew** with Kieran Fenn fms.

**Monday, 19 December, 7-8.30pm.** Koha/Donation. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-infancy-narratives-in-the-gospels/>

**Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and  
 community available** at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

### Pilgrimage to Holy Land with Bishop Steve Lowe / Harvest Journeys

Commences Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023. 17 nights / 20 days.

**The Diocesan Pastoral Council met on Saturday 26 November.** Their newsletter is available

for everyone to read on the diocesan

website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wpcontent/uploads/2022/11/November2022.pdf>

**Registrations are now open for Ngā Tapuwāe - Sacred Footsteps 2023.** Our Northland  
 pilgrimage will be from **6th January to 8th January 2023.** All are welcome to hiko with us to  
 learn more of our Catholic heritage. The pilgrimage will conclude with Mass at the place where  
 the first Mass in NZ occurred.

Register / contact: Stephen Fraser 09 360 3052 or: [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz)

### St Peter's Fundraising For Hospice by 19 December

The Parish fundraising for a wheelchair and/or lazyboy chair for Waiheke Hospice has to date  
 raised \$1095, which is fantastic. The fundraiser closes on the 19th December.

All donations are gratefully received no matter how small they are.

**Please make your donation into the  
 St Peter's Waiheke Account 02 0100 0120990 14  
 Reference HOS**

Thank you for your generosity every amount helps

### Caring Foundation Christmas Appeal

Give a more impactful gift this Christmas with a donation to the Caring Foundation.  
 Give a gift of joy to our most vulnerable. [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)

### Waiheke Budgeting Collection

The Budgeting Gift Basket was overflowing this week. Thanks for your donations which are  
 gratefully received by the needy in our community" – this is an ongoing need. 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.