

PARISH ROSTERS

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Welcome/

Prayers of faithful: 1st reader: 2nd reader:

Saturday 25 March	Ruth Gracie	Kevin McBride	Barbara McBride
Sunday 26 March	Judith Aggrey	Kirsten Sloan	Viki Trainor
Saturday 01 April	Neil Johnson	Carol Grbin	Bronwen Muir
Sunday 02 April	Mark Mullins	Gaileen McGivern	Don Sheridan

MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION (*responsible for set up, 2nd minister if required)

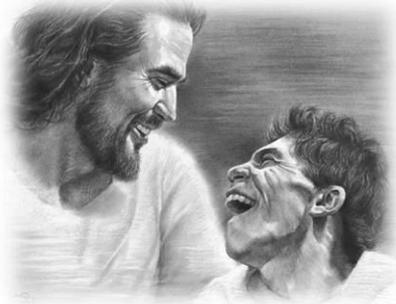
Saturday 25 March	*Pauline Dunkley	Mike Glynn
Sunday 26 March	*David Sloan	Glen Trainor
Saturday 01 April	*Lucy Santoso	Mike Glynn
Sunday 02 April	*Fe Wilson	David Sloan

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

25 March	David Harold
01 April	Patrick Newton

CHURCH CLEANING

25 Mar/01 April	Christine & Kirsten Sloan
08/15 April	Fe Wilson & Eil McDonald



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The story also highlights the power of testimony and witness. The man's testimony about his experience with Jesus is a powerful witness to the transformative power of God's love. It inspires others to believe and to seek out the presence of God in their own lives. Our own testimony can have a similar impact on others, helping to share the good news of God's love with those around us.

In conclusion, John's Gospel is a powerful reminder of the transformative power of God's love and the importance of faith, perseverance, and testimony in our spiritual journeys. It inspires us to seek out the presence of God in our own lives and to share the good news of God's love with those around us.

Blessings ~ Fr Steven Berez

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, Patricia Fisher, Karen Bertanees, Ivan Grbin.

PARISH OF ST PETER - Waiheke Island



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Parish Timetable:
Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00pm
Sunday Mass 9.15am
Adoration with Holy Communion & Holy Rosary every Wednesday 5.15pm

Reconciliation Rite I: Available before weekend Masses

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

Assistant Priest: Fr Glenford Lowe

Parish Liaison: Christine Sloan (stpeters.waiheke@gmail.com): 09-372-3581

YEAR A: 26TH MARCH 2023
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

PASTOR'S NOTE

This Sunday's Gospel tells the story of the healing of a man who was born blind by Jesus. The account offers profound insights on faith, spirituality, and the nature of God.

The story begins with Jesus and his disciples passing by a man who was blind from birth. The disciples ask Jesus who sinned, the man or his parents, to make him blind. Jesus responds that neither the man nor his parents sinned but that the works of God might be displayed in him. Jesus then proceeds to heal the man by making mud with his saliva and spreading it on the man's eyes. Jesus then instructs the man to go wash in the pool of Siloam, and the man returns with his sight restored.

The healing causes controversy among the Pharisees, who challenge the man's testimony and refuse to believe that Jesus is from God. The man becomes more and more certain that Jesus is a prophet and eventually confesses his faith in Jesus as the Son of Man.

One of the most striking elements of this story is the way in which it portrays the blind man as a symbol of human limitation and vulnerability. The man's blindness is not a punishment for sin, but rather an opportunity for God's grace and love to be revealed. Through Jesus' healing, the man is not only able to see physically but also to see spiritually. His faith in Jesus is a testament to the transformative power of God's love in our lives.

Another key message of the story is the importance of perseverance in our faith. Despite the scepticism and opposition of the Pharisees, the man continues to affirm his faith in Jesus. He remains steadfast in his belief, even when faced with pressure to deny it. His example challenges us to remain committed to our own spiritual journeys, even when we face doubt, opposition, or adversity.

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Blessings ~ Fr Steven Berez

*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*



MEWS Mass Setting

Entrance: 478

Offertory:

Communion: 556

Recessional: 404

Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

[Pray together]

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,
LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered.

I trust in the LORD;
my soul trusts in his word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD.

For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
King of endless glory

Lenten Prayer

E te Atua, you are not afraid to
demonstrate your unconditional love for
people and to take risks. May our faith in
you motivate us to show love for one
another in a torn and broken world.

Liturgy of the Word

26th March: 5th Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps: 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:25a, 26; GOSPEL: Jn 11:1-45

2nd April: 6th Sunday of Lent

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Phil 2:6-11; Phil 2:8-9; GOSPEL: Mt 26:14—27:66

Bring Forth the Kingdom

O God You Search Me and You Know Me
Christ Be Our Light

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.



NOTICES

Parish Donations: via internet banking are preferred:

Account: St Peters Waiheke: 020100-0120990-14

Stations of the Cross Fridays in Lent at 6.00pm

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in St Peter's every Friday from 3rd –31st March.

Adoration with Rosary and Holy Communion every Wednesday at 5.15pm

The theme for Lent 2023 is "I am the Light of the World".

Money raised through the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. Weekly and single donation envelopes are available on the table in the atrium, or donations can be made online www.caritas.org.nz.

The current issue of NZ Catholic is available for sale in the church foyer.

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. 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

<https://www.studyjoy.nz>

Responding to the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

<https://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online>

The next Men's breakfast is to be on March 25th at Waiheke Baptist Church. John England will share from his prison ministry in Belgium. I hope you can join us to hear John speak on this interesting time in his life. Please feel free to bring a friend.

Te Kupenga Catholic **Theological College is offering the course PM501 Prayer and Liturgy** on **Saturdays 01 April, 06 May and 03 June in Ponsonby**, Auckland.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession on Good Friday, the Diocese will continue our traditional Stations of the Cross procession through Auckland CBD. We will begin by gathering at Albert Part Rotunda at 9am. The procession will conclude at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. We would love you, your family, and your faith community to join us in this powerful public witness through the streets of Auckland.

Lenten Retreat St Mark's Catholic Mission Parish, 334 Pakuranga Road, Pakuranga. 4th & 5th April 2023 7.00pm – 9.00pm Theme: Finding God in All the Wrong Places. Led by: Fr Johnny Go SJ. You can also join us via our Facebook page @OfficialStMarksPakuranga and YouTube channel @StMarkPakuranga

Encounter God in awe and wonder in the Mass: each Wednesday during Lent, Zoom 7 – 7.40pm to reflect on Pope Francis' letter: Desiderio Desideravi. To register, contact Dianna Fouhy – diannaf@cda.org.nz

Pray with the Sunday Gospels this Lent: each Sunday during Lent, join us on Zoom 7 – 7.40pm. To register, contact Dianna Fouhy – diannaf@cda.org.nz

Waiheke Budgeting Collection

Please place non-perishable food and goods in the basket in the Atrium. If you wish to donate directly, the Waiheke Budgeting Account number is 38-9007-0380393-09.

Reflection Day Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre, Mission Bay: 'The Senses as Thresholds to the Soul' - Sr Ann Neven, Saturday 1 April 10am – 3pm
\$30 waged/\$20 unwaged Registrations to Sr Julian Langton by March 30th
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