

PARISH ROSTERS

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Welcome/

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

Saturday 9 March	Ruth Gracie	Ceri O'Connor	Don Sheridan
Sunday 10 March	Viki Trainor	Sheldene Crookes	Kirsten Sloan

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

Saturday 9 March	*Pauline
Sunday 10 March	*David Sloan

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

9 March David Harold

Pastor's Note

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On the other hand, there is the human endeavor to interpret and institutionalize this mercy within the structures and doctrines of the Church. This tension can sometimes create discomfort or even conflict within the Church, especially when the expressions of mercy challenge longstanding practices or beliefs.

In contemplating whether a Pope or any church leader can be "too merciful", it is essential to revisit the core message of the Gospel – that God's love and mercy are not constrained by human standards. This radical mercy was exemplified in the life and teachings of Jesus, who consistently reached out to those on the margins of society, challenged societal norms, and offered forgiveness and inclusion where others preached condemnation and exclusion.

Church leaders, in striving to be true to the Gospel, are called to emulate this radical mercy. This may require courageously re-examining and, where necessary, reinterpreting traditional teachings and practices in light of the fundamental Gospel message of unconditional love and grace. It challenges them and us to be bearers of hope, especially to those who feel excluded or marginalized by the Church.

The Gospel of John reminds us that God's love and mercy are at the heart of the Christian faith. For Church leaders and communities, this means being open to the movement of the Spirit, which may call for a merciful approach that transcends conventional boundaries and expectations, reflecting the boundless nature of God's love and mercy.

Lenten Blessings - Fr Stephen

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

especially: Louise Shave, Angela Marsden & daughter Janet, 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, Ivan Grbin, Brian Henry and Jill Saintsbury, Felicita Gonzales Malanay (sister of Fe &

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Parish Timetable:	Saturday Vigil Mass	5.00pm
	Sunday Mass	9.15am
	Adoration & Holy Rosary	
	every Sunday after morning tea	10.45am



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	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 10TH of March 2024

Pastor's Note

John's Gospel illustrates the depth of God's love for humanity and the radical nature of divine mercy. This passage, which includes the well-known verse, 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.', emphasizes that it is not humanity's love for God, our good deeds, or even our belief in God that is the foundation of our salvation, but rather, it is God's immense love for us. This love is so profound that it led to the ultimate act of mercy: the giving of His only Son for the salvation of the world.

In reflecting on this, a critical question arises, especially for church leaders: What are the implications of understanding and embodying this kind of radical divine mercy in their ministries? This passage challenges traditional notions of merit and worthiness in the context of divine love and grace. It presents a God who loves unconditionally and who extends mercy not as a reward for good behavior, but as a free gift borne out of profound love.

For leaders in the Church, this underscores the call to be agents of this same indiscriminate and unconditional mercy. It challenges them to look beyond the confines of law, doctrine, and tradition, and to embrace a more inclusive and compassionate approach that mirrors God's love for all people. This approach can sometimes seem at odds with established norms or expectations within the Church, leading to the provocative question: "Can a Pope (and a God) be too merciful?" (Taken from a headline in La Croix International)

This question touches on a fundamental tension within Christian theology and ecclesiology. On one hand, there is the recognition of God's boundless mercy, a mercy that transcends human understanding and conventions.

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Hymns: Mass Setting MEWS MASS

Gloria and the word Alleluia omitted in Lent

Entrance: 496 Here I am Lord

Offertory:

Communion: 556 O God You Search Me and You Know Me

Recessional: 404 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.

Lenten prayer

(prayed together)

E te Atua o te aroha, God of love, thank you
for Your unending love that we experience as
Your sons and daughters. We know that You
loved us so much that You were prepared to
give Your only Son so that we could have life
everlasting. Reveal how love could become a
common language for us all to understand one
another and to share together. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

(prayed 2x)

"Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory"

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.

Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

(pray together)

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of
that land we hung up our harps. For there our
captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs,
And our despoilers urged us to be joyous:
"Sing for us the songs of Zion!" How could we
sing a song of the Lord in a foreign land? If I
forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be
forgotten! May my tongue cleave to my palate
if I remember you not, If I place not Jerusalem
ahead of my joy!

Liturgy of the Word

10th of March 4th Sunday of Lent

Reading I: 2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23

Reading II: Eph 2: 4-10

GOSPEL: Jn 3: 14-21

NOTICES

Holy Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday, 14th March at 6:00pm**

Lenten Giving envelopes are available on the table in the atrium for your donation. Online donations are also encouraged.

Waiheke Budgeting foodbank - please place non-perishable groceries in a basket in the atrium.

Parish Donation: To assist our Finance Team, it is preferred that donations and special collections be made directly to the Parish Account - **BNZ - St Peters Parish Waiheke: 02-0109-0707710-000**

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession On Good Friday 29th March, we will be gathering once again for our traditional Stations of the Cross procession through Auckland CBD. We invite you and your faith community to join us for this powerful public witness of faith through the streets of Auckland. The procession will begin at Albert Park Rotunda at 9am and will conclude at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. For queries contact Sam from the Ministries to Young People team or email samuelb@cda.org.nz

Enjoy a Video of NZ experiences of the Synod on Synodality. Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin, SM, Wairarapa parish Priest Fr Dennis Nacorda, and Auckland Vicar for Māori Manuel Beazley have shared their experiences of the Holy Father's Synod on Synodality in Rome last October. This YouTube video is a recording of a Zoom session they held with a live audience on Thursday 15 March 2024.

NZ Catholic - latest issue is on sale in the atrium.

Easter Services - Celebrate as a Community - we need YOU in a non Speaking role Please write your name and details on sheet on the table in atrium. You will be contacted about a small role in the Easter Services.

Easter Services - celebrated by Father Glen Lowe

Holy Thursday - 7:00pm
Good Friday - 3:00pm
Easter Vigil (Saturday) - 8:00pm
Easter Sunday - 9:15am

Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage Station of the Cross It is planned for **Saturday, 16 March, with start at 6 am from Holy Sepulchre Church, 2 Burleigh Street, in Grafton, Auckland.** For more details, visit: <https://www.gazaceasefirepilgrimage.com/join-a-pilgrimage>