

PARISH ROSTERS

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Welcome/

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

Saturday 23 March	Ruth Gracie	Carol Grbin	Ivan Grbin
Sunday 24 March	Christine Sloan	Judith Walshe	Gaileen McGivern

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

Saturday 23 March	*Ruth Gracie
Sunday 24 March	*Ann Ita Harrison

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

23 March Barbara Boyce

Pastor's Note

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Love given and received is the heart of our true life. That is why Lazarus returned. In death Lazarus heard a divine command and he recognized in that voice the voice of a close friend. Jesus was not simply reanimating a corpse. He was doing something much more significant than that! He was showing that love of others, especially family and friends, is the core of our joy. And since family and friends await us also in the life to come, death is no longer something to fear for God's purpose must lie in reunion.

Sometimes the world around us seems quite chaotic but there is nothing more chaotic than our own death and dissolution. But if we believe that God has created us for a purpose then historical events only matter in so far as they affect the way that we respond to God. It matters that people are being born and that people are dying; it matters even more whether people are being born to a new life in Christ or have yet to respond to His commandment to emerge from our spiritual graves. It matters whether they are making their greatest desire and goal love, fellowship, and unity, or separation and despair.

Lenten Blessings - Fr Chris

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 & Eil)

PARISH OF ST PETER - Waiheke Island

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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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 17TH of March 2024

Pastor's Note

John 11:35 is famously the shortest verse in the entire bible. Whether in the original Greek, Latin, or in English, it is only two words, in English: "Jesus wept." Powerful words, but also intriguing. Why does Jesus weep as he contemplates the grave of his friend, when he knows what he is about to do? Lazarus will be raised, why the need for tears?

But that is the point. This is the "raising" of Lazarus, not his "resurrection." They are two different things. After he was raised, Lazarus died again. This raising was returning Lazarus to everyday life not to the life of glory in heaven. He would experience pain and suffering, as a follower of Jesus. Indeed his second death would be not by disease but by murder as those who sought the death of Jesus sought also to remove the evidence of his miracles. That the evidence of raising someone from the dead would produce, not joy and praise of God, but evil plans and murder was good enough reason to weep.

Which leads to the question: Why would Jesus do such a thing to Lazarus? The answer is surely for love, but not just love of Lazarus. It was surely for the sake of Martha and Mary that Lazarus was raised from the dead. Jesus was restoring Lazarus to his close family and to his friends. That reunion was undoubtedly good. And a reminder that our joy and happiness are not just for and about ourselves.

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Hymns: Mass Setting MEWS MASS
Gloria and the word Alleluia omitted in Lent
Entrance: 212 Come As You Are
Offertory:
Communion: 204 I Am The Bread Of Life
Recessional: 487 The Servant Song

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 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

(pray together)

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out
my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a
steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not
out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit
take not from me.

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a
willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach
transgressors your ways, and sinners shall
return to you.

Liturgy of the Word

17th of March 5th Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Jer 31:31-34

Reading II: Heb 5:7-9

GOSPEL: Jn 12:20-33

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 tenei Wa Tonu, God of the present
moment, help us to see You through Your word
and time with others today. Draw us closer to
You so that we will hear Your voice and
recommit ourselves to serve and follow You.
Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

(prayed 2x)

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

NOTICES

Adoration & Holy Rosary

will be held every **Sunday after morning tea at 10:45am**

Holy Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 21st 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

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

St Joseph's Feast Day Prayer Ritual to honour St Joseph's Feast Day ,Mary
MacKillop Chapel ,Mission Bay, Tuesday 19th March at 5.30pm

Concert with Fr Chris Skinner SM, Mary MacKillop Chapel, Sunday 7 April at 2pm,
Suggested koha \$10