

PARISH ROSTERS

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Welcome/

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

Saturday 13 April	Mary Sullivan	Bronwen Muir	Pat Sullivan
Sunday 14 April	Gaileen McGivern	Christine Sloan	Mark Mullins
Saturday 20 April	Carlo Simoni	Ivan Grbin	Carol Grbin
Sunday 21 April	Kirsten Sloan	Viki Trainor	Judith Walshe
Saturday 27 April	Don Sheridan	Ceri O'Connor	Bronwen Muir
Sunday 28 April	Sheldene Crookes	Mark Mullins	Christine Sloan

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

Saturday 13 April	*Pauline/Velvet
Sunday 14 April	*David Sloan
Saturday 20 April	*Ruth Gracie*
Sunday 21 April	*Robbie Martin/Ann Ita Harrison
Saturday 27 April	*Pauline/Velvet
Sunday 28 April	*David Sloan

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

13 April	Barbara Boyce
20 April	David Harold
27 April	Patrick Newton

Pastor's Note

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A new reality requires a new us, and even in unhappiness we don't always welcome change. This is strange but true. 'Human kind', wrote T. S. Eliot, 'cannot bear too much reality', or, perhaps even, too varied a diet of it.

So, then: to accept the risen Christ, which means, among other things, to accept a new and different reality, and also to accept that we are going to be in some manner changed by him and have our lives interfered with. Which can be scary. But that is why Jesus's first words are: 'Peace be with you!' As he said throughout his ministry. 'Why are you afraid?' 'You believe in God, believe also in me.'

This Eastertide calls us to put aside fear, of change, of the new and unfamiliar. To seek something new that may transform our lives. To accept that how we are now is not the best that we can or should be. To allow our hearts to be changed by the true reality of the Risen Lord. And perhaps to ask the Lord to open our minds as he did those of the disciples, so that we can be his witnesses, even to the ends of the Earth.

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, Ivan Grbin, Brian Henry and Jill Saintsbury, Felicita Gonzales Malanay (sister of Fe & Ell)

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



3rd Sunday of Easter / 14th of April 2024

Pastor's Note

Today's Gospel shows the first disciples having difficulties and doubts about the Resurrection. Is it real, did it really happen, or is it an illusion, are we misinterpreting the evidence?

The English theologian, Aidan Nichols points out that traditionally, the Church has distinguished between difficulties and doubts. According to St John Henry Newman, 'Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt'. As reasoning people, we naturally apply our minds to our religion, including to what happened after the Crucifixion. There are difficulties here – about the sources, about the agreement of the witnesses, about the possibility of miracles even. We all encounter these difficulties, which are not impossible, and through them we grow into a more informed and intelligent faith.

Doubt is more radical. Doubt is wondering whether religious terms have any reference to reality at all. 'God', 'Christ', 'The Resurrection', 'The Holy Spirit', 'grace' – are those realities or is it all a game? Curiously, this kind of radical doubt is mentioned by both St Luke and St Matthew in connection with the Resurrection appearances. With the risen Christ before their very eyes, some doubted. In today's Gospel, Christ has an answer why: fear and anxiety. 'Why are you so agitated?' 'Why are these doubts arising in your hearts?' 'Your hearts', notice, not 'your minds'. Something is wrong with their sensibility, with their passions, their emotions, and this is what is doing the damage to their judgment. This is what is causing doubt.

We can find those causes in our experience of the material world. If we are, in some way, fearful of reality in its richness and depth, we tend to clam up. We shut out the unexpected, which could be uncomfortable. We like to have things taped. We feel secure and unchallenged that way. Predictability is a comfort zone.

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Hymns:

Entrance: 490 Prayer of St Francis
Offertory:
Communion: 556 O God You Search Me and You Know Me
Recessional: 404 Christ Be Our Light

Mass Setting Mass of Joy & Peace By Tony Alonzo

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.

Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

(pray together)

When I call, answer me, O my just God, you
who relieve me when I am in distress; have
pity on me, and hear my prayer!
Know that the LORD does wonders for his
faithful one; the LORD will hear me when I
call upon him.
O LORD, let the light of your countenance
shine upon us! You put gladness into my
heart.
As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep,
for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my
dwelling.

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.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace to
people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we
glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away
the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are
seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy
on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

14th of April - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Reading II: 1 Jn 2:1-5a

GOSPEL: Lk 24:35-48

NOTICES

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: 02-0108-0707710-000**

Adoration & Holy Rosary

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

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

NZ Catholic - is on sale in the atrium

Building a Thriving Parish is part 2 of the *Go Make Disciples* series of presentations on Parish Renewal. We will be sharing experiences, challenges, and practical tools and insights to help you as Lay Leaders to help your parish thrive. This will be held at 7pm - 9pm Wednesday 24th April 2024 at St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Hillsborough. Koha on the night. RSVP to stephen@cda.org.nz

Join Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College for its new webinar series, A Taste of Theology from April-December 2024 every first Tuesday of the month. These are one-hour sessions with topics on Philosophy, Canon Law, Spirituality, Scripture, Moral Theology, etc. Four sessions revisit the documents of Vatican II. Cost of \$60 one-off. For more information and to register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology.

Pilgrims of Hope -Bishops create special webpage for Jubilee 2025 – The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together towards Jubilee 2025–Pilgrims of Hope: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/>.

The Fifth Gospel Project Father John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Send an experience (up to 400 words - before the end of April) by email to john@fff.org.nz

Relics of Saints Auckland Tour 2024 From 26 April to 5 May there is a unique and historic opportunity to welcome the relics of saints from both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches. This promises to be a spiritually enriching experience. More details: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/.

Upcoming Events at Mary MacKillop Centre

A Day with Henri Nouwen April 20, 10am – 4pm, Led by Eamon Butler Mary MacKillop Prayer Room, 26 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay, 20,\$35 /\$25. Please Register by 17 April

Card Crafting Workshop Saturday 20 April 10am – 3pm Mary MacKillop Centre, 26 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay, Facilitated by Meg Hills RSJ, \$35 /\$25. Register by 17 April

All Registrations to Sr Jill McLoughlin MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au

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