

PARISH ROSTERS

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Welcome/

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

Saturday	24 August	Ruth Gracie	Ceri O'Connor	Don Sheridan
Sunday	25 August	Judith Aggrey	Christine Sloan	Kirsten Sloan
Saturday	31 August	Mary Sullivan	Pat Sullivan	Bronwen Muir
Sunday	1 September	Mark Mullins	Christine Sloan	Judith Aggrey
Saturday	7 September	Ruth Gracie	Ivan Grbin	Carol Grbin
Sunday	8 September	Kirsten Sloan	Viki Trainor	Judith Walshe
Saturday	14 September	Bronwen Muir	Carol Grbin	Don Sheridan
Sunday	15 September	Gaileen McGivern	Christine Sloan	Kirsten Sloan
Saturday	21 September	Ruth Gracie	Mary Sullivan	Pat Sullivan
Sunday	22 September	Christine Sloan	Mark Mullins	Judith Aggrey

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

Saturday	24 August	*Pauline / Velvet
Sunday	25 August	*Ann Ita Harrison
Saturday	31 August	*Ruth Gracie
Sunday	1 September	*David Sloan
Saturday	7 September	*Pauline / Velvet
Sunday	8 September	*Robbie Martin
Saturday	14 September	*Ruth Gracie
Sunday	15 September	*David Sloan
Saturday	21 September	*Pauline / Velvet
Sunday	22 September	*Fe De La Haye

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

31 August	David Harold	14 September	David Harold
7 September	Barbara Boyce	21 September	Patrick Newton

Pastor's Note

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Let us pray for one another that our faith may grow and deepen. Through faith, Jesus teachings make a lot of sense. Faith inspires gratitude to God for what He has done for us. Faith gives us the wisdom to discover the meaning and relevance of God's commandments. And faith gives us the courage to resonate with Peter, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Blessings - Fr Gilbert

Please pray for those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers, especially: 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), Carlo Simoni.

PARISH OF ST PETER - Waiheke Island

P.O. Box 19, Oneroa, Waiheke Island | www.waihekecatholic.org.nz

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): 09-303-4509

Assistant Priest: Fr Glenford Lowe

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



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time / 25th August 2024

When is something just too much to bear to bear, very difficult to digest or simply that offensive to consider? Some people today will protest against the government's new rules and policies. Still remember the long and hard lockdowns we have been through? Our hearts will rebel against, seemingly, helpless situations. We want to know and understand something before we accept it. And that something must be for our own good.

We hear today the conclusion of Jesus' bread of life discourse. This is the time when Jesus' disciples and followers had to decide whether to accept or reject not only His words but, ultimately, Jesus Himself. It is the moment of truth. Sadly, they failed to see and understand. They did not know and so, they walked away from Jesus.

The first reading mentions that the tribes of Israel renewed their commitment to God by remembering His mighty deeds. They had other options. But, they promised to serve the Lord and get rid of all idols. They made this promise and they kept it because they always remember God's goodness to them. In the second reading, St Paul is reminding all the followers of Jesus to submit themselves to the Lord by obeying His commandments. In the case of husbands and wives, the Lord commands them to love one another. Husbands should love their wives the way Christ loves the church.

There are times when Jesus words do not sound encouraging but rather challenging. Jesus always tells us the truth and truth hurts. We always want to profess our faith and love for God but our actions, sometimes, convey what is contrary. Deep inside us, we protest and rebel against Jesus words and His commandments each time we struggle to live them out.

In matters of faith, it will always be either to accept or reject Christ's teachings, and there's nothing in between. It is either we accept or reject Jesus, Himself. If only, we can remind ourselves, consistently, of God's goodness and of what Jesus has done for us, we will surely accept Him and will remain faithful to Him.

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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



Hymns:

Entrance: 526 Gather Us In

Offertory:

Communion: 205 Eat This Bread

Recessional: 449 Be Not Afraid

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

25th August - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Reading II: Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

GOSPEL: Jn 6:60-69

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 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

(pray together)

I will bless the LORD at all times; his
praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my
soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear
me and be glad.

The LORD has eyes for the just, and ears
for their cry. The LORD confronts the
evildoers, to destroy remembrance of
them from the earth.

When the just cry out, the LORD hears
them, and from all their distress he
rescues them. The LORD is close to the
brokenhearted; and those who are
crushed in spirit he saves.

Many are the troubles of the just one, but
out of them all the LORD delivers him; he
watches over all his bones; not one of
them shall be broken.

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**

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

Invitation to all:

Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Bishop Steve Lowe will be presiding. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 02 September 2024 at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass. Any Parishioners who wish to join us, are most welcome.

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre:

For more info/dates and to book visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Wed 21 Aug | Thu 12 Sep | Tue 15 Oct **24Hr Quietude**- For those who seek a short retreat- Fri 7pm - Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accommodation + food) | Sep 6th/7th | Nov 22nd/23rd

The Diocesan Faith Formation Team are offering refresher education sessions across the regions of the diocese for the ministries of 1st Sacraments for Children and Baptism preparation. This is open to all educators and volunteers involved in these ministries. Regional sessions in West Auckland, East Auckland, and Northshore will be occurring through August and early September Please register on <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/formation/> to attend for your parish. For any further information please contact Dcn Steve Fraser on stephen@cda.org.nz or 021439407 Look forwards to seeing you all there!

Young Adults Ball / Saturday 14th September 7pm at McHugh's of Cheltenham Back by popular demand, we are excited to bring you The Young Adults Ball 2024! The theme for this year is 'Wonderland'. Here's your chance to put on your best formal attire and fall down the rabbit hole and into a world of whimsy, where the fantastical realm of Alice in Wonderland awaits!

Throughout the evening, be enchanted by the melodies of our live band, whose music will set the tone for a night of dancing and revelry. Indulge in canapes fit for a tea party, and select some of your favourite beverages available at the bar (With one free drink included in your ticket). Capture memories that will last a lifetime with our professional photographer, who will be on hand to snap photos of you and your friends against the backdrop of this magical event.

Don't be late for this very important date! - secure your tickets now: tickets \$120 (Ticket sales close 31st August or if sold out).*This is an 18+ event. **Tickets:**

https://Young_Adults_Ball.eventbrite.com

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding Lecture 6 in the series, A Taste of Theology. Rev Dr Merv Duffy will talk about "Christian identity, life and mission in *Lumen Gentium*, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. This will be on Tuesday, 03 September 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom. For a fee of \$60 you get access to all 9 courses in this lecture series and join the remaining live sessions. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology to register.

Ever wanted to know something about the Holy Land? Let us be ecumenical (unite in our various Christian faith) by joining in with our friends of the Armenian Church to an interesting online ZOOM lecture about the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem | Wednesday 28 August 2024 at 9:00pm. Prof Roberta Ervine, from New York, will give us a virtual tour/talk of the Church and it is free to register. Email Deacon Nishan on nishanbasmajian@gmail.com for the ZOOM link.

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland promotes for a strong and inclusive communities for missionary discipleship. Come to the **Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival** to be held on Saturday 21 September to Sunday 22 September | at the Malaeola Samoan Catholic Community Centre |16 Waokauri Place, Mangere | A time of celebration with Food, Music, and Cultural Shows on Saturday 9am - 3pm, and Thanksgiving Mass in the various languages and culture on Sunday at 1pm. Be involved, Be there.