

PARISH ROSTERS

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Welcome/

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

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	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

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

Pastor's Note

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Jesus calls His followers to go beyond superficial religiosity and embrace a deeper, more authentic spirituality that transforms their inner selves and, consequently, their actions.

This week the Gospel challenges us to examine the state of our hearts and to seek a true conversion that aligns our innermost being with the will of God. Jesus teaches us that genuine faith is not about rigid adherence to laws and traditions but about cultivating a pure heart that reflects God's love and righteousness. This calls for a continuous and sincere effort to align our thoughts, intentions, and actions with the teachings of Christ, fostering a faith that is vibrant, authentic, and transformative.

Blessings - Fr Stephen

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, 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



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / 1st September 2024

Mark's Gospel provides a significant insight into Jesus' teachings on true purity and the nature of genuine religion. This passage emphasizes that the mere keeping of external laws does not lead to God; rather, a heart truly converted and aligned with God's will is essential to follow the way of Jesus.

In verses 1-8, Jesus confronts the Pharisees and scribes, who criticize His disciples for not following traditional ceremonial washings. Jesus responds by quoting Isaiah, pointing out the hypocrisy of those who honour God with their lips while their hearts are far from Him. He condemns their legalism, emphasizing that their worship is in vain because they have replaced God's commandments with human traditions. This critique is not just about the specific tradition of handwashing, but a broader indictment of a religious mindset that prioritizes external rituals over inner transformation.

Jesus' challenge to the Pharisees underscores a critical point: adherence to external laws and rituals, in and of itself, does not bring one closer to God. Instead, what God desires is a heart that is genuinely committed to His ways. This calls for an internal conversion—a transformation that goes beyond outward compliance to the laws and touches the very core of a person's being.

In verses 14-15, Jesus further clarifies His message to the crowd. He declares, "Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them." This radical statement overturns the prevailing Jewish purity laws that focused on external sources of impurity. Jesus shifts the focus from external observances to the internal moral and spiritual state of an individual. True defilement, according to Jesus, arises from within a person, from the evil intentions and actions that emanate from the heart.

In verses 21-23 Jesus highlights that the root of moral corruption is internal, and thus, true purity requires a transformation of the heart.

This passage strongly advocates for a religion of the heart rather than one that is legalistic. Jesus favours a faith that is characterized by inner purity and moral integrity over one that is merely concerned with external observance of rules. The keeping of external laws, while not inherently wrong, becomes meaningless if it is not accompanied by a genuine conversion of the heart.

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Hymns:

Entrance: 404 Christ Be Our Light

Offertory:

Communion: 490 Prayer of St Francis

Recessional: 489 The Beautitudes

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

1st September- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Reading II: Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

GOSPEL: Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

(pray together)

Whoever walks blamelessly and
does justice; who thinks the truth in
his heart and slanders not with his
tongue.

Who harms not his fellow man, nor
takes up a reproach against his
neighbor; by whom the reprobate is
despised, while he honors those
who fear the LORD.

Who lends not his money at usury
and accepts no bribe against the
innocent. Whoever does these
things shall never be disturbed.

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 stephenf@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

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.

Eternal Rest Please pray for eternal rest for Mary Wright who died Wednesday morning and pray for comfort and strength for Simon and their sons. Peter, Damien Andrew and Nick.