

PARISH ROSTERS

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Welcome/

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

Saturday	7 September	Ruth Gracie	Ivan Grbin	Carol Grbin
Sunday	8 September	Kirsten Sloan	Viki Trainor	JudithWalshe
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	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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In the same way water, oil, bread, and wine, can become the reality of God's presence with us. The very ordinary, physical, actions of Our Lord are a foreshadowing of the sacraments he was to give to his Church.

But it is also a reminder that God usually comes to us, not in a voice like thunder from heaven, or a shining vision of light, dazzling our eyes. But in the apparently mundane events of our daily lives, in the everyday beauty of the world around us, and in the words and touch of those images of his with which we are surrounded.

Blessings - Fr Chris

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

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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	



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / 8th September 2024

The miracle of healing that is at the centre of this Sunday's Gospel makes clear that Christ is the longed-for Messiah, who brings in a new age, a time of deliverance, of freedom from bondage, a time of restoration. The healing of the deaf and dumb man points us to the prophecies of Isaiah, from which we heard in our first reading, which proclaim a return of God's people from Exile, a time of healing and restoration, of plenty and of a new life with God and with each other. So, Christ's healing of the deaf and dumb man is a sign that in Christ and in what Christ does this new age is coming to be a reality. Through Christ human beings can have deliverance and a restored life.

The news is truly good, and yet its demonstration is a little unexpected. There are no dramatic gestures and signs from heaven. No rolling thunder, no flashes of lightning, to accompany such works of power. Instead Christ puts his fingers into his ears and puts his spittle onto his tongue, before commanding him to be healed. It's all very up close and personal. And very earthly.

By its sheer physicality this healing makes very real for us the fact of the bodily Incarnation of the Son of God. Christ is God made present for the people of his time as a human being, a man very much of flesh and blood, and he interacted with other human beings of flesh and blood in very physical ways. The graphic details of the healing of the deaf and dumb man emphasize and make very evident that the incarnate Son of God is a real physical human being. We even have recorded the very words Christ spoke, the Aramaic word, 'Ephphatha' 'Be opened,' preserved across all the centuries for us.

Fingers in the ears and spittle on the tongue aren't glorious or romantic, but they are a sign that what is humble and very earthly can become the means by which God's grace is given to us.

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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: 498 City of God

Offertory:

Communion: 202 Our Supper Invitation

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

8th September- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Is 35:4-7a

Reading II: Jas 2:1-5

GOSPEL: Mk 7:31-37

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 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

(pray together)

The God of Jacob keeps faith
forever, secures justice for the
oppressed, gives food to the
hungry. The LORD sets captives
free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind;
the LORD raises up those who
were bowed down. The LORD
loves the just; the LORD protects
strangers.

The fatherless and the widow the
LORD sustains, but the way of the
wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall
reign forever; your God, O Zion,
through all generations.

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.

Social Justice Week: 8-14 September 2024

Imagine Peace for all: Choose forgiveness, know peace.

Each year, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops lead us in Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in Aotearoa. This year we are looking at the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation for building lasting peace. Join us in reflecting on how these values can transform our lives and communities. Through prayer, education, and action, we can work together to create a more just and peaceful society.

For resources and more information visit
www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week

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!

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.

Cans for Christmas is a Charity that has run for 10 years now - We coordinate Catholic Primary Schools and Colleges to collect canned food items for St Vincent de Paul. During the last 9 years we have collected 160,000 cans and \$10,000 for St Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need. Please join us by donating to our page - This money goes directly to St Vincent de Paul.

NZ Catholic Medical Association Networking Event with Dr Mary English on 20 September. The event will be for healthcare students and professionals and is an opportunity to connect with each other, learn and be inspired.

