

PARISH ROSTERS

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Welcome/

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

Saturday 05 October	Pat Sullivan	Mary Sullivan	Don Sheridan
Sunday 06 October	Gaileen McGivern	Sheldene Crookes	Judith Aggrey
Saturday 12 October	Ruth Gracie	Ceri O'Connor	Bronwen Muir
Sunday 13 October	Christine Sloan	Mark Mullins	Viki Trainor
Saturday 19 October	Mary Sullivan	Don Sheridan	Pat Sullivan
Sunday 20 October	Sheldene Crookes	Judith Aggrey	Gaileen McGivern
Saturday 26 October	Ceri O'Connor	Ivan Grbin	Carol Grbin
Sunday 27 October	Judith Walshe	Kirsten Sloan	Mark Mullins
Saturday 02 November	Ruth Gracie	Bronwen Muir	Don Sheridan
Sunday 03 November	Judith Aggrey	Christine Sloan	Kirsten Sloan

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

Saturday 05 October	*Ruth Grice
Sunday 06 October	*Robbie Martin
Saturday 12 October	*Velvet/Pauline
Sunday 13 October	*Fe De La Haye
Saturday 19 October	*Ruth Grice
Sunday 20 October	*David Sloan
Saturday 26 October	*Ruth Gracie
Sunday 27 October	*Ann Ita Harrison
Saturday 02 November	*Velvet/Pauline
Sunday 03 November	*Robbie Martin

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

05 October	David Harold
12 October	Patrick Newton
19 October	Barbara Boyce
26 October	David Harold

Pastor's Note

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You should be able to tell Christians by their realism and by their founded belief that God is greater than any weakness or sin. It is fashionable to say that we are all sinners. True enough, but this is only part of the truth. We are also repentant sinners, and we seek the grace of deeper conversion during the whole of our lives. We seek to commit ourselves to a vision of human life that is based, not on the changing culture of the world, but on the solid rock of the teaching of Jesus Christ.

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@stpeter.org.nz): 09-303-4509

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 6th October 2024

There are those who think that Jesus's teaching about marriage has become out of date nowadays. It does not fit the facts or the experience of so many. "The world has changed, and so must we" is the principle, whether spoken or not. Well, the world does change, and will keep on doing so. But not always as much as we think. Jesus's teaching was "counter-cultural" even in his own day. Obviously Jewish law and practice went against what he taught, as mentioned in the gospel, but so also did Roman law and culture.

Divorce in ancient Rome was very easy. One of the most famous ancient inscriptions preserved in Rome is what is called the "Laudatio Turiae." It was erected by a grieving husband in honour of his late wife. In it he says "Marriages as long as ours are rare, marriages that are ended by death and not broken by divorce. For we were fortunate enough to see our marriage last without disharmony for fully 40 years." 40 years without divorce was worth erecting a stone tablet for, it seems. What Jesus taught about divorce and remarriage was counter-cultural at the start. It did not fit in easily at the time he said it.

We should not get used to sin and moral weakness, seeing them as our deepest and most natural condition. It is goodness and love that are at the heart of creation, and marriages are built on them. On hearing today's gospel our minds may well start to focus on the issue of divorce and remarriage, but Jesus wants us to discover or rediscover how it was in the beginning, at creation, and to live and love accordingly.

So we are not to put asunder what God has joined. The central and sustaining image is that the two spouses become one indivisible flesh. As Jesus says, we must go back to the beginning, to creation, and, to help fill our minds and imaginations before we hear the gospel, today's first reading is in fact from Genesis. But we do not hear these readings just to remind ourselves of the teaching on marriage. We hear them to remind ourselves that, like the whole of creation, we were made by God, and made for good.

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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:	417	Glory and Praise to Our God
Offertory:		
Communion:	432	O Breathe on Me, O Breathe of God
Recessional:	478	Bring Forth the Kingdom

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

6th October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Gn 2:18-24

Reading II: Heb 2:9-11

GOSPEL: Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

(pray together)

Blessed are you who fear the LORD,
who walk in his ways! For you shall
eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.
Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in
the recesses of your home; your
children like olive plants around your
table.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who
fears the LORD. The LORD bless you
from Zion: may you see the prosperity
of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
May you see your children's children.
Peace be upon Israel!

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.

Let's **map Auckland City in prayer**. Join Christians from throughout Auckland in praying for all people of the diocese. It is simple, it is free, it is powerful. Take a walk and prayer mapping your walk with the app. Learn more at aucklandprayerfestival.nz Do it as an individual, or do it with friends. Pope Francis has dedicated 2024 as a year of prayer. Here is a practical way to participate.

Parish to Parish for Bed and Breakfast. Catholics throughout New Zealand and a few in Australia host Catholics in their homes, a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics.

A contribution of \$50 for one person, and \$30 for each additional guest, this is per night. E.g. two people would pay \$80 per night.

If you wish to purchase a book with the details of the hosts, the cost is \$15, includes postage, contact or order from Marie Anderson, 2 Brent Place, Christchurch 8053, phone 027 2800 611, email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

We are pleased to announce our next series "**Exploring Sacred Spaces**". We are planning to visit 5 Sacred Spaces this year:

Wed, 02 Oct, 7-8.30pm: Manurewa Baha'i Centre (Baha'i)

Sat, 05 Oct, 1.30-3.30pm: St John the Evangelist (Catholic)

Sat, 12 Oct, 2-3.30pm: Harkrishan Sahib Ji (Sikh)

If you want to read about our previous event in this series, you might like to check out:

<http://www.aucklandinterfaithcouncil.org.nz/events/exploring-sacred-spaces-2/> Please share the invitation attached with your networks.

Building a fruitful Parish is an event not to be missed. Cathy Kennedy - Evangelisation Director of St Declan's Parish in Sydney will be sharing practical experience and knowledge on how to help your parish grow in vibrancy by understanding "what next" in parish growth. Please register at <https://brushfire.com/divinerenovationministry-nz/thefruitfulparishintentionallybuildingacultureofev/585438>

Evening includes nibbles and refreshments and has a registration of \$15.00 per person. Event to be held at St Francis Friary on **Monday, 14 Oct 2024 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm NZDT**

If you have any questions, please contact Emily on finance@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or Cheryl on cheryl.surrey@divinerenovation.org

All are welcome!!

Liturgy is a quarterly magazine, curated to support liturgical life in parishes, schools, and faith communities. The Liturgy Centre, from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland in New Zealand, has been producing this magazine for nearly 50 years. Liturgy is available online on the diocesan website. It is free: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/magazine/>.

The Upper Room Thursday 17th October 6:30pm-9:00pm at Good George Mission Bay. Young adults, this event is a fantastic opportunity to grab a drink, enjoy some (free) bar snacks, meet other young Catholics, and dive into some relevant topics.

Our guest speaker for this Upper Room is Tim Wilson. Tickets are \$10: Go to facebook.com/AKCYM or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for more info.