

PARISH ROSTERS

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Welcome/

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

Saturday 02 November	Ruth Gracie	Bronwen Muir	Don Sheridan
Sunday 03 November	Judith Aggrey	Christine Sloan	Kirsten Sloan
Saturday 09 November	Mary Sullivan	Pat Sullivan	Ceri O'Connor
Sunday 10 November	Mark Mullins	Viki Trainor	Sheldene Crookes
Saturday 16 November	Ruth Gracie	Carol Grbin	Ivan Grbin
Sunday 17 November	Kirsten Sloan	Gaileen McGivern	Judith Walshe
Saturday 23 November	Bronwen Muir	Don Sheridan	Ceri O'Connor
Sunday 24 November	Viki Trainor	Kirsten Sloan	Judith Aggrey

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

Saturday 02 November	*Velvet/Pauline
Sunday 03 November	*Robbie Martin
Saturday 09 November	*Ruth Gracie
Sunday 10 November	*Fe De La Haye
Saturday 16 November	*Pauline / Velvet
Sunday 17 November	*David Sloan
Saturday 23 November	*Ruth Gracie
Sunday 24 November	*Ann Ita Harrison

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

12 October	Patrick Newton	09 November	Barbara Boyce
19 October	Barbara Boyce	16 November	David Harold
26 October	David Harold	23 November	Patrick Newton
02 November	Patrick Newton		

Pastor's Note

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Throughout his ministry he has shown what the love of God means, and as he goes to Gethsemane and Calvary he will show what the love God and doing his will means. He will accept the cup which the Father gives him. But that sacrifice is also an expression of his love for neighbour for he gives his life "as a ransom for many." The Incarnational Son shows in practice what it means to love God and neighbour at the same time. To the scribe, and to us, he effectively says what he said of the Good Samaritan: "Go, and do likewise!"

Blessings - by the late Fr David Sanders

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 & Eil), 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

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time / 3rd November 2024

At the end of his ministry it is not surprising that the religious authorities want to know what is the basis of Jesus's authority. After all, in cleansing the Temple he had challenged the symbol of their authority. Jesus, like Jeremiah before him, had attacked the way God's law had been carried out by the Jewish priests—with sacrifices and holocausts in the Temple—but ignored in the way that so many of God's people were treated with disdain and injustice. The temple, instead of being a place of prayer for all nations, had grown inward-looking, excluding the Gentiles. These religious authorities suffered from what we might call today a polarised mind; this is the attitude in which someone is fixated on one point of view exclusive of any competing points of view.

So Jesus is attacked by the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and the Herodians as they try catch him out and make him take sides on contentious issues such as the resurrection or the tax paid to Caesar. Now today it is the turn of a scribe to address Jesus. No doubt we have already pigeon-holed him and expect him to pose an aggressive question to Jesus. But, no, the scribe is fair and open-minded. He has listened to Jesus' wise replies to the other leaders and seems genuinely interested in wanting to know how Jesus would answer what had become a familiar question among lawyers. With 365 prohibitions and 248 positive commands in the Torah, was there a basic principle behind all this detailed legislation which could interpret it well? So he asks, "Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus answers by quoting the Shema which we read in the first reading from Deuteronomy. "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength." Love of God comes first but it is not enough. No doubt aware of our human tendency to polarise, to separate the divine from the human, the earthly from the heavenly, Jesus quickly adds another command taken from Leviticus 19. "You must love your neighbour as yourself." These two together are the key to true interpretation. These two commandments existed separately in Judaism. It is apt that Jesus, who unites both the human and the divine in himself, should bring the two together.

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Hymns:

Entrance: 392 Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Offertory:

Communion: 204 I am the Bread of Life

Recessional: 411 Holy God we Praise Your Name

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

3rd November - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Dt 6:2-6

Reading II: Heb 7:23-28

GOSPEL: Mk 12:28b-34

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 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

(pray together)

I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my
deliverer.

My God, my rock of refuge, my
shield, the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold! Praised be the
LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe
from my enemies.

The LORD lives! And blessed be
my rock! Extolled be God my
savior. You who gave great
victories to your king and showed
kindness to your anointed.

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.

2025 Columban Calendar - The 2025 Columban Calendar is on sale in the atrium for \$13.00 each. Please place cash in slot on bench top under light switches or pay through Parish Account with 'Calendar' as reference. A wonderful Christmas gift.

Parish BBQ – Saturday 23 November – 6.00pm

Parish BBQ will be held following Mass on Saturday 23 November. Meat and punch will be supplied. Please bring a salad or/and dessert to share. BYO drinks. A wonderful opportunity to socialise as parish family, and give best wishes to Colleen Delamere as she leaves to live in Auckland. Please mark this date in your calendar.

Annual Mass Count November

A head count will be taken for all adults and children attending all Masses in November. The figures contribute to pastoral planning, and determine our copyright licensing fee.

A SPECTACULAR CONCERT – 7pm, SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER Join us at St Michael's Catholic Church for a memorable evening. Hosted by James Ioelu, Bass Baritone, with special guest Edward Laurenson, Operatic Baritone, and musician friends. Uplifting classical songs from shows, opera, instrumental pieces and traditional Christmas music. Prices \$60 to \$95, includes intermission refreshments. Buy tickets at trybooking.com. Proceeds to support the Kiri Te Kanawa Foundation.

On the **'Wings' of the Spirit!** Gather with others in your parish to explore your faith through the Scriptures and to grow in your relationship with Jesus. Get Wings.Nga Parirau in your parish today, the NZ Catholic Faith Formation programme. Contact Dianna: diannaf@cda.org.nz
Pope Francis has just released his latest encyclical, **"Delexit Nos"**, He loved us, in the last couple of days and I will host a series of 3 sessions on this in Advent, **4th, 11th, 18th December, 7 – 7.30pm on Zoom**. Contact Dianna: diannaf@cda.org.nz

Wake and Pray, Tuesday mornings in Advent, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th December, a half hour Meditation on Zoom 6.15-6.45am
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