

PARISH ROSTERS

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Welcome/

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

Saturday 30 November	Mary Sullivan	Pat Sullivan	Don Sheridan
Sunday 01 December	Sheldene Crookes	Mark Mullins	Viki Trainor
Saturday 07 December	Ruth Gracie	Carol Grbin	Ivan Grbin
Sunday 08 December	Gaileen McGivern	Judith Walshe	Kirsten Sloan
Saturday 14 December	Don Sheridan	Ceri O'Connor	Bronwen Muir
Sunday 15 December	Christine Sloan	Judith Aggrey	Sheldene Crookes
Saturday 21 December	Ivan Grbin	Mary Sullivan	Carol Grbin
Sunday 22 December	Viki Trainor	Kirsten Sloan	Mark Mullins
Saturday 28 December	Ceri O'Connor	Bronwen Muir	Don Sheridan
Sunday 29 December	Judith Aggrey	Gaileen McGivern	Christine Sloan

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

Saturday 30 November	*Ruth Gracie
Sunday 01 December	*Robbie Martin
Saturday 07 December	*Velvet/Pauline
Sunday 08 December	*Fe De La Haye
Saturday 14 December	*Ruth Gracie
Sunday 15 December	*David Sloan
Saturday 21 December	*Velvet/Pauline
Sunday 22 December	*Ann Ita Harrison
Saturday 28 December	*Ruth Gracie
Sunday 29 December	*Robbie Martin

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

30 November	Barbara Boyce
07 December	David Harold
14 December	Patrick Newton
21 December	Barbara Boyce
28 December	David Harold

Pastor's Note

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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),

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



First Sunday of Advent / 1st December 2024

The Gospel this week captures a central theme of the Advent season: watchfulness and preparation for the coming of Christ. These verses point to both the second coming of Jesus and our need to remain spiritually alert, resisting the distractions and burdens of daily life that can pull us away from God's presence.

In verses 25-28, Jesus speaks of signs in the natural world—distress among nations and upheavals in the heavens—that signal the coming of the Son of Man. These descriptions are apocalyptic and can evoke fear, but Jesus encourages his followers to respond with hope rather than despair. He tells them to “stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” This is a call to courage and trust in God's promise of salvation. During Advent, this hope resonates deeply as we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming and anticipate his return.

Verses 34-36 remind us of the importance of vigilance. Jesus warns against being weighed down by distractions and the worries of life. These distractions can numb our spiritual sensitivity and make us unprepared for the day of the Lord. Advent is a time to step back from the chaos and busyness of life, to realign our priorities, and to focus on what truly matters. By staying awake and praying, we open our hearts to God's presence and ensure we are ready to meet Christ, both in the small moments of daily life and in his ultimate return.

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 Catholic Cathedral of St Patrick, Parish of St Benedict - Newton, Parish of St John - Parnell*



Hymns:

- Entrance:** 498 City of God
- Offertory:**
- Communion:** 193 One Bread One Body
- Recessional:** 453 Though the Mountains May Fall

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 December - First Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Jer 33:14-16

Reading II: 1 Thes 3:12-4:2

GOSPEL: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

(pray together)

Your ways, O LORD, make known to
me; teach me your paths, Guide me in
your truth and teach me, for you are
God my savior, and for you I wait all
the day.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus
he shows sinners the way. He guides
the humble to justice, and teaches the
humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are
kindness and constancy toward those
who keep his covenant and his
decrees. The friendship of the LORD
is with those who fear him, and his
covenant, for their instruction.

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.

Tui Motu – Latest issue is on sale in the atrium for \$6.00.

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

Contact: diannaf@cda.org.nz

Waiheke Beachside Community Carols - The Baptist Church is organising Carol Singing at Oneroa and Palm Beach Sunday 1st December 5.30pm – 8.00pm

Waiheke Choral Society Concert - Sunday 8th December 2.00pm at St Peter's Church Koha for Waiheke Budgeting

Waiheke Budgeting Foodbank –

Let us fill the basket with Christmas treats and other non-perishable items

Pondering the Advent Sunday Gospels, Sunday evenings 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd December, on Zoom, 7-7.30 pm. Contact: 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

Nga Tapuwae. Registrations are open for Ngā Tapuwae **10th to 12th January 2025.** Come and join us in experiencing the footsteps of Bishop Pompallier, Kupe, and the Poynton's with other pilgrims together sharing our Catholic and Māori heritage.

This will be a guided pilgrimage. Accommodation at \$80.00 per night per person will be shared living, experience and eating on the Marae. Your own transport will be required. For more information contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz