

PARISH ROSTERS

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Welcome/

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

Christmas Eve	Judith Aggrey	Kirsten Sloan	Bronwen Muir
	Ruth Gracie (special min)		
Christmas Day	Christine Sloan	Mark Mullins	Viki Trainor
	David Sloan (special min)		
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
Saturday 04 January	Bronwen Muir	Pat Sullivan	Mary Sullivan
Sunday 05 January	Kirsten Sloan	Viki Trainor	Mark Mullins
Saturday 11 January	Carol Grbin	Ivan Grbin	Ceri O'Connor
Sunday 12 January	Christine Sloan	Judith Aggrey	Gaileen McGivern
Saturday 18 January	Ruth Gracie	Don Sheridan	Bronwen Muir
Sunday 19 January	Mark Mullins	Kirsten	Sloan Viki Trainor

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

Saturday 21 December	*Velvet/Pauline
Sunday 22 December	*Ann Ita Harrison
Saturday 28 December	*Ruth Gracie
Sunday 29 December	*Robbie Martin
Saturday 04 January	*Velvet/Pauline
Sunday 05 January	* David Sloan
Saturday 11 January	*Ruth Gracie
Sunday 12 January	*Ann Ita Harrison
Saturday 18 January	*Pauline / Velvet
Sunday 19 January	*Robbie Martin

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

21 December	Barbara Boyce
28 December	David Harold

Pastor's Note

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As we prepare to celebrate His birth, let us reflect on our faith. Do we, like Mary, trust in the promises of God? Do we, like Elizabeth, recognize the presence of Christ in our lives and in those around us? Advent is a time to rekindle our belief in the One who blesses us with peace, hope, and eternal life. May we approach Christmas with hearts ready to embrace the same blessedness that Mary and Elizabeth knew—blessedness that comes from knowing and believing in Jesus, the child born to save the world.

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent / 22nd December 2024

As Advent draws us into the anticipation of Christ's birth, the Gospel this week offers a profound glimpse into the joy and faith surrounding this sacred event. Mary, having received the angel's message of her miraculous pregnancy, sets out with haste to visit her relative Elizabeth. This moment is more than a family reunion; it is a meeting filled with divine significance. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, recognizes Mary's blessedness—not only because of her faith but because of the child she bears. The blessing comes from the presence of Jesus, the promised Messiah, growing within her.

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb", Elizabeth proclaims later in the passage. This blessing is not about Mary's worthiness alone but about the transformative power of Christ. Mary is blessed because she believed in God's promise, and the One she carries is the source of that blessing.

Advent reminds us that this same blessing is offered to us. To be blessed, as shown in this Gospel, is to welcome Jesus into our lives, to believe in His promises, and to live in the hope of His coming. It's not about external circumstances or worldly achievements but about a heart open to the transformative presence of Christ. Just as Elizabeth and her unborn child leapt for joy in the presence of the Savior, we too are invited to experience that joy and blessing when we encounter Jesus.

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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:	559	O Come Divine Messiah
Offertory:		
Communion:	193	One Bread One Body
Recessional:	544	Hail Mary Gentle Woman

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.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should
enter under my roof, but only say the
word and my soul shall be healed.**

Invitation to Prayer

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the
praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good
of all his holy church.

Liturgy of the Word

22nd December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Mt 5:1-4a

Reading II: Heb 10:5-10

GOSPEL: Lk 1:39-45

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 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

(pray together)

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from
your throne upon the cherubim, shine
forth. Rouse your power, and come to
save us.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look
down from heaven, and see; take care
of this vine, and protect what your right
hand has planted the son of man whom
you yourself made strong.

May your help be with the man of your
right hand, with the son of man whom
you yourself made strong. Then we will
no more withdraw from you; give us
new life, and we will call upon your
name.

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.

Wake and Pray, Tuesday mornings in Advent, 17th, 24th December, a half hour Meditation on Zoom 6.15-6.45am
Contact: diannaf@cda.org.nz

Latest issue of Tui Motu on sale in the atrium for \$6.00. Either put cash in slot on bench or pay into Parish account as listed above with 'tui motu' as reference.

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

Year of Jubilee Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope. Join Bishop Steve in Mass opening the year of Jubilee 2025, Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph, 11pm, 31 December.

Christmas Mass on Shine TV this year Christmas Mass from the Archdiocese of Wellington will be broadcast on Shine TV at 3pm. Please let interested people know especially the housebound know.

See the Need. Be the Hope! Catholic Caring Foundation's Christmas Appeal
Please support the Caring Foundation's Christmas appeal through your donations and prayers. Your donation will have **double the impact!**. Please feel free to take home our Christmas newsletter and see where your donations are making a difference.
www.caringfoundation.org.nz or call (09) 360 3012.

Opening of the Year of Jubilee Join Bishop Steve in Mass opening the year of Jubilee 2025, Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph, 11pm, 31 December.

Christmas Masses at St Peters Church celebrated by Father Glen Lowe

Christmas Eve Mass – 5.15pm – Carols 5.00pm

Christmas Day Mass – 9.15am – Carols 9.00am