

PARISH ROSTERS

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Welcome/

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

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
Saturday 04 January	Bronwen Muir	Pat Sullivan	Mary Sullivan

Sunday 05 January Kirsten Sloan Viki Trainor Mark Mullins

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

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
Saturday 04 January	*Velvet/Pauline
Sunday 05 January	* David Sloan

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

07 December	David Harold
14 December	Patrick Newton
21 December	Barbara Boyce

Pastor's Note

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When, as John proclaimed, the Messiah began to move among his people, he reiterated that call. When Our Lord began his public ministry, his message was "Repent, the Kingdom of God is near!" So, we are invited once again in this season of Advent to allow ourselves to be brought back by the Lord. To hear and receive the Word that we might bear it. From hearers we are to become doers of the Word, displaying God's compassion in our lives. If this seems impossibly difficult, we might remember the other icon of Advent, with the Baptist: the young woman who was told by the angel that the Holy Spirit would come upon her, and the power of the Most High would cover her with its shadow. For nothing is impossible to God, even making saints out of such unlikely characters as ourselves, if only we would listen to his Word, respond to his call, and return to him.

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),

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

Assistant Priest: Fr Glenford Lowe

Parish Liaison: Christine Sloan (stpeters.waiheke@gmail.com):09-372-3581



Second Sunday of Advent / 8th December 2024

Baruch is technically on of the "Minor Prophets" in the Old Testament. Minor because they are short in length, not because they are of no importance! In our first reading he brings a message of reconciliation and hope to the Jewish communities of the Greek-speaking Middle East at a time in which for them exile had become permanent. Even those returning to Jerusalem could not but have been aware that the Land of the Covenant was ruled by pagan Gentiles, first the Greeks, later the Romans. Baruch tells us of the renewal of Jerusalem, when her children will be brought back, overcoming every obstacle, to the presence of God on his holy mountain.

The message of course isn't just for them, it wouldn't be in the Scriptures if it were. It is for us as well. We too, in our time, are exiles, uneasily aware of all that separates us from the God who comes to us, to free us from our self-induced bondage of sin. Like Baruch's audience, we await God's saving action breaking into our lives.

In our Gospel St Luke gives us a picture of the irruption of God into history. He tells us of the political secular arrangement of the time. The rulers of the earth are in their places. Then, after this description of the political establishment, "the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness." Something new begins, done by God. Those civil rulers, at least initially, didn't care. "Just another nutter preaching out in the countryside. Happens all the time." Only those who heeded the Lord's word recognized what was happening.

Although the rulers remain ignorant—for now—they are to be fundamentally challenged, albeit in a non-political manner, by this new thing that begins with John the Baptist. The word of God, Luke tells us, comes upon John and his preaching of a baptism of conversion or repentance again connects him with the great prophets of Israel who called the people back from their alienation from and rebellion against God, to once again base their lives on living out God's commandments.

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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: 285 O Come O Come Emmanuel

Offertory:

Communion: 204 I am the Bread of Life

Recessional: 404 Christ Be Our Light

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

8th December - Second Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Bar 5:1-9

Reading II: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

GOSPEL: Lk 3:4-6

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 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

(pray together)

When the LORD brought back the
captives of Zion, we were like men
dreaming. Then our mouth was filled
with laughter, and our tongue with
rejoicing.

Then they said among the nations, "The
LORD has done great things for them."
The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the
torrents in the southern desert. Those
who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown, They
shall come back rejoicing, carrying their
sheaves

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.

Waiheke Budgeting Foodbank –

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

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

Contact: diannaf@cda.org.nz

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

Pondering the Advent Sunday Gospels, Sunday evenings 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, **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

Christmas Masses celebrated by Father Glen Lowe

Christmas Eve Mass – 5.15pm – Carols 5.00pm

Christmas Day Mass – 9.15am – Carols 9.00am

You are invited for the potluck lunch for combined churches, 8 December,
Sunday at 3:30pm at 18A Waiata Road, Onetangi. Same Venue as Belia Mary
1st birthday celebration. Hangi will be added to the potluck lunch. All are
welcome.