

# PARISH ROSTERS

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## PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

	<u>Welcome/</u> <u>Prayers of faithful:</u>	<u>1st reader:</u>	<u>2nd reader:</u>
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Judith Aggrey Ruth Gracie (special min)	Kirsten Sloan	Bronwen Muir
<b>Christmas Day</b>	Christine Sloan Sloan (special min)	Mark Mullins	Viki Trainor David
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
Saturday 11 January	Carol Grbin	Ivan Grbin	Ceri O'Connor
Sunday 12 January	Christine Sloan	Judith Aggrey	Gaileen McGivern

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

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
Saturday 11 January	*Ruth Gracie
Sunday 12 January	*Ann Ita Harrison

## DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

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

## Pastor's Note

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This Advent season, we heed John the Baptist's challenge of translating renewal into concrete deeds. We strive to be kind, honest, and truthful in our day-to-day living. Let us do it intentionally and wholeheartedly and not as an obligation. When we do it freely, it will never be a burden but a source of joy. Let us light the third candle in our wreath, the candle of joy, and let its light permeate our hearts and the whole world.

**Blessings - Fr. Gilbert**

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

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Glenford Lowe

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



## *Third Sunday of Advent / 15th December 2024*

The Third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing. It came from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon in the Latin Missal that says, "Gaudete in Domino semper," translated as "Rejoice in the Lord always." As we draw closer to Christmas, the liturgy invites us to cry out to God with joy and gladness. We should rejoice because our salvation is at hand. As we make time for external preparations, we also do our best to be spiritually prepared.

The first reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah clearly sets the mood and theme of our celebration. "Shout for joy, O daughter of Sion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem." Joy and gladness come from knowing that God is in their midst. The Lord has forgiven their sins. He has come to save His people. And He is happy to renew His love for them.

St Paul spoke similarly in his letter to the Philippians, assuring them of God's nearness. He encouraged them to intensify their kindness and to approach God with great confidence when they pray. He wrote this while he was in prison undergoing hardships. He testified to the fact that Christian life is not without trials and hardships. But all these will lead to true peace.

In the gospel, John the Baptist became like a concierge or a customer service representative, answering the people's queries and giving them direction where to go and what to do. His response is practical but very challenging. It is a call to simplicity and contentment, to be just and to love our neighbor. Easier said than done, but not impossible.

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<b>Hymns:</b>		
<b>Entrance:</b>	559	O Come Divine Messiah
<b>Offertory:</b>		
<b>Communion:</b>	193	One Bread One Body
<b>Recessional:</b>	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

15th December - Third Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Zep 3:14-18a

Reading II: Phil 4:4-7

GOSPEL: Lk 3:10-18

### 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 Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

*(pray together)*

God indeed is my savior; I am confident  
and unafraid. My strength and my  
courage is the LORD, and he has been  
my savior. With joy you will draw water  
at the fountain of salvation.  
Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his  
name; among the nations make known  
his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his  
name.  
Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious  
achievement; let this be known  
throughout all the earth. Shout with  
exultation, O city of Zion, for great in  
your midst is the Holy One of 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.

**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](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

**Pondering the Advent Sunday Gospels,** Sunday evenings 15th, 22nd December, on Zoom, 7-7.30 pm. Contact: [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto: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 **18th December, 7 – 7.30pm** on Zoom. Contact Dianna: [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Christmas Masses celebrated by Father Glen Lowe**

**Christmas Eve Mass – 5.15pm – Carols 5.00pm**

**Christmas Day Mass – 9.15am – Carols 9.00am**