

PARISH ROSTERS

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Welcome/

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

Saturday 01 March	Ceri O'Connor	Pat Sullivan	Mary Sullivan
Sunday 02 March	Viki Trainor	Judith Walshe	Mark Mullins
Saturday 08 March	Ruth Gracie	Don Sheridan	Bronwen Muir
Sunday 09 March	Christine Sloan	Judith Aggrey	Kirsten Sloan
Saturday 15 March	Carol Grbin	Ceri O'Connor	Ivan Grbin
Sunday 16 March	Mark Mullins	Viki Trainor	Sheldene Crookes
Saturday 22 March	Don Sheridan	Mary Sullivan	Pat Sullivan
Sunday 23 March	Judith Aggrey	Gaileen Mc Givern	Christine Sloan
Saturday 29 March	Ruth Gracie	Bronwen Muir	Ceri O'Connor
Sunday 30 March	Viki Trainor	Sheldene Crookes	Mark Mullin

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

Saturday 01 March	*Velvet/Pauline
Sunday 02 March	*David Sloan
Saturday 08 March	*Velvet/Pauline
Sunday 09 March	*Ann Ita Harrison
Saturday 15 March	*Ruth Gracie
Sunday 16 March	*Robbie Martin
Saturday 22 March	*Velvet/Pauline
Sunday 23 March	*Fe De La Haye
Saturday 29 March	*Velvet/Pauline
Sunday 30 March	*David Sloan

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

01 March	David Harold
08 March	Patrick Newton
15 March	Barbara Boyce
22 March	David Harold
29 March	Patrick Newton

Pastor's Note

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Finally, Jesus' teaching on good and bad trees producing corresponding fruit reinforces the idea that inner character manifests in outward actions. If our hearts are filled with goodness, our words and deeds will reflect that. Conversely, if we harbour malice or hypocrisy, it will inevitably be revealed.

This week's Gospel serves as a powerful call to cultivate sincerity, humility, and self-awareness in both our words and actions, ensuring that what we preach aligns with how we live.

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 Craig Dunford : 09-303-4509

Assistant Priest: Fr Glenford Lowe
 Fr Daniel Kulangara

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



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 2nd March 2025

The Gospel this week presents Jesus' teachings on judgment, hypocrisy, and the importance of integrity in speech and actions. Through parables, He warns against spiritual blindness and emphasizes the necessity of self-examination before correcting others. His message underscores the profound truth that human relationships are built on trust, and trustworthiness is often in short supply.

One of the key ideas in this passage is the importance of sincerity and honesty. Jesus reminds us that our words and actions reveal the true nature of our hearts. We may attempt to present ourselves in a certain way, concealing our flaws and weaknesses, but ultimately, our speech and behaviour will betray our true selves. This is particularly relevant in a world where many wear masks, striving to maintain an image rather than embracing authenticity. No matter how carefully we attempt to hide our thoughts and intentions, they will eventually emerge through conversation and interaction.

Jesus' parable of the blind leading the blind serves as a cautionary reminder that those who seek to guide others must first ensure their own spiritual clarity. A teacher or leader who lacks self-awareness or fails to acknowledge personal shortcomings cannot effectively guide others. This is especially important for those called to preach and teach moral values. The challenge of preaching lies in the balance between instructing others and recognizing one's own faults. It is uncomfortable to be reminded of personal failings, yet Jesus does not suggest abandoning the responsibility of teaching. Instead, He calls His disciples to be both learners and teachers, ensuring they remain humble and self-reflective.

Jesus' analogy of the speck and the plank in the eye further highlights the need for self-examination. It is easy to point out the flaws in others while ignoring our own significant shortcomings. True spiritual leadership requires humility and integrity, recognizing that no one is beyond reproach.

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Hymns:
Entrance: 404 Christ Be Our Light
Offertory:
Communion: 490 Prayer of St Francis
Recessional: 487 The Servant Song

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

2nd March - Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Sirach 27:4-7

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

GOSPEL: Luke 6:39-45

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 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

(pray together)

It is good to give thanks to the
 LORD, to sing praise to your name,
 Most High, To proclaim your
 kindness at dawn and your
 faithfulness throughout the night.
 The just one shall flourish like the
 palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon
 shall he grow. They that are planted
 in the house of the LORD shall
 flourish in the courts of our God.
 They shall bear fruit even in old age;
 vigorous and sturdy shall they be,
 Declaring how just is the LORD, my
 rock, in whom there is no wrong.

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 Waiheke Island : 02-0108-0707710-000**

ASH WEDNESDAY – 5 March – Mass 6.00pm Mass will be celebrated this Wednesday in the early evening to enable workers and everyone else to attend this important day, the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be distributed.

Waiheke Budgeting foodbank - please place non-perishable groceries in a basket in the atrium.

Story of the Stations of the Cross Across the diocese people will gather throughout Lent to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross. But why has this become such a popular devotion? How come there are 14 stations and not 6 or 23?

You are invited to prayerfully consider these and other questions as we explore with Sr Sian the meaning and history of the Stations of the Cross.

To register please email pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz to be sent the online link.

Wings.Nga Parirau this Lent – an invitation to grow your relationship with Jesus.

Presentation of the First Year Programme of ‘Wings’ during Lent’. We will be reflecting on faith, and our own faith journey; grace and spirituality, and experiences of prayer; and introduced to the Old Testament and New Testament Scriptures.

The Sunday Gospels of Lent provide a particular framework for our reflection.

When: Saturdays in Lent: 2-4pm 8th; 15th; 22nd; 29th March 5th; 12th April 2025

Where: Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, St Mary’s Bay, Ponsonby.

Are you interested but cannot make the face-to-face meetings? An online presentation on Zoom may be offered if there is interest. Dates and times to be arranged.

Contact Dianna Fouhy diannaf@cda.org.nz

CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND: The Bishops Conference has recently launched the renewed CathNews New Zealand project. This ministry supports Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing news and other content of interest. It draws from material that has already been published and includes original content. The best way to receive CathNews New Zealand is by signing up to the newsletter, which is sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Visit the CathNews New Zealand website and sign up at <https://cathnews.co.nz/>

Singles Ministry is holding a Meet & Connect for Single Roman Catholics looking to find a partner on **Saturday 29th March 2025**. For more information kindly contact: Clytie : 021836705, Reena 0278387151.

Bishop Steve Speaks tune into the diocesan YouTube channel playlist *Bishop Steve Speaks* to hear him reflecting on the readings of Sunday and other moments of conversation.

<https://www.youtube.com/@AucklandCatholic/videos>

Join in a great Prayer for Life this Lent!

Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday - pray for an end to abortion.

Sign up and receive educational resources and daily prayer intentions. Join the peaceful prayer vigil near the abortion place on

Wednesdays. Find out more at FLI.org.nz/prayerforlife



World Day of Prayer – Friday 7 March 1.00pm This ecumenical service will be held at the Baptist Church Everyone is warmly invited