

# PARISH ROSTERS

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## PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

	<b><u>Welcome/</u></b>		
	<b><u>Prayers of faithful:</u></b>	<b><u>1st reader:</u></b>	<b><u>2nd reader:</u></b>
Saturday 12 April	Ruth Gracie	Ceri O'Connor	Pat Sullivan
<b><u>Passion of Christ</u></b>	<b><u>Narrator 1</u></b>	<b><u>1st Reader</u></b>	<b><u>2nd Reader</u></b>
	Bronwen Muir	Don Sheridan	Mary Sullivan
Sunday 13 April	Viki Trainor	Sheldene Crookes	Judith Aggrey
<b><u>Passion of Christ</u></b>	<b><u>Narrator 1</u></b>	<b><u>1st Reader</u></b>	<b><u>2nd Reader</u></b>
	Christine Sloan	Mark Mullins	Kirsten Sloan
<b><u>Holy Thursday 7pm</u></b>	Bronwen Muir	Kirsten Sloan	Judith Aggrey
<b><u>Good Friday 3.00pm</u></b>	Kirsten Sloan	Judith Aggrey	Bronwen Muir
<b><u>Passion of Christ</u></b>	<b><u>Narrator 1</u></b>	<b><u>1st Reader</u></b>	<b><u>2nd Reader</u></b>
	Mark Mullins	Don Sheridan	Kirsten Sloan
<b><u>Holy Saturday 7pm</u></b>	<b><u>*no welcome</u></b>	<b><u>1st Reader</u></b>	<b><u>2nd Reader</u></b>
	Don Sheridan	Bronwen Muir	Kirsten Sloan
		<b><u>3rd Reader</u></b>	<b><u>Epistle</u></b>
		Carol Grbin	Ivan Grbin
<b><u>Easter Sunday 9.15am</u></b>	Judith Aggrey	Gaileen Mc Givern	Sheldene Crookes
Saturday 26 April	Carol Grbin	Ivan Grbin	Joe Newton
Sunday 27 April	Gaileen McGivern	Judith Walshe	Mark Mullins

## **Pastor's Note**

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As followers and believers, we ought to accept and declare that if Jesus' way to glory was the way of suffering and death, we too, must follow His way. We have to express in concrete ways our commitment to work with Jesus in saving our world through self-sacrifice. We go home today carrying the blessed palms. May they be a constant reminder for us, throughout the year, that on this day, we proclaim to the world that Jesus is our Messiah and Saviour and we acknowledge that He is present in our lives. We are a people of hope. We are not defeated by problems and sufferings but with Christ, we rise again and keep moving forward.

**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), Annie and Murray Hensley.

# 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



## ***Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion / 13th April 2025***

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest." Mt. 21:9

The official name of our celebration this Sunday is "Palm Sunday of the passion of Christ" (*Dominica in palmis de passione Domini*). It is dedicated to the commemoration and meditation of the suffering and death of Christ but leading up to Easter. According to Bernard Raas, SVD, in his book Liturgical Year, Palm Sunday is the grand opening of the Holy Week, commemorating the messianic entry of Jesus in Jerusalem and at the same time also recalling his passion. The liturgy of this day is a combination of joy and sorrow, glory and humility, recognition and rejection of Jesus.

We begin our celebration today with the blessing of palms and the procession to the altar praising Jesus, our Messiah and King. What we are doing is not mere imitation of the event that happened in Jerusalem two millennia ago but to show that we are always on a journey towards Jesus. We make it present today, realising the Jesus is always with us while we are on the way to Him. We proclaim the Gospel account of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem. We welcome Jesus and accept Him as our Saviour. Here, Jesus accepts the people's acknowledgment of His messianic mission. There is no more secret and we celebrate with Jesus as we sing songs of praise.

The readings during the Mass for Palm Sunday show a well-balanced presentation of the incarnation, passion and glorification that comprise the mystery of Christ. The theme of the Suffering Servant in the first reading perfectly complements the passion narrative of the Gospel. The second reading on the other hand summarizes the whole life of Christ, from the incarnation to His resurrection and glory. We already know the life story of Christ. But everytime it is proclaimed to us, especially during Palm Sunday, we are always moved and motivated to participate in His story. We may feel that Christ is revealing Himself to us anew and indeed there is something new that we can take.

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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*



<b>Hymns:</b>		
<b>Entrance:</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>Hosanna to the King of Kings</b>
<b>Offertory:</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>We Remember</b>
<b>Communion:</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>Love is His Word</b>
<b>Recessional:</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>Hail Redeemer King Divine</b>

**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.**

**Lenten Prayer Week 6**

E te Atua o te Tumanako, God of Hope, as we  
remember the events of Palm Sunday and the  
Passion of Christ,  
we are reminded to welcome Jesus into our  
hearts and choose to follow You.  
Help us to fix our sight on you and the hope of  
the resurrection.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ  
King of endless glory X 2

**Liturgy of the Word**

13th April - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion  
Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7  
Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11  
GOSPEL: Luke 22:14-23:56

**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 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24**

*(pray together)*

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me  
with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He  
relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let  
him rescue him, if he loves him."  
Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of  
evildoers closes in upon me; They have  
pierced my hands and my feet; I can count  
all my bones.  
They divide my garments among them, and  
for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O  
LORD, be not far from me; O my help,  
hasten to aid me.  
I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in  
the midst of the assembly I will praise you:  
"You who fear the LORD, praise him; all  
you descendants of Jacob, give glory to  
him; revere him, all you descendants 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 Waiheke Island : 02-0108-0707710-000**

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

**Retreat for Women:** 'Prayer and the Interior Life' **Friday 9th May 6pm to Sunday 11th May 3pm 2025** - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. All women are welcome. There will be sessions on Prayer, Humility and Forgiveness. Early bird registration and details here: [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)

**Join us for the 17th Annual Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession through Auckland CBD!**

Each year, hundreds of people from across Auckland come together in a powerful public witness of faith. Gather at 9:00 AM at Albert Park Rotunda. Procession concludes at 11:00 AM at St Patrick's Cathedral. 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

**Chrism Mass Tuesday 15 April – St Patrick's Cathedral – 7.30pm**

Everyone is warmly invited to the Annual Mass of the Oils where the oil of the sick, oil of catechumens, oil of chrism is presented to each parish in the diocese.

**Divine Mercy Feast Sunday 27th April 5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish,** 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Benediction, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. You are warmly invited to attend this **Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed.** Jesus told St Faustina "My Heart rejoices on this Feast Day". Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark, including free street parking on Sundays.

**Easter Liturgy Times** if you are looking for the times of the Easter Liturgies throughout the diocese they can be found on the front page of the diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/holy-week/>

**Good Friday Waiheke Combined Churches Walk of Witness** Commences at St Paul's Church with Service at 9.30am. Walk of Witness commences at 10.15am walk through Oneroa village sing several hymns and end with **Stations of the Cross at St Peter's at approx. 11.00am**

**Easter Ceremonies at St Peter's**

April 17 **Holy Thursday** – Mass of the Last Supper – 7.00pm  
April 18 **Good Friday** - Stations of the Cross following Walk of Witness – 11.00am approx.  
April 18 **Good Friday** – Service – 3.00pm  
April 19 **Holy Saturday** – Easter Vigil Mass – 7.00pm  
April 20 **Easter Sunday** – Mass – 9.15am

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**My God, my God, why have you  
abandoned me?**  
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