



Sunday's Readings, and Rosters for Kerikeri 2023

<p>19 February 2023: Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Next Week's Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48</p>	<p>26 February 2023: First Sunday of Lent Next Week's Readings: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11</p>
<p>Welcome: Olivier Laptop: Howard Reader 1: Peter D Reader 2: Sue Prayers of the Faithful: Filomena Collections: Pauline K Min. of Eucharist: Alison, Bob & Eileen Sacristan: Howard Hospitality: Lorna Church Cleaning: Lorna</p>	<p>Welcome: Rod Laptop: Laptop Reader 1: Aleksandra Reader 2: Bob Prayers of the Faithful: Howard Collections: Rod Min. of Eucharist: Filomena, Pauline K, Peter B Sacristan: Bob Hospitality: Howard Church Cleaning: Marie & Peter</p>
<p>Please pray for the sick: Those recovering from surgery, illness or in need of our prayers, especially Pauline Mc Kinley, Wanda Watola, Ron Alsweller, Joshua Chase, Emelisa Abadie, Maureen Clare, John Wigley, Lorna Riley, Leah Goddard, Michael Garrett, Jenny Hope, Bishop Denis Browne, Teddy Jacobs, Paul Dowd, Margaret Mary Upperton, Ann Trenwith, Geoff Davies. Please keep them in your prayers.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>We remember those who have died recently:</i> <i>Derek Vujcich, Brian Walsh, Cathy Hill, Msgr. Terry Leslie, Bunny Honiss, Mary Hape, Queen Elizabeth II, Peter Westend, Anne Byatt, Simon Barbour, Greta Fisher, Glen Turner, Frances and David Allison, Berthold Shwitalla, Tony O'Sullivan, Ian Lynch, Barbara Collins, Leona Job, Tony Giaccon, Christine Grey and our loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time.</i> Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...</p>	
<p>Parish Newsletter: A reminder to all our parishioners that if you have any items to be included in the Newsletter, please send it to the following email address by 5pm Thursday: kerikericatholic@gmail.com, or phone 401 7429.</p>	

MASS TIMES Holy Family (Kerikeri)

Sunday: 10:15 am
Monday 9:15 am
Tuesday 9:15 am
Wednesday 9:15 am
Friday: 12:30 pm
Saturday 9:15 am

Holy Hour

First Friday: 11:30am

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday

5:30-6:00pm

First Friday

11:30-12:15pm

SACRED HEART

(Waitāruke)

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm

NB: Liturgy of the Word every 3rd Saturday

Thursday 9:00 am
 (School Term Only)

Kerikeri and Waitāruke

Catholic Pastoral Area

Parish Newsletter 2023/03

19 February 2023

7th Week of Ordinary Time

1st READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
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<u>LEVITICUS</u> 19:1-2,17-18	<u>1 CORINTHIANS</u> 3:16-23	<u>MATTHEW</u> 5:38-48
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Loving our enemies can be seen as the greatest challenge to us in our contemporary age. However, it is possible and it is only possible with the help of God. It seems like a strange concept to love one's enemy, but we need to look at this, not in the light of romantic love, but in the light of sacrificial love. To love someone truly is to desire the ultimate and the best for them. This means that you can desire the best for them if they are near or far. It is a love that doesn't need to possess or even know the final outcome as long as we have played our part in the act of charity.

Loving those who may be against us often can't be done in a proximate way as they may not associate in the same circles as us, but we can always sacrifice and pray for them. The action of sacrifice and prayer is a way of willing their ultimate good even if we cannot do so face-to-face. As we approach Lent which commences this coming Wednesday, prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving are brought into sharp focus. We are called to Journey with Christ in a penitential way so that our capacity for charity might increase. The key aspects of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are all ways of us forgoing something in order to make room to grow in love. This week I will concentrate on fasting, this is going without something good in order to deny the senses, for love of Christ. Children give up lollies, chips or desserts, but as adults our options are more numerous. However, we must always consider that our penance that we choose is a penance for us and not a penance for the people around us. For example, if a person gives up coffee for Lent, the lack of caffeine would almost certainly impact on the people around them. Our choice of penance also needs to be something that is also offered in a hidden way, as it is also a Lenten gift that is offered to our dearest friend. A gift from our heart to the heart of Christ, that he might enlarge our capacity to love.

Blessings, Fr Tony

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Parish Notices:

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 22 February, Ash Wednesday (Day of Fast and Abstinence)..

WEEK-DAY MASS: No 9.15 am Mass on Monday (20th), Tuesday (21st) or Wednesday (22nd) and no School Mass on Thursday (23rd).

ASH WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY: School Mass at Sacred Heart, Waitāruke, at 9.00 am and Mass at Holy Family Church at 6.00pm.

BLESSED PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY: A big “thank you” to the donors.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Holy Family Parish has been approached by the construction company working on the Retirement Village expansion on Cobham Road, opposite Holy Family Church. The Company has offered to seal our existing carpark or the grassed area to the side of the church at no cost to the parish, in return for the use of the carpark during working hours until the project is finished. Father Tony would like to hear parishioners' views for or against the proposal as soon as possible. **The deadline for responding is Ash Wednesday, 22 Feb., either by email or letter.**

BIBLE IN SCHOOL RESUMES FOR 2023: Lessons start at Kaeo on Tuesday pm, 14 Feb., and Riverview, Friday, March 3rd, 9-9.30 am. 'Helpers' for each classroom, who could occasionally relieve, are desperately needed. There will be a training meeting at Baptist Church, 12 - 2pm on Sunday 19 March, lunch provided. Please ph Heather, 09 4077265, 021 266 9666 to discuss what is involved and/or consider coming along to find out more .

CARING FOUNDATION EMERGENCY FLOOD/CYCLONE RESPONSE APPEAL: Following the Cyclone, the need is even greater! The Caring Foundation accepts donations to help Catholic agencies in the diocese to deliver food, shelter, clothes, other essential supplies and support services to severely affected families. Please donate directly online to the Foundation at: <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/>

ROSTERS: Holy Family needs volunteers for Prayers of the Faithful. Please let Fr Tony or Pauline McKinley know if you would like to help.

FEED MY SHEEP: Thank you for your continuing and generous help. Your contribution makes real difference to the Food Bank's recipients during this time.

FAITH IN (ABOUT) 55 WORDS:

At this time of the year many different places around the world are celebrating “Carnival”. A pre-Lenten festival which literally translates as “farewell flesh” or more colloquially “Goodbye to meat.”

Collections 5 February 2023

Kerikeri: \$174.60

Waitāruke: \$60.00

Thank you for your kind generosity. God bless.

POPE BENEDICT XVI ON FASTING:

From his Message for Lent 2009

“We might ask ourselves what value and meaning there is for us Christians in depriving ourselves of something that in itself is good and useful for our bodily sustenance. The Sacred Scriptures and the entire Christian tradition teach that fasting is a great help to avoid sin and all that leads to it. For this reason, the history of salvation is replete with occasions that invite fasting.... Since all of us are weighed down by sin and its consequences, fasting is proposed to us as an instrument to restore friendship with God.”

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Parish Pastoral Council

Currently in hiatus for restructuring: to return in 2023.

Finance Committee

Fr Tony King-Archer, Bob McKinley,
Sigit Widodo, Lisa Anderson,
Marie Byrne.

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Katekita: Pastoral Care

Tana Manuel, Maata Job Rakena,
Mary Smith, Moana Wood, Aroha Henare

Finance Committee

Leon Rosbotham, Debbie McLean
Margaret Pepper; Ihaka Lenden

RESPONSE TO THE EARTHQUAKES IN TURKEY AND SYRIA. Following the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, we pray for the survivors and rescue workers as they assess the scale of damage and critical needs for those affected. Caritas is accepting donations for this work, and you can donate online at <https://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online>.

Your continued financial support at this difficult time is much appreciated. Donations and regular giving contributions can be paid directly into the parish account:

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