



Sunday's Readings, and Rosters for Kerikeri 2023

26 March 2023: Fifth Sunday of Lent This Week's Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 9:1-45	2 April 2023: Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27, 66
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Welcome: Olivier Laptop: Howard Reader 1: Aleksandra Reader 2: Marie Prayers of the Faithful: Filomena Collections: Paul Min. of Eucharist: Pauline K, Peter B & Bob Sacristan: Bob Hospitality: Howard Church Cleaning: Marie & Peter	Welcome: Lorna Laptop: Murray Reader 1 & Gospel: Peter D Reader 2 & Narrator: Filomena Reader 3 (Gospel) Crowd: Nicholas Prayers of the Faithful: Pauline K Collections: Pauline K Min of Eucharist: Wendy, Pauline M, Bob Sacristan: Pauline M Hospitality: Lorna Church Cleaning: Sue & Murray
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Please pray for the sick: Those recovering from surgery, illness or in need of our prayers, especially Shirley Douglas, Pauline Mc Kinley, Wanda Watola, Ron Alsweller, Joshua Chase, Emelisa Abadiez, 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.**

We remember those who have died recently:
Alison James, Fr Mario Dorado, OFM CAP, Fr Leo Doyle, 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 and our loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

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.

Kerikeri and Waitāruke

Catholic Pastoral Area

Parish Newsletter 2023/08

26 March 2023

Fifth Week of Lent

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

Thursday 9:00 am
(School Term Only)

1st READING *2nd READING* *GOSPEL*

EZEKIEL
37:12-14

ROMANS
8:8-11

JOHN
11:1-45

What does it mean to be reconciled through the sacrament of reconciliation/confession? Perhaps a gut reaction to this might make one say that it has something to do with forgiveness and perhaps the desire to be forgiven. This is certainly correct, but it is not the totality of what it means to be reconciled; we need the desire to be forgiven with the knowledge that we have done something wrong and that we are sorry for that wrong. All of this is part of our portion of the reconciliation process but reconciliation takes two parties to be effective. Reconciliation also has the wronged person come to the party, forgive us and then restore us to the place that we held before we had wronged them. God is very generous when he forgives us through the sacrament of reconciliation because once the sin is confessed then God will never hold it against us in the future, he has forgiven and forgotten. God places us back on the perfect path that he has for us in this life. If we view Jesus as truly God and truly our older brother and truly family, shouldn't we want to be reconciled regularly just as we reconcile regularly in normal family life? Even if our offences are small or trivial in our sight. Reconciliation requires two people to come together where one admits guilt and the second forgives and offers the gift of being fully reconciled. We are very fortunate as Catholics to have the apostolic authority extend down to us to this very day where Jesus as the Great High Priest ratifies the authority of his bishops and their priests to administer the sacrament of confession/reconciliation. As Catholics we truly believe that when we confess our sins to a priest, or if you are fortunate, your local bishop, they are standing in the place of Christ, we hear their voice, but it is Christ who gives the authority, through the bishop to grant the forgiveness and offer the gift of true reconciliation. This sacrament is quite possibly the best kept secret in the Catholic Church. It is a sacrament of forgiveness but ultimately it is a sacrament which facilitates a deep healing process because it begins by healing the most important thing, namely, our relationship with God.

Blessings, Fr Tony

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Parish Notices:

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: No Feast Days this week.

WEEK-DAY MASS: No Mass changes this week.

RITE II RECONCILIATION IN PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:

Fr Ramil will join Fr Tony at Holy Family Church at **7.30 pm on Tuesday, 28th March**, for the celebration of this important Sacrament.

CHRISM MASS: You are invited to attend the Mass at which the Oils to be used in each Parish during the coming year will be blessed by Bishop Steve and which will take place at noon on Monday, 3rd April, at St Francis Xavier Church, Whangarei.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE:

Kerikeri:

Holy Thursday: 7:30pm (Mass of the Lord's Supper)
Good Friday: 4:30pm (Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion)
Holy Saturday: 10.30 am Office of Readings - *Tenebrae*
Easter Vigil Saturday: 7:30pm (Vigil Mass of Easter)
Easter Sunday: 10:30am (Mass of Our Lord's Resurrection)

Waitaruke:

Holy Thursday: 5.00pm (Mass of the Lord's Supper; confessions from 4:30pm)
Good Friday: 2pm (Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion)
Easter Sunday: 8am (Mass of Our Lord's Resurrection)

ROSTERS: Holy Family [urgently needs volunteers](#) for all Ministries for the Mass, i.e., Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Prayers of the Faithful, Collectors, Musicians, Laptop Operators, Church Cleaners, Hospitality Hosts and Flower Arrangers. Please talk with Fr Tony or Pauline McKinley if you can help in any of these Ministries.

LENTEN APPEAL 2023: For this year's appeal, the focus is on helping the victims of the recent cyclone and floods, so please donate to the Caring Foundation, as above. We are also supporting the school at Waitaruke. If you wish to donate to the school, please use the parish bank account details (on facing page) using the reference, SCHOOL. Don't forget the weekly collection of canned and other non-perishable foods for local families in need.

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.

NZ CATHOLIC: price \$4 in both churches. Latest issue is available now.

FAITH IN ABOUT 55 WORDS OR FEWER:

Confession, Jesus is there...and He receives you with so much love. Do not be afraid of Confession! One who is in line to confess himself feels all these things – even shame-but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves free, great, beautiful, forgiven, [...] happy. And his is the beauty of Confession.”
- Pope Francis.

Collections 19 March 2023

Kerikeri: \$324.00

Waitaruke: TBA

Thank you for your kind generosity. God bless.

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION¹⁴²² "Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labours for their conversion."⁴¹**WHAT IS THIS SACRAMENT CALLED?**¹⁴²³ It is called the *sacrament of conversion* because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father from whom one has strayed by sin. It is called the *sacrament of Penance*, since it consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction.¹⁴²⁴ It is called the *sacrament of confession*, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" - acknowledgment and praise - of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man. It is called the *sacrament of forgiveness*, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent "pardon and peace. It is called the *sacrament of Reconciliation*, because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles: "Be reconciled to God." He who lives by God's merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord's call: "Go; first be reconciled to your brother."

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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 Rossbotham, Debbie McLean
Margaret Pepper; Ihaka Lenden, Hannah Da Via

CELEBRATE ST JOSEPH: You are invited by the Centre of Marriage and Family to make a 33-Day Consecration to St Joseph beginning on 30th March and ending on 1st May, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. You can participate as a family or register to join an online group. Go to www.marriageandfamily.org.nz or email info@marriageandfamily.org.nz for more information.

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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Please email the Parish Office if you would like a tax receipt. For those who wish to continue to subscribe to our Parish Pledge Envelope Scheme, envelopes are located by the Notice Board at the back of the Church. If you are new to the system, please contact the Parish Office so that we can allocate a planned giving number to record your donation.