



# Kerikeri and Waitāruke

## Catholic Pastoral Area

Parish Newsletter 2023/27

6 August 2023

Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time

1st READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
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<u>DANIEL</u> 7:9-10,13-14	<u>PETER</u> 1:16-19	<u>MATTHEW</u> 17:1-9
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.From a sermon on the Transfiguration of the Lord  
by Anastasius of Sinai, Bishop  
It is good for us to be here

Upon Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed to his disciples a heavenly mystery. While living among them he had spoken of the kingdom and of his second coming in glory, but to banish from their hearts any possible doubt concerning the kingdom and to confirm their faith in what lay in the future by its prefiguration in the present, he gave them on Mount Tabor a wonderful vision of his glory, a foreshadowing of the kingdom of heaven. It was as if he said to them: "As time goes by you may be in danger of losing your faith. To save you from this I tell you now that some standing here listening to me will not taste death until they have seen the Son of Man coming in the glory of his Father." Moreover, in order to assure us that Christ could command such power when he wished, the evangelist continues: *Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. There, before their eyes, he was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Then the disciples saw Moses and Elijah appear, and they were talking to Jesus.*

These are the divine wonders we celebrate today; this is the saving revelation given us upon the mountain; this is the festival of Christ that has drawn us here. Let us listen, then, to the sacred voice of God so compellingly calling us from on high, from the summit of the mountain, so that with the Lord's chosen disciples we may penetrate the deep meaning of these holy mysteries, so far beyond our capacity to express. Jesus goes before us to show us the way, both up the mountain and into heaven, and – I speak boldly – it is for us now to follow him with all speed, yearning for the heavenly vision that will give us a share in his radiance, renew our spiritual nature and transform us into his own likeness, making us for ever sharers in his Godhead and raising us to heights as yet undreamed of.

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### 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)**

## Sunday's Readings, and Rosters for Kerikeri 2023

<b>6 August 2023:</b> <b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b> <b>This Week's Readings:</b> <b>Daniel 7:9-10,13-14</b> <b>Peter 1:16-19</b> <b>Matthew 17:1-9</b>	<b>13 August 2023:</b> <b>Nineteenth Week of</b> <b>Next Week's Readings:</b> <b>1Kings 19:9,11-13</b> <b>Romans 9:1-5</b> <b>Matthew 14:22-33</b>
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<b>Welcome: Lorna</b> <b>Laptop: Howard</b> <b>Reader 1: Aleksandra</b> <b>Reader 2: Enid</b> <b>Prayers of the Faithful: Cheryl</b> <b>Collections: Rod</b> <b>Mins. of Eucharist: Eileen, Kathy &amp; Pauline K</b> <b>Sacristan: Howard</b> <b>Hospitality: Nellie and Sigit</b> <b>Church Cleaning: Paddy</b>	<b>Welcome: Olivier</b> <b>Laptop: Lorna</b> <b>Reader 1: Fob</b> <b>Reader 2: Filomena</b> <b>Prayers of the Faithful: Howard</b> <b>Collections: Paul</b> <b>Mins. of Eucharist: Peter B, Barry &amp; Pauline M</b> <b>Sacristan: Pauline M</b> <b>Hospitality: Wiga &amp; Olivier</b> <b>Church Cleaning: Nellie &amp; Sigit</b>
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**Please pray for the sick:** Those who are ill or injured and in need of our prayers, especially Moss Pepper, Judy Poole, Barrett Feldman, Monica Hegarty, Leah McNee, Maurice Macken, Pam Scahill, Carmen Evlampieff, Danielle Harris, Alf Fisher, Pope Francis, Shirley Douglas, Wanda Watola, Emelisa Abadiez, Maureen Clare, John Wigley, Leah Goddard, Michael Garrett, Jenny Hope, Bishop Denis Browne, Teddy Jacobs, Paul Dowd, Geoff Davies.  
**Please keep them in your prayers...**

*We remember those who have died recently:*

*Fr Michael Hill, IC , Irma Corcoran, David Barrett, Margaret Austin-Campbell, Moira Tracy. Fr John Tollan, 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, 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](mailto:kerikericatholic@gmail.com), or phone 401 7429.

**Parish Priest: Fr. Tony King-Archer.**

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## Parish Notices:

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** 6 August, The Transfiguration of the Lord; 8 August, St Mary of the Cross (McKillop); 10 August, St Lawrence, D.M.; 11 August, St Clare, V.

**WEEK-DAY MASS TIMETABLE:** No Masses on Monday-Wednesday 7-9th of August, there will be a liturgy of The Word at Waitaruke on Thursday the 8th and Friday the 9th Mass in Kerikeri will be at 5pm.

**WAITĀRUKE PARISH NEW BANK ACCOUNT is 02-0108-0705977-000 .**

**LITURGY TRAINING SESSION IN MOEREWA:** on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of August there is an opportunity to attend a liturgy training session for readers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist or anyone who is keen to learn. It begins at 11am with a formation session with a shared lunch. The timetable for this will be in next week's newsletter. Please contact Fr. Ramil on 09 401 9281 if you wish to attend.

**FR. FRANK BIRD** hopes to visit us in Kerikeri on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. If you would like to catch up with Fr. Frank, he will be concelebrating the 10:15am Mass on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September.

**NORTHLAND SCHOOLS ARE OPEN TO HAVING A CHAPLAIN**, but at this stage there is none available. The same group that oversees Bible in School, also known as Launchpad, provides Chaplaincy training. Training is available 10-11 August at Doubtless Bay, with accommodation. For more information, ph Helen, on 02108143675

**ROSTERS:** Holy Family would like to thank all those who are serving the needs of the parish. We still needs volunteers for most Ministries for the Parish, especially for: 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.

**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:** \$4 in both churches. The 30 Jul-12Aug issue is now available,

**Faith in 55 words or fewer.**

.The Transfiguration reveals "the profound interpenetration of his being with God, which then becomes pure light. In his oneness with the Father, Jesus is himself 'light from light'".  
– Pope Benedict XVI.

**Collections 29 &30 July 2023**

**Kerikeri: \$320.40**

**Waitāruke: \$87.10**

**Thank you for your kind generosity. God bless.**

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Let us run with confidence and joy to enter into the cloud like Moses and Elijah, or like James and John. Let us be caught up like Peter to behold the divine vision and to be transfigured by that glorious transfiguration. Let us retire from the world, stand aloof from the earth, rise above the body, detach ourselves from creatures and turn to the creator, to whom Peter in ecstasy exclaimed: *Lord, it is good for us to be here.*

It is indeed good to be here, as you have said, Peter. It is good to be with Jesus and to remain here for ever. What greater happiness or higher honour could we have than to be with God, to be made like him and to live in his light?

Therefore, since each of us possesses God in his heart and is being transformed into his divine image, we also should cry out with joy: *It is good for us to be here* – here where all things shine with divine radiance, where there is joy and gladness and exultation; where there is nothing in our hearts but peace, serenity and stillness; where God is seen. For here, in our hearts, Christ takes up his abode together with the Father, saying as he enters: *Today salvation has come to this house.* With Christ, our hearts receive all the wealth of his eternal blessings, and there where they are stored up for us in him, we see reflected as in a mirror both the first fruits and the whole of the world to come.

*Blessings , Fr Tony*

**Holy Family Parish**  
**34 Cobham Road, Kerikeri 0230**

**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.

**Sacred Heart Parish**  
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**Katekita: Pastoral Care**

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

**Finance Committee**

Leon Rossbotham, Debbie McLean,  
Ihaka Lenden, Hannah Da Via

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