

Kerikeri and Waitāruke

Catholic Pastoral Area

Parish Newsletter 2023/33

17 September 2023

Twenty Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

1st READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
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<u>SIRACH</u> 27:30-28:7	<u>ROMANS</u> 14:7-9	<u>MATTHEW</u> 18:21-35
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From a sermon on the Beatitudes by Saint Leo the Great

Christian wisdom

The Lord then goes on to say: *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.* This hunger is not for bodily food, this thirst is not for any earthly drink: it is a longing to be blessed with righteousness, and, by penetrating the secret of all mysteries, to be filled with the Lord himself.

Happy is the soul that longs for the food of righteousness and thirsts for this kind of drink; it would not seek such things if it had not already savoured their delight. When the soul hears the voice of the Spirit saying to it through the prophet: *Taste and see that the Lord is good*, it has already received a portion of God's goodness, and is on fire with love, the love that gives joy of the utmost purity. It counts as nothing all that belongs to time; it is entirely consumed with desire to eat and drink the food of righteousness. The soul lays hold of the true meaning of the first and great commandment: *You shall love the Lord God with your whole heart, and your whole mind and your whole strength*, for to love God is nothing else than to love righteousness.

Finally, just as concern for one's neighbour is added to love of God, so the virtue of mercy is added to the desire for righteousness, as it is said: *Blessed are the merciful, for God will be merciful to them.*

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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

<p>17 September 2023: 24th Week of Ordinary Time This Week's Readings: Sirach 27:30-28:7 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35</p>	<p>24 September 2023: 25th Week of Ordinary Time Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20-24, 27 Matthew 20:1-16</p>
<p>Welcome: Lorna Laptop: Lorna/Bob Reader 1: Peter D Reader 2: Kathy Prayers of the Faithful: Pauline K Collections: Rod Mins. of Eucharist: Barry, Wendy & Pauline M Sacristan: Pauline M Hospitality: Nellie & Sigit Church Cleaning: Marie & Peter</p>	<p>Welcome: Olivier Laptop: Bob/Lorna Reader 1: Enid Reader 2: Marie W Prayers of the Faithful: Filomena Collections: Paul Mins. of Eucharist: Eileen, Pauline M & Alison Sacristan: Pauline M Hospitality: Eileen & Rod Church Cleaning: Lorna</p>
<p>Please pray for the sick: Those who are ill or injured and in need of our prayers, especially Vera Langton, Brenda Tweedale, Moss Pepper, Judy Poole, Barrett Feldman, Monica Hegarty, Maurice Macken, Pam Scahill, Carmen Evlampieff, Danielle Harris, Pope Francis, Shirley Douglas, Wanda Watola, Emelisa Abadie, Maureen Clare, John Wigley, Leah Goddard, Michael Garrett, Jenny Hope, Bishop Denis Browne, Teddy Jacobs, Paul Dowd, Geoff Davies, Del Drummond. Please keep them in your prayers...</p>	
<p>We remember those who have died recently: <i>Michael Timoti, Charles Crothers, 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, 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 5.00pm Thursday: kerikericatholic@gmail.com, or phone 401 7429.</p>	

Parish Priest: Fr. Tony King-Archer.

Presbytery: 6 Cobham Court, Kerikeri;

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Parish Notices:

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 20 September, Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, .M, Paul Chŏng Hasang & Companions, Mm.; 21 September, St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist; 23 September, St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest.

WEEK-DAY MASS TIMETABLE: Masses are at the normal times.

EVENING PRAYER GROUP INITIATIVE: At 6pm every day a group of people in Waitaruke have set aside time to pray wherever they find themselves, knowing that others are joining them in prayer at this time, to foster a pattern of prayer and to pray for the intentions of the group. Everyone is invited to join in.

ROAD WORKS ON COBHAM RD.: There will be traffic disruption from the 28th of August—30th of November 2023. This may affect us on a Sunday as they will be making the road a single lane at times.

TE KUPENGA – CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE accepts enrolment for the Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology starting September 25. "With a dedicated and qualified faculty of theologians, and access to a wealth of resources, our program will empower you analyse complex theological issues critically, foster spiritual growth and prepare you for a meaningful career in ministry, education, or other fields where a profound understanding of theology is invaluable." Learn more about the programmes here: www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes.

ROSTERS: Holy Family would like to thank all those who are serving the needs of the Parish. We still need volunteers for most Ministries, 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 10-23 Sept issue is now available.

Faith in 55 words or fewer -

"Forgiveness is not a result of our efforts but is a gift. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit who showers us with mercy and grace that pours forth unceasingly from the open heart of Christ crucified and risen."

– Pope Francis

Collections 9 &10 September 2023

Kerikeri: \$258.50

Waitaruke: 2 September, \$90.00; 9 September, \$200.00

Thank you for your kind generosity. God bless.

Cont'd from page 1: From a sermon on the Beatitudes by Saint Leo the Great

Christian wisdom

Remember, Christian, the surpassing worth of the wisdom that is yours. Bear in mind the kind of school in which you are to learn your skills, the rewards to which you are called. Mercy itself wishes you to be merciful, righteousness itself wishes you to be righteous, so that the Creator may shine forth in his creature, and the image of God be reflected in the mirror of the human heart as it imitates his qualities. The faith of those who live their faith is a serene faith. What you long for will be given you; what you love will be yours for ever.

Since it is by giving alms that everything is pure for you, you will also receive that blessing which is promised next by the Lord: *Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.* Dear friends, great is the happiness of those for whom such a reward is prepared. Who are the clean of heart if not those who strive for those virtues we have mentioned above? What mind can conceive, what words can express the great happiness of seeing God? Yet human nature will achieve this when it has been transformed so that it sees the Godhead *no longer in a mirror or obscurely but face to face* – the Godhead that no man has been able to see. In the inexpressible joy of this eternal vision, human nature will possess *what eye has not seen or ear heard, what man's heart has never conceived.*

Blessings, Fr Tony

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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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867 State Highway 10, Kaeo 0274

Katekita: Pastoral Care

Maata Job Rakena, Mary Smith, Aroha Henare.

Finance Committee

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

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Please email the Finance committee if you would like a tax receipt, please see names of committee members listed above. 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. For Kerikeri:

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