



Kerikeri and Waitāruke

Catholic Pastoral Area

Parish Newsletter 2023/40

5 November 2023

Thirty First Week of Ordinary Time

| 1st READING | 2nd READING | GOSPEL |
|-------------|-------------|--------|
|-------------|-------------|--------|

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>MALACHI</u> 1:14-2:2,8-10 | <u>1 THESSALONIANS</u> 2:7-9,13 | <u>MATTHEW</u> 23:1-12 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|

From a sermon of St Bernard of Clairvaux
Let us make haste to our brethren
who are awaiting us

Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feast day mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honours when their heavenly Father honours them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honour from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning.

Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of patriarchs, the ranks of the prophets, the council of apostles, the great host of martyrs, the noble company of confessors and the choir of virgins. In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them.

Come, brothers, let us at length spur ourselves on. We must rise again with Christ, we must seek the world which is above and set our mind on the things of heaven. Let us long for those who are longing for us, hasten to those who are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to intercede for us. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnestly seek to share in their glory. Do not imagine that there is anything harmful in such an ambition as this; there is no danger in setting our hearts on such glory.

Continued on page 3 →

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

| | |
|--|--|
| 5 November 2023: 31st Week of Ordinary Time Next Week's Readings: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13 Matthew 23: 1-12 | 12 November 2023: 32nd Week of Ordinary Time Next Week's Readings: Wisdom 6:12-16 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25: 1-13 |
| Welcome: Lorna Laptop: Howard Reader 1: Nicholas Reader 2: Peter D Prayers of the Faithful: Sue Collections: Paul Mins. of Eucharist: Wendy, Barry & Eileen Sacristan: Howard Hospitality: Wiga & Olivier Church Cleaning: Sue & Murray | Welcome: Olivier Laptop: Murray Reader 1: Sue Reader 2: Bob Prayers of the Faithful: Cheryl Collections: Pauline K Mins. of Eucharist: Kathy, Pauline K & Pauline M Sacristan: Pauline M Hospitality: Howard Church Cleaning: Paddy |
| Please pray for the sick: Those who are ill or injured and in need of our prayers, especially Joshua Chase, Helen Foley, Vera Langton, Brenda Tweedale, Judy Poole, Barrett Feldman, Monica Hegarty, Maurice Macken, Pam Scahill, Carmen Evlampieff, Danielle Harris, Pope Francis, Shirley Douglas, Wanda Watola, Emelisa Abadiez, Maureen Clare, Leah Goddard, Michael Garrett, Jenny Hope, Bishop Denis Browne, Teddy Jacobs, Paul Dowd, Geoff Davies, <i>Please keep them in your prayers...</i> | |

We remember those who have died recently:

Moss Pepper, Del Drummond, 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, 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 5.00pm Thursday: kerikericatholic@gmail.com, or phone 401 7429.

Parish Priest: Fr. Tony King-Archer.

Presbytery: 6 Cobham Court, Kerikeri;

Phone 021 190 6969 email: kerikeripriest@gmail.com

Parish Notices:

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 9 November, Dedication of the St John Lateran Basilica; 10 November, Pope, St Leo the Great, D.; 11 November, St Martin of Tours, B., also Armistice Day/Remembrance Day.

WEEK-DAY MASS TIMETABLE: No changes this week.

KERIKERI PARISH WORKING BEE ON SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, AFTER MASS, AT 10.00 AM: Please bring gardening tools—refreshments will be provided!

THE DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR – LISA-MAY GRAY will be facilitating a Safeguarding workshop at St Nicholas in the Fields Catholic Church, Whirinaki, on Monday, 27th Nov, from 12.30-2.00 pm. An early lunch will be held at 11.30 am, prior to the session. If you are interested in attending, please contact Wiga Autet with any questions and to register (rsvp by 20th Nov, please) wigaa@cda.org.nz or txt/call 021 230 4059. Information about the session is on the Notice Board.

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

ROSTERS: Holy Family thanks all those who are serving the needs of the Parish, however, we still need volunteers for the following Ministries: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 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 way.

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

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. 5-19 Nov edition available.

Faith in 55 words or fewer -

As a body is one, though, it has many parts, and all the parts of the, body, though many, are one body, so also in Christ. -CCC.

Collections 28 & 29 October 2023

Kerikeri: \$168.10; Missions Collection: \$423.80
Waitāruke: \$99.90; Missions Collection: \$110.80
Thank you for your kind generosity. God bless.

Cont'd from page 1:

From a sermon of St Bernard of Clairvaux Let us make haste to our brethren who are awaiting us

When we commemorate the saints we are inflamed with another yearning: that Christ our life may also appear to us as he appeared to them and that we may one day share in his glory. Until then we see him, not as he is, but as he became for our sake. He is our head, crowned, not with glory, but with the thorns of our sins. As members of that head, crowned with thorns, we should be ashamed to live in luxury; his purple robes are a mockery rather than an honour. When Christ comes again, his death shall no longer be proclaimed, and we shall know that we also have died, and that our life is hidden with him. The glorious head of the Church will appear and his glorified members will shine in splendour with him, when he forms this lowly body anew into such glory as belongs to himself, its head.

Therefore, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession.

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
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

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

HOLY FAMILY KERIKERI ECCLESIASTICAL GOODS TRUST
02-0108-0708772-000

WAITĀRUIKE PARISH NEW BANK ACCOUNT
02-0108-0705977-000.

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:

kerikercatholic@gmail.com. For Waitāruke: **waitarukecatholic@gmail.com**