



Kerikeri and Waitāruke

Catholic Pastoral Area

Parish Newsletter 2025/03

16 February 2025

6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1st READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
<u>JEREMIAH</u> 17:5-8	<u>1 CORINTHIANS</u> 15:12,16-20	<u>LUKE</u> 6:17,20-26

From a homily on Genesis by Origen:
The sacrifice of Abraham.

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering, loaded it on Isaac, and carried in his own hands the fire and the knife. Then the two of them set out together. Isaac himself carries the wood for his own holocaust: this is a figure of Christ. For Christ carried the burden of the cross himself, and yet to carry the wood for the holocaust is really the duty of the priest. So Christ is then both victim and priest. This is the meaning of the expression: they set out together. For when Abraham, who was to perform the sacrifice, carried the fire and the knife, Isaac did not walk behind him, but with him. In this way he showed that he exercised the priesthood equally with Abraham. What happened next? Isaac spoke to his father Abraham, 'Father' he said. This plea from the son was at that instant the voice of temptation. For do you not think the voice of the son who was about to be sacrificed struck a responsive chord in the heart of the father? Although Abraham did not waver because of his faith, he responded with a voice full of affection: 'Yes, my son' he replied. 'Look,' said Isaac, 'here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?' Abraham answered, 'My son, God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering'. The careful yet loving response of Abraham moves me greatly. I do not know what he saw in spirit, because he did not speak of the present but of the future: God himself will provide the lamb. His son asks what is to happen now, but Abraham's reply concerns the future. Indeed the Lord himself provided a lamb, in Christ. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

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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, plus Rosters for Kerikeri 2025

<p>16 February 2025 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME This Week's Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 Luke 6:17,20-26</p>	<p>23 February 2025 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Next Week's Readings: Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Luke 6:26-7-38</p>
<p>Welcome: Lorna Laptop: Howard Reader 1: Marie B Reader 2: Bob Prayers of Faithful: Howard Collection: Colin Mins. of Eucharist: Peter B, Filomena & Wendy Sacristan: Bob Hospitality: Nellie & Sigit Church Cleaning: Nellie & Sigit</p>	<p>Welcome: Rod Laptop: Bob Reader 1: Kathy Reader 2: Nicholas Prayers of Faithful: Cheryl Collection: Paul S Mins. of Eucharist: Eileen, Pauline K & Barry Sacristan: Howard Hospitality: Deb & Kay Church Cleaning: Lorna</p>
<p>Please pray for the sick: Those who are ill or injured and in need of our prayers, especially Rose McCallum, Cam McLeod, Karen Ryan, Wendy Pogson, Colleen Twohill, Debbie McLean-Tahi, Ron, Ross & Peter Balderston, Christine Spence, Andy Single, Helen Foley, Brenda Tweedale, Judy Poole, Barrett Feldman, Monica Hegarty, Maurice Macken, Carmen Evlampieff, Danielle Harris, Shirley Douglas, Wanda Watola, Emelisa Abadie, Maureen Clare, Leah Goddard, Michael Garrett, Teddy Jacobs, Geoff Davies. Please keep them in your prayers...</p>	
<p>We remember those who have died recently: Jenny McKinley, Angela Fazzi, Fr Don Cowan, Fr Peter Gray, Perene Peter Ulrich, Ron Alsweller, Bishop Denis Browne, Philomena Tracy, Aleksandra Surulo, Pat Lythe, Vera Langton, Jenny Hope, Fr Bruce McGill CSsR, Fr Christopher Brady, Tadiwanashe Rose Nyakudya, Richard Tamaho, Pam Scahill and our loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time. 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 <u>5.00pm</u> Wednesday: kerikericatholic@gmail.com, or phone 401 7429.</p>	

Parish Notices:

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 21 February, St Peter Damian, bishop, doctor; 22 February, The Chair of St Peter.

WEEK-DAY MASS TIMETABLE: No changes this week. Please note that the School Mass will resume on Ash Wednesday, 5th March.

ASH WEDNESDAY: This year, Ash Wednesday falls on the 5th of March and parishioners are invited to bring last year's blessed palms to be placed in a basket in the church foyer by the 2nd of March, to be rendered into ashes.

PPRE CLASSES will resume on Monday, 3rd March. If you have children interested in participating, please see Sue Nash or Fr Tony.

PASTORAL CARE OF KERIKERI PRIMARY SCHOOL: The parish has been contacted by a Christian teacher from Kerikeri primary and she is looking for volunteers to assist in the classroom to help children who would benefit from additional help in subjects like, reading, writing, maths, motor skill activities and crafts. A police vetting will be required for this volunteer role. For the contact information for the teacher, please ask Fr. Tony.

YEAR OF JUBILEE: Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as the Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope. The Diocese has a calendar of Jubilee Events and provisional dates can be found here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/>

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

KING'S DAUGHTERS: Christian women are invited to the King's Daughters event on Friday the 28th of February at 7pm, at the Baptist Church, Kerikeri, where the women gather together for a time of prayer, worship and singing, followed by supper.

Faith in 55 words or fewer—

Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues, hence, in the soul in which this virtue does not exist, there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance. --Saint Augustine.

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But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' Abraham replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God.' Compare this to what St Paul says when he speaks of God: He did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. God emulates man with magnificent generosity. Abraham offered to God his mortal son who did not die; God gave up his immortal Son who died for all of us. Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. We said before that Isaac is a type of Christ. Yet this also seems true of the ram. It is worth understanding how both are figures of Christ – Isaac who was not killed and the ram which was. Christ is the Word of God, but the Word became flesh. Christ therefore suffered, but in the flesh. Christ, the bodily Christ, endured death; and the ram signifies that body and that death. As John said: Behold the lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. The Word, on the other hand, remained incorruptible. This is Christ according to the spirit, and Isaac signifies that spirit. Therefore, Christ himself is both victim and priest according to the spirit. For he offers the victim to the Father according to the flesh, and he is himself offered on the altar of the cross.

Blessings, Fr Tony

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