



**Sunday's Readings, plus Rosters for Kerikeri 2025**

<p><b>2 March 2025</b>  <b>8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>This Week's Readings:</b>  <b>Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 27:4-7</b>  <b>1 Corinthians 15:54-58</b>  <b>Mark 10:17-27</b></p>	<p><b>9 March 2025</b>  <b>1ST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  <b>Next Week's Readings:</b>  <b>Deuteronomy 26:4-10</b>  <b>Romans 10:8-13</b>  <b>Luke 4:1-13</b></p>
<p><b>Welcome: Olivier</b>  <b>Laptop: Lorna</b>  <b>Reader 1: Marie W</b>  <b>Reader 2: Marie B</b>  <b>Prayers of Faithful: Willie</b>  <b>Collection: Rod</b>  <b>Mins. of Eucharist: Peter B, Wendy &amp; Filomena</b>  <b>Sacristan: Pauline M</b>  <b>Hospitality: Wiga &amp; Olivier</b>  <b>Church Cleaning: Marie &amp; Peter</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome: Colin</b>  <b>Laptop: Howard</b>  <b>Reader 1: Filomena</b>  <b>Reader 2: Peter D</b>  <b>Prayers of Faithful: Howard</b>  <b>Collection: Pauline K</b>  <b>Mins. of Eucharist: Kathy, Bob &amp; Pauline M</b>  <b>Sacristan: Howard</b>  <b>Hospitality: Deb &amp; Kay</b>  <b>Church Cleaning: Deb &amp; Colin</b></p>

**Please pray for the sick:** Those who are ill or injured and in need of our prayers, especially Pope Francis, 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...**

**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...**

**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 Wednesday: [kerikericatholic@gmail.com](mailto:kerikericatholic@gmail.com), or phone 401 7429.

# Kerikeri and Waitāruke

## Catholic Pastoral Area

Parish Newsletter 2025/05

2 March 2025

### 8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1st READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
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<u>ECCLESIASTICUS</u> <u>(SIRACH) 24:4-7</u>	<u>1 CORINTHIANS</u> <u>15:54-58</u>	<u>LUKE</u> <u>6:39-45</u>
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**A sermon on Ecclesiastes by St Gregory of Nyssa**  
**Christ is our head, and the wise man keeps his eyes upon him.**

We shall be blessed with clear vision if we keep our eyes fixed on Christ, for he, as Paul teaches, is our head, and there is in him no shadow of evil. Saint Paul himself and all who have reached the same heights of sanctity had their eyes fixed on Christ, and so have all who live and move and have their being in him.

As no darkness can be seen by anyone surrounded by light, so no trivialities can capture the attention of anyone who has his eyes on Christ. The man who keeps his eyes upon the head and origin of the whole universe has them on virtue in all its perfection; he has them on truth, on justice, on immortality and on everything else that is good, for Christ is goodness itself.

*The wise man, then, turns his eyes towards the One who is his head, but the fool gropes in darkness.* No one who puts his lamp under a bed instead of on a lamp-stand will receive any light from it. People are often considered blind and useless when they make the supreme Good their aim and give themselves up to the contemplation of God, but Paul made a boast of this and proclaimed himself a fool for Christ's sake. The reason he said, *We are fools for Christ's sake* was that his mind was free from all earthly preoccupations. It was as though he said, "We are blind to the life here below because our eyes are raised towards the One who is our head."

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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)**

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

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## Parish Notices:

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** 4 March, St Casimir; 5 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fast and Abstinence; 7 March, Day of Prayer and Penance for Victims of Abuse and Violence

**WEEK-DAY MASS TIMETABLE:** Please note that Tuesday Mass is at 5:30pm, 4 March.

**Ash Wednesday, 5th March:**

9.00 am Mass at Waitāruke

12.30 pm Mass at Kerikeri

6.00 pm Liturgy of The Word and Distribution of the Ashes

**BLESSED PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:** Thank you to everyone who left last year's blessed palms in the baskets provided in the church foyers. This Sunday, 2nd March, is the final opportunity to leave your blessed palms to be rendered into ashes for use on Ash Wednesday this week..

**PPRE CLASSES** resume this 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.

### Faith in 55 words or fewer—

“Do not be afraid to be holy! Have the courage and humility to present yourselves to the world determined to be holy, since full, true freedom is born from holiness.”

-St. John Paul II

### Collections 22 and 23 February 2025

**Kerikeri: \$497.80**

**Waitāruke: \$185.00**

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

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### **A sermon on Ecclesiastes by St Gregory of Nyssa Christ is our head, and the wise man keeps his eyes upon him.**

And so, without board or lodging, he travelled from place to place, destitute, naked, exhausted by hunger and thirst. When men saw him in captivity, flogged, shipwrecked, led about in chains, they could scarcely help thinking him a pitiable sight.

Nevertheless, even while he suffered all this at the hands of men, he always looked towards the One who is his head and he asked: *What can separate us from the love of Christ, which is in Jesus? Can affliction or distress? Can persecution, hunger, nakedness, danger or death?* In other words, “What can force me to take my eyes from him who is my head and to turn them towards things that are contemptible?”

He bids us follow his example: Seek the things that are above, he says, which is only another way of saying: “Keep your eyes on Christ.”

*-Blessings, Fr Tony*

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

#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

*In the process of being formed.*

#### **Finance Committee**

Fr Tony King-Archer, Bob McKinley,  
Sigit Widodo, 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,  
Hannah Da Via

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

**WAITĀRUKE 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:

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