



Sunday's Readings, plus Rosters for Kerikeri 2025

16 March 2025 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT This Week's Readings: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28-36	23 March 2025 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT Next Week's Readings: YEAR A Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2,5-8 John 4:5-42
Welcome: Rod Laptop: Bob Reader 1: David Reader 2: Peter G Prayers of Faithful: Jenny Collection: Colin Mins. of Eucharist: Eileen, Kay & Pauline K Sacristan: Pauline M Hospitality: Nellie & Sigit Church Cleaning: Sue & Murray	Welcome: Olivier Laptop: Murray Reader 1: Bob Reader 2: Kathy Prayers of Faithful: Sue Collection: Paul S Mins. of Eucharist: Barry, Alison & Pauline M Sacristan: Howard Hospitality: Howard Church Cleaning: Paddy

Please pray for the sick: Those who are ill or injured and in need of our prayers, especially Pope Francis, Blair Tomlinson, 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, Leah Goddard, Michael Garrett, Teddy Jacobs, Geoff Davies.

Please keep them in your prayers...

We remember those who have died recently:
Maureen Clare, 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, or phone 401 7429.

Kerikeri and Waitāruke

Catholic Pastoral Area

Parish Newsletter 2025/07

16 March 2025

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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)

1st READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
<u>GENESIS</u>	<u>PHILIPPIANS</u>	<u>LUKE</u>
<u>15:5-12,17-18</u>	<u>3:17-4:1</u>	<u>9:28-36</u>

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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Parish Notices:

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 17th March, St Patrick, Bishop and Principal Patron of our Diocese; 19th March, St Joseph, Husband of Mary.

WEEK-DAY MASS TIMETABLE: There are no changes this week. Now that Lent has begun, Stations of the Cross will be held directly after the Friday Mass at Kerikeri.

READERS AND PAISHIONERS PLEASE NOTE: For the 3rd, 4th and 5th Weeks of Lent, the Sunday Readings will change to **YEAR A**. This is due to us having Catechumenal candidate who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil, please keep those who are in the RCIA programme in your prayers.

THE NEW ZEALAND BISHOPS' LENT APPEAL continues to support CARITAS in its mission, providing much of the resources necessary to continue its life-changing work in New Zealand/Aotearoa, the Pacific, and beyond. Caritas is grateful for the generous support our Parish gave to Caritas last year. With continued support this year, it can offer hope to many communities facing hardship. Donation envelopes and further information are available in the Church Foyer.

PPRE CLASSES have resumed on Mondays of school term times. 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 activates 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/>

Faith in 55 words or fewer—

“Listen to Jesus and follow him. That's the message of the Transfiguration”.

— Pope Francis

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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.”

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

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In the process of being formed.

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Marie Byrne, TBA, TBA.

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