



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

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| <b>23 March 2025</b><br><b>3RD SUNDAY OF LENT</b><br><b>This Week's Readings: <u>YEAR A</u></b><br><b>Exodus 17:3-7</b><br><b>Romans 5:1-2,5-8</b><br><b>John 4:5-42</b>  | <b>30 March 2025</b><br><b>4TH SUNDAY OF LENT</b><br><b>Next Week's Readings: <u>YEAR A</u></b><br><b>1 Samuel 16: 1,6-7,10-13</b><br><b>Ephesians 5: 8-14</b><br><b>John 9:1-41</b>  |
| <b>Welcome: Olivier</b><br><b>Laptop: Murray</b><br><b>Reader 1: Bob</b><br><b>Reader 2: Kathy</b><br><b>Prayers of Faithful: Sue</b><br><b>Collection: Paul S</b><br><b>Mins. of Eucharist: Barry, Alison &amp; Pauline M</b><br><b>Sacristan: Howard</b><br><b>Hospitality: Howard</b><br><b>Church Cleaning: Paddy</b> | <b>Welcome: Colin</b><br><b>Laptop: Lorna</b><br><b>Reader 1: Nicholas</b><br><b>Reader 2: Aleksandra</b><br><b>Prayers of Faithful: Pauline K</b><br><b>Collection: Rod</b><br><b>Mins. of Eucharist: Peter B, Wendy &amp; Filomena</b><br><b>Sacristan: Pauline M</b><br><b>Hospitality: Wiga &amp; Olivier</b><br><b>Church Cleaning: Nellie &amp; Sigit</b> |

**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, Bernadette Blake, 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 2025/08

23 March 2025

3RD 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

EXODUS

17:3-7

ROMANS

5:1-2,5-8

JOHN

4:5-42

**From a treatise on the psalms  
by Saint Hilary of Poitiers**

**The meaning of "the fear of the Lord".**

Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. Notice that when Scripture speaks of the fear of the Lord it does not leave the phrase in isolation, as if it were a complete summary of faith. No, many things are added to it, or are presupposed by it. From these we may learn its meaning and excellence. In the book of Proverbs Solomon tells us: If you cry out for wisdom and raise your voice for understanding, if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord. We see here the difficult journey we must undertake before we can arrive at the fear of the Lord.

We must begin by crying out for wisdom. We must hand over to our intellect the duty of making every decision. We must look for wisdom and search for it. Then we must understand the fear of the Lord.

"Fear" is not to be taken in the sense that common usage gives it. Fear in this ordinary sense is the trepidation our weak humanity feels when it is afraid of suffering something it does not want to happen. We are afraid, or made afraid, because of a guilty conscience, the rights of someone more powerful, an attack from one who is stronger, sickness, encountering a wild beast, suffering evil in any form. This kind of fear is not taught: it happens because we are weak. We do not have to learn what we should fear: objects of fear bring their own terror with them.

But of the fear of the Lord this is what is written: Come, my children, listen to me, I shall teach you the fear of the Lord. The fear of the Lord has then to be learned because it can be taught.

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## Parish Notices:

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** 25th March, The Annunciation of the Lord and Day of prayer for Family Life.

**WEEK-DAY MASS TIMETABLE:** There are no changes this week. During Lent, 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** are held 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 in a few words.—**

**“It is not that we keep His commandments first and that then He loves but that He loves us and then we keep His commandments. This is that grace which is revealed to the humble but hidden from the proud.”**

**-Saint Augustine**

**Collections 15 and 16 March 2025**

**Kerikeri: \$388.80**

**Waitāruke: \$20.00**

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

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## **From a treatise on the psalms by Saint Hilary of Poitiers The meaning of "the fear of the Lord".**

It does not lie in terror, but in something that can be taught. It does not arise from the fearfulness of our nature; it has to be acquired by obedience to the commandments, by holiness of life and by knowledge of the truth. For us the fear of God consists wholly in love, and perfect love of God brings our fear of him to its perfection. Our love for God is entrusted with its own responsibility: to observe his counsels, to obey his laws, to trust his promises. Let us hear what Scripture says: And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you except to fear the Lord your God and walk in his ways and love him and keep his commandments with your whole heart and your whole soul, so that it may be well for you? The ways of the Lord are many, though he is himself the way. When he speaks of himself he calls himself the way and shows us the reason why he called himself the way: No one can come to the Father except through me.

We must ask for these many ways, we must travel along these many ways, to find the one that is good. That is, we shall find the one way of eternal life through the guidance of many teachers. These ways are found in the law, in the prophets, in the gospels, in the writings of the apostles, in the different good works by which we fulfil the commandments. Blessed are those who walk these ways in the fear of the Lord.

*-Blessings, Fr Tony*

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**Parish Pastoral Council**

*In the process of being formed.*

**Finance Committee**

Fr Tony King-Archer, Bob McKinley,  
Marie Byrne, TBA, TBA.

**Sacred Heart Parish**  
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Maata Job Rakena,  
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**Finance Committee**

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**02-0108-0705977-000.**

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