



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

<b>20 April 2025 EASTER SUNDAY:</b> <b>THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b> <b>This Week's Readings:</b> <b>Acts 10:34,37-43</b> <b>Colossians 3:1-4</b> <b>Luke 24:1-12</b>	<b>27 April 2025</b> <b>SECOND WEEK OF EASTER</b> <b>Next Week's Readings:</b> <b>Acts 5:12-16</b> <b>Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19</b> <b>John 20:19-31</b>
<b>Welcome:</b> Pamela <b>Laptop:</b> Lorna <b>Reader 1:</b> Filomena <b>Reader 2:</b> Marie B <b>Prayers of Faithful:</b> Aleksandra <b>Collection:</b> Paul <b>Ext. Mins. of Eucharist:</b> Graham, Wendy & Peter B <b>Sacristan:</b> Filomena <b>Hospitality:</b> Eileen & Rod <b>Church Cleaning:</b> Sue & Murray	<b>Welcome:</b> Colin <b>Laptop:</b> Lorna <b>Reader 1:</b> Kathy <b>Reader 2:</b> Peter G <b>Prayers of Faithful:</b> Jenny <b>Collection:</b> Paul <b>Ext. Mins. of Eucharist:</b> Bob, Pauline M & Barry <b>Sacristan:</b> Howard <b>Hospitality:</b> Nellie & Sigit <b>Church Cleaning:</b> Nellie & Sigit
<b>Please pray for the sick:</b> Those who are ill, injured, or in need of prayer, especially Pope Francis, Blair Tomlinson, Rose McCallum, Cam McLeod, Karen Ryan, Wendy Pogson, Colleen Twohill, Debbie McLean-Tahii, 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. <b>Please keep them in your prayers...</b>	
<b>We remember those who have died recently:</b> Colleen Breslin, Maureen Clare, Bridget Blake, Jenny McKinley, Angela Fazzi, Fr Don Cowan, Fr Peter Gray, Perene Peter Ulrich, Ron Alsweiler, 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. <b>Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...</b>	
<b>Parish Newsletter:</b> 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: <a href="mailto:kerikericatholic@gmail.com">kerikericatholic@gmail.com</a> , or phone 401 7429.	

## 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

4:00 pm

**Thursday 9:00 am**  
**(School Term Only)**

# Kerikeri and Waitāruke

## Catholic Pastoral Area

Parish Newsletter 2025/12

20 April 2025

## EASTER SUNDAY

1st READING 2nd READING GOSPEL

ACTS  
10:34,37-43

COLOSSIANS  
3:1-4

LUKE  
24:1-12

## An ancient homily for Holy Saturday The Lord's descent into the underworld

Something strange is happening – there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: "My Lord be with you all." Christ answered him: "And with your spirit." He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: "Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated. For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

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## Parish Notices:

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** 21 April –28 April, Octave of Easter; 25 April, ANZAC Day: National Day of Remembrance.

**WEEK-DAY MASS TIMETABLE:** There are one or two changes to Mass times during the week: there is no School Mass on Thursday because of the school break, plus a change to the Mass time at Kerikeri on ANZAC Day, Friday, 25th April, to 1.30 pm. This is to enable Fr Tony to participate in the ANZAC Commemoration Service in Kaeo. If you would like to join the service in Kaeo on the 25th it starts at 10am at Kaeo Memorial Hall.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS OVER EASTER:** Fr. Tony wishes to thank all those who have contributed to the smooth running of the Liturgies over Holy Week. Many are unsung heroes who work behind the scenes.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** is the Sunday after Easter which rounds off the Easter Octave. Pope Francis in this Jubilee Year has placed an emphasis on the graces one can get from indulgences. With his authority he is able to dispense the prayers prayed for his intentions to those who fulfil the respective requirements. There are Divine Mercy leaflets available at the back of the church that includes the Chaplet of Mercy.

**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 a few words — An Ancient Easter greeting**

V. Christ is Risen, Alleluia.  
R. He is Risen indeed, Alleluia.

**Collections from last week:**  
**Kerikeri: \$ 358.60**  
**Waitāruke: \$52.00**

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## **An ancient homily for Holy Saturday The Lord's descent into the underworld**

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree.

I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

*Blessings, Fr Tony*

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### **Parish Pastoral Council**

*In the process of being formed.*

### **Finance Committee**

Fr Tony King-Archer, Bob McKinley,  
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**Sacred Heart Parish**  
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### **Katekita: Pastoral Care**

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### **Finance Committee**

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