

St Marks, Raumati Beach
9.30 am

St Paul's, Paraparaumu
8.30 am & 10 am

St Peter's, Paekakariki
10 am



Kāpiti Anglicans

2025 January

Lectionary Readings

5 January 2025 – *The Epiphany of Our Lord* – White

Psalm 72 A Messianic psalm, looking for the coming of a King who will reign over all nations till the end of time.

Isaiah 60:1-6 Isaiah proclaims the Lord as Redeemer of Israel, whose glory shall shine on Zion. The peoples of all nations shall flock to Israel, bringing gifts and praising the Lord, whose people shall thrill and rejoice in their hearts.

Ephesians 3:1-12 The Gentile Christians in Ephesus are told that through Christ's grace they have become heirs to the kingdom of God. Paul, as servant to the gospel, claims that the purpose of the mystery of God now revealed is to unite both Jew and Gentile into one family, with access to God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-12 Wise men from the East come to Jerusalem seeking the child 'born to be King of the Jews', whose birth-star they have followed. King Herod's priests identify Bethlehem as the birthplace foretold for the Messiah; the magis find Jesus' family there, and offer homage and princely gifts.

The Sentence of the Day: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." (Isaiah 60:1)

The Collect of the Day: Oh God, by the leading of a star you revealed your Son Jesus Christ to the gentiles; grant that your church may be alight to the nations, so that the whole world may come to see the splendour of your glory, through Jesus Christ our lord. **Amen**

12 January – *Baptism of the Lord* - White

Psalm 29 Compares the power of God to the the strongest forces of nature, over which He has supreme authority.

Isaiah 43:1-7 Isaiah prophesies the Lord's redemption of his chosen people. He will be with us through all our trials and suffering and gather us from all corners of the earth. We need not fear, for he loves us, and we are precious in his sight.

Acts 8:14-17 The young Christian Church suffered early persecution in Jerusalem, its followers scattered through the surrounding countryside. Philip took the Gospel to Samaria, baptising many and healing them. Peter and John followed, bringing them the gift of the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 During his ministry John the Baptist spoke of one coming who would baptise not with water, but with the Holy Spirit. And when Jesus was baptised by John there came a voice from heaven saying, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased."

The Sentence of the Day: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." (*Isaiah 43:1*)

The Collect of the Day: Almighty God you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son; grant that we who are baptised into His name may give up our lives to your service, and be found worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

19 January -2nd Sunday of the Epiphany - White

Psalm 36:5-10 A Psalm extolling the steadfast love, faithfulness and righteousness of the Lord our God.

Isaiah 62:1-5 The Lord promises salvation to Jerusalem, whose restoration and glory shall be witnessed by all kings and nations. The Lord God will rejoice over Zion, as a bridegroom does over his bride.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Paul addresses the Corinthians on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Just as the Father, our Lord Jesus, and the Spirit are one, so too are **we** all part of the one body. As individual members we are granted different gifts of faith, healing, wisdom, tongues or interpretation – but all are driven by the one Spirit.

John 2:1-11 Jesus performs his first recorded miracle, changing the water into wine at a wedding in Cana; a miracle not directed at healing the sick, but having two positive outcomes. His host is rescued from shame and embarrassment, and the early disciples witness his power and believe on Him.

The Sentence of the Day: “How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.” (*Ps* 36:7)

The Collect of the Day: We pray you Lord Jesus, take the old water of our busy and conscientious lives and turn them into gospel wine, that everyone may see your life and thirst. **Amen**

26 January – 3rd Sunday of the Epiphany - White-

Psalm 19 God is revealed both in the wonders of Creation, and through the Word, the Laws and the Statutes of the Lord.

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Around 430 BC the third wave of Israelites returns from exile under the leadership of Nehemiah. After rebuilding the Wall of Jerusalem, they gather together to hear the priest Ezra read from the Book of Moses. The reading lasts all morning, translated and interpreted so that all might understand.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Still speaking on the gifts of the Spirit Paul emphasises the unity of the Church, "for in the one Spirit, we were all baptised into one body". As members of the one body, we depend upon each other, sharing alike in each other's suffering and joy.

Luke 4:14-21 Jesus returns to Nazareth after his temptation in the wilderness, to begin his Ministry. In the synagogue he reads part of a well-known passage from Isaiah, claiming that he has come to fulfil that Messianic prophecy: "for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, recovery of sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free."

The Sentence of the Day: "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul: the instruction of the Lord is sure, and gives wisdom to the simple." (*Ps 19: 7*)

The Collect of the Day: God of all mercy, your Son brought good news to the despairing, freedom to the oppressed and joy to the sad; fill us with your Spirit, that the people of our day may see in us His likeness and glorify your name. **Amen**