



Art: Patia Rarick in Indianapolis, Indiana.

10th Sunday
Ordinary time

9th June 2024

Notes from Yukiiko's Desk

Dear friends in Christ,

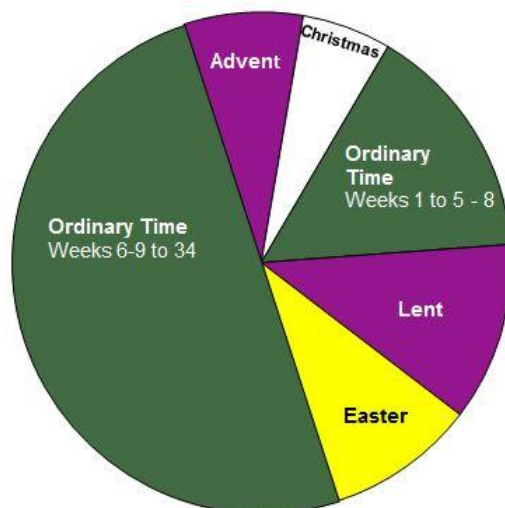
Here we are back in **Ordinary time** again. It's called "ordinary" because these are counted weeks (think of "ordinal" numbers—that word comes from the same Latin root). Probably in common parlance most people assume that the "ordinary" of Ordinary Time means what we usually mean by the word: nothing special, typical, the opposite of anything extraordinary.

Yet, Ordinary Time isn't meant to highlight how mundane, tiresome or uninteresting everyday life is. It is a period dedicated to reflecting on the public ministry and life of Jesus Christ.

During this season, the Gospel readings recount the teachings, miracles, and parables of Jesus, inviting us to immerse ourselves in his words and actions. As symbolized in the liturgical colour for Ordinary Time, "green," it is time of growth and new life. It is a season of

maturation and deepening of our faith. So, let's take the seeds God planted in our heart during Christmas, Lent, and Easter and allow them to grow into something fruitful. Ordinary Time can be a season of extraordinary faith!

Having said that, I am planning to observe some special themes, such as Refugee Sunday in July, the feast of transfiguration in August, the season of creation in September, and other feasts during this season. I hope and believe they are also all great ways for us to dive deeper as the Body of Christ. *Let's keep ordinary time extraordinary!*



Yukiiko

What's on

Visit our New Website!

We are delighted to announce that our new website has been launched. A special thanks to In- Cheol and his friend, Sujin, who is a web-designer, for their hard work, and those who have helped us by sharing their expertise (Andrew and Nicky's daughter, Penny, is one of them!) The domain address is the same as before; www.agac.org.nz. We will continue to develop and improve the website. Please visit us!



Space related news



Having Holy Cross hosting a Space programme, I was recently invited to attend the meeting with other Albany Churches who are running outreach groups for babies and preschoolers. We discussed how we could work together to support our young ones and their families in our local community. One of the things we decided to do is to cohost an event which is like an alternate to Halloween for families with preschoolers at the end of October. It may happen at Holy Cross (TBC). I am very excited that we are part of the discussion for our local community.

Settler's Morning Tea:

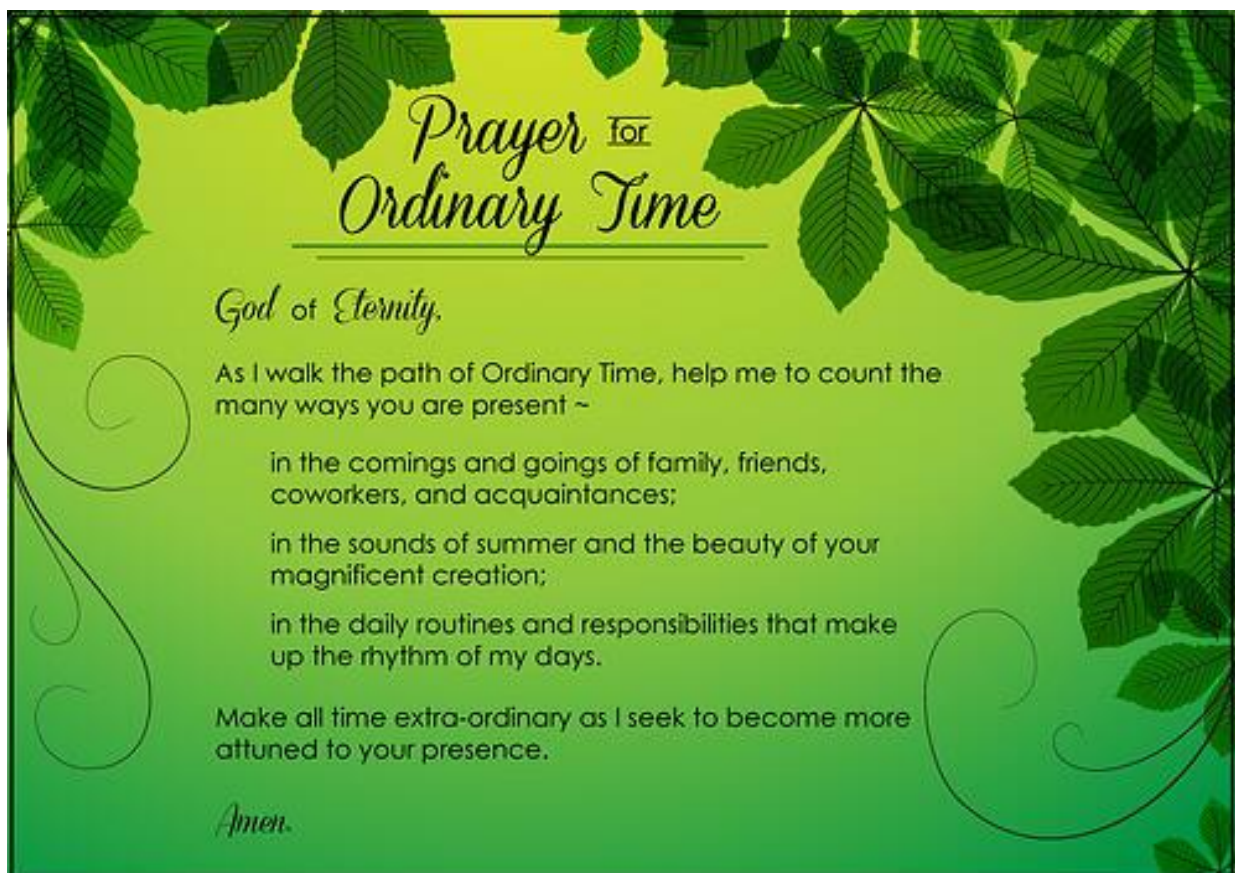
Next meeting: Wednesday 10 June at 10 am at Settler's

Vestry Meeting

Next meeting: Thursday 20 June at 7 pm

We pray for:

- Alison who is in Waitakere hospital due to infection;
- Britain as it heads towards their election;
- the work of critical organisations in our countries, such as Auckland City Mission, ATWC, and others like it, who support the vulnerable;
- mums and babies in the SPACE programme;
- our local community in Albany and Greenhithe.



This Week's Question

How many Sundays(a year) are in Ordinary Time?

Readings

	<u>09th June</u>	<u>16th June</u>
1 st Reading:	Gen 3:8-15	Ezek 17:22-24
Psalm	Ps 130	Ps 92:1-4, 12-15
2 nd Reading:	2 Cor 4:13-5:1	2 Cor 5:6-17
Gospel:	Mark 3:20-35	Mark 4:26-34

This week's summary:

- 1st
Reading: This ancient Jewish myth or parable of humanity's fall from grace, and loss of immortality, come from human disobedience to God's declared purposes.
- 2nd
Reading: This is a segment of a 4th letter Paul wrote to the Corinthian Christians, both Jews and Greeks. He reaffirms the resurrection hope for all.
- Gospel: Jewish authorities take issue with Jesus, accusing him of being possessed by Beelzebul, a reference to ancient heresies that divided Israelites of the past. Jesus sternly counters the inference.

Sentence

Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and my mother.

Mark 3:34–35

Collect of the Day

God of compassion,
deepen and increase our love for you
so that we may leave behind the sins
from which you have redeemed us,
and serve you in perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Whakataukī (the wisdom guiding the Maori culture)



--Kāhore taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini –

We cannot succeed without the support of those around us.

This Week's Service Songs

Opening:	Morning has broken
Gospel:	Christ be our light
Offertory:	My heart is not raised up too high
Recession:	By the rivers of Babylon

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>09th June</u>	<u>16th June</u>
Sacristan	Karenne West	Val Deas
Welcomer	Trish Duncan	Trish Duncan
1 Readings	Dorothy M	John Churchill
2 Readings	Bernadette	Valerie Churchill
Presiding	Les	Yukiko
Prayers	Beatrix Jones	Yukiko
TV Setup & Slides	InCheol Kim	Graham Wood
Morning Tea	Valerie & June	Dorothy M & Ria
Flowers	Ria Gormley	Ria Gormley

St Michaels

	<u>09th June</u>	<u>16th June</u>
Welcomer& Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Bruce Goertz	Bryan Simpson
Presiding	Bruce Goertz	Les

This Week's Answer:

33 or 34 weeks

Liturgical Colour:

Liturgical Colour for this week is;

Green

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