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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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17th Sunday Ordinary time

28th July 2024

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Dear AGAC friends,

As I was reading through the readings assigned for this Sunday, I was struck by the fact that the passages from 2 Kings 4, John 6, and Psalm 145 sit well together within the theme of *an all-sufficient God* and *a faith-filled people*.

Psalm 145 written by David addresses a declaration of who God is, with frequent reference to God's power, mighty acts, and provision. Whereas, 2 Kings 4 demonstrates how this practically operates (feeding 100 people) through the man of faith, Elisha. While this is a numerically smaller miracle than Jesus feeding 5000, it illustrates God's faithfulness to faithful people.

David knew difficulties and setbacks, and even unanswered prayer (remember Bathsheba's first son to David), but he did not lose sight of *who God is* and *what God does*. Elisha is represented in one of 'the prophets' and the life of faith is certainly not portrayed through *rose-tinted glasses*! They experienced both challenge and victory, but all of them gained approval through their faith. I was inspired by all these stories.

This Sunday at Holy Cross, however, I will highlight on Ephesians 3:14-21 in my reflection. The image chosen for the cover sheet in this newsletter might give you some insights of what I am going to share with you.

Joyfully in Christ,

Yukiko

News & upcoming events



In the last term, we introduced a “treasure basket” in our group. A

treasure basket is a wonderful and easy sensory activity we can create to enrich and engage babies' learning and

understanding. I enjoyed picking up shells, pine cones etc for the

treasure basket as I used to do that for my son when he was small! This week, everyone brought something for others and swapped items. Here are items chosen for the treasure basket!



Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: **21st Aug Wednesday at 10 am** at Settler's Lounge.

4th August- Transfiguration – Hiroshima Day, and World Peace Day

Next Sunday, 4th August, we are observing the Transfiguration of the Beloved Son, and Hiroshima Day & World Peace Day (transferred from Fri 6 Aug.) As many of you know I was born in Hiroshima, and am the second generation of a survivor. On that Sunday, I am sharing my father's experience of 6th Aug in 1945 in Hiroshima and we will pray for world peace. If you know someone who might be interested in the story of Hiroshima, please invite them!



Creative gifts Sunday-1st September

During September, we will have a special Sunday to celebrate our creative gifts. On that day we will display and celebrate our creative gifts (poetry, painting, floral arrangement, photography, quilting, knitting, writing, (or whatever forms!) in visual (or any other) form around the Church for all to enjoy. If you have something to present, please inform In Cheol; your name/what it is (e.g. poetry, painting etc/title/a short story (if you have) by email or a piece of paper so that we can arrange the exhibits.

Archbishops' statement on the Royal Commission Inquiry on Abuse in Care

Please read the statement from the Archbishops on the Royal Commission Inquiry on Abuse in Care. For those who are unable to read it electronically, a copy of the statement is available on the foyer. [Click here](#)

We pray for:

- All the survivors of abuse in your hearts and prayers
- deep and lasting change in the institutions that have failed in their duty of protection and care
- Paris Olympics and Paralympics!

This Week's Question

Who broke the news that a lad had five loaves and two fish?

A: Thomas B: John C: James D: Andrew

Readings

	<u>28th July</u>	<u>4th August</u>
1 st Reading:	2 Kgs 4:42-44	Exod 24:12-18
Psalm	Ps 145:10-18	Ps 97
2 nd Reading:	Eph 3:14-21	2 Pet 1:16-21
Gospel:	John 6:1-15	Luke 9:28-36

This week's summary:

- 1st Reading: Elisha ensures hundred people, probably priests, are fed and satisfied.
- 2nd Reading: Paul says the Church is God's family, and as such is called to perceive the divine mysteries of human existence in God.
- Gospel: The story of the feeding of the 5000 is found in all four gospels. It is followed by the events on a stormy Sea of Galilee.

Sentence

Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 3: 17

Collect of the Day

Grant that our inner beings may be strengthened
through your Spirit,
And that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith,
that you may accomplish within us
Far more than all we ask or can imagine.
Amen

This Week's Service Songs

Opening:	Open the eyes of my heart
Gospel:	Love is your way
Offertory:	Now to your table spread
Recession:	Lift High the Cross

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>28th July</u>	<u>4th August</u>
Sacristan	Dorothy Schultz	Val Deas
Welcomer	Ria Gormley	Trish Duncan
1 Readings	Christian	Patrick Harris
2 Readings	Trish Duncan	Diana Harris
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Rhona Stace	Yukiko
TV Setup & Slides	InCheol Kim	Graham Wood
Morning Tea	Valerie & June	Karenne West
Flowers	Diana Harris	Ria Gormley

St Michaels

	<u>28th July</u>	<u>4th August</u>
Welcomer & Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Bruce Goertz	Brian Simpson
Presiding	Bruce Goertz	Yukiko

This Week's Answer:

D: Andrew

Liturgical Colour:

Liturgical Colour for this week is; Green

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The Lord is faithful
to all His promises
and loving toward
all He has made.

Psalm 145:13

Beautiful Obscure