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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



28th Ordinary Time

13 Oct 2024

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Kia ora e te whānau a te Karaiti



Thanks to your support and prayers, I had a wonderful 2-night retreat at St. Mary Mackillop retreat Centre in Mission Bay last weekend. Though the retreat was facilitated by a spiritual director with eight retreatants, it was taken in silence most of the time (apart from talking with a spiritual director one on one).



A weekend of silence? You may wonder. A retreat is simply time away with God. A break from routine. Getting out of our normal rut and finding a quiet time and place to slow down with God.

Going on silent retreat is an essential spiritual discipline for me, but I had not done for several years. As the retreat went on, I came to realise it was much needed.



It was a wonderful opportunity to spend time with God alone in a beautiful setting. (The photo in the cover letter is a sunrise view from the room I was in. Other photos in this page were also taken at the retreat).

I refreshed, renewed, transformed – not quite the same as I arrived.



Thankfully His
Yukiko



News & upcoming events

15th Oct at Holy Cross (10:30-12:30)

A devotion with Rev. Junko Monica Preston

Rev. Junko, who became the first Japanese woman priested in the Anglican Church, is coming to share her story with us. If you know anyone who might be interested, please invite them. This will be a great opportunity!

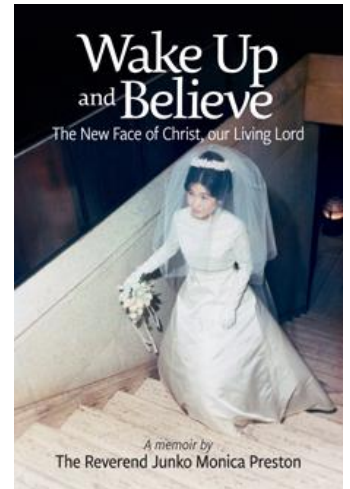
Summary of the book:

The New Face of Christ, our Living Lord.

This is the inspiring and unique story of one simple Christian, caught up unaware in a prophetic calling, who became the first Japanese woman priested in the Anglican Church.

At the age of 27 Junko forfeited her country - birthright, citizenship, family, and above all her mother tongue Japanese - in order to marry an Englishman chosen by God. This new life turned out to be one of great blessings, surrounded by many people of faith and trust.

She tells how Christ drew her slowly to become a disciple and spiritual eyewitness in today's world, as she came to realise the presence of the code of the Covenant between humanity and God. This mystery may ignite for the reader a lifetime of curiosity, wonder and love of God in their lives.



Coffee Fellowship

Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: **16 October** Wednesday at **10 am** at Settler's Lounge.



We will begin our new term this coming week. This term we will focus on “play” and will introduce different ways to have fun with babies including going to the beach, Kelly Park and swimming pool. This will be the last term, and our graduation day will be on 18th December.



Parish dinner (pencil it in your diary!)

9th Nov (Saturday) at Holy Cross

Starting at 6:30

Please feel free to invite your family, friends, and those who have come to our parishes!

We pray for:

- Students and teachers to find physical, mental, and spiritual strength as the busy final term begins this week.
- The terrible situation in Lebanon and the Middle East.
- The family of Michael Lambert as they remember his first anniversary of his death (19th October).

This Week's Question

What does Jesus say is the first and greatest commandment?

Readings

	<u>13 October</u>	<u>20 October</u>
1 st Reading:	Job 23:1-9, 16-17	Isaiah 53:4-10
Psalm	Ps 22:1-15	Ps 91:9-16
2 nd Reading:	Heb 4:12-16	Heb 5:1-10
Gospel:	Mark 10:17-31	Mark 10:35-45

This week's summary:

1 st Reading:	The debate between Job and Eliphaz continues. Job's bitterness stems from trying to discern God's purposes.
2 nd Reading:	This passage affirms for Christian Jews, not living in Israel, the humble status of Jesus, the incarnate one, who is also their great high priest, greater than the tabernacle and temple priests of Judaism.
Gospel:	Jesus declares that the accruing of wealth and status does not signal a closer relationship with God.

Sentence

But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

(Mark 10:31)

Collect of the Day

**You alone are holy; O God;
You alone are good.
Help us to let go of worldly goods
and leave lesser things behind
So that we may be ready
to enter your holy realm on that day
when the first are last and the last are first;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

This Week's Service Songs

Opening:	It is well with my soul
Gospel:	Be still for the presence of the Lord
Offertory:	Seek ye first the kingdom of God
Recession:	I have decided to follow Jesus

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>13th October</u>	<u>20th October</u>
Sacristan	Val Deas	Karenne West
Welcomer	Ria Gormley	Dorothy Shultz
1 Readings	Alison Thompson	Patrick Harris
2 Readings	Linda Wells	Diana Harris
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Rhona Stace	Dorothy Meyer
TV Setup & Slides	Gary Wells	Graham Wood
Morning Tea	Gary & Linda	Alison T & Trish
Flowers	Diana Harris	Diana Harris

St Michaels

	<u>13th October</u>	<u>20th October</u>
Welcome & Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Bruce Goertz	Brian Simpson
Presiding	Yukiko	Les

This Week's Answer:

Love God with all your heart, minds, soul, and strength.

Liturgical Colour: Green

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Mother Teresa said, “We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature – trees, flowers, grass – grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. We need silence to be able to touch souls.”