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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



© Christ Healing the Blind Man,
Painted by Gioachino Assereto (1600–1649), Painted circa 1640

30th Ordinary Time

27 Oct 2024

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Do you enjoy reflecting on Christian art? I do. In my recent retreat, we spent a lot of time reflecting on Rembrandt's painting of Return of the Prodigal Son (see right). The painting really enhanced my understanding of the story in Luke 15, and spoke to my heart quite powerfully.



The canvas art on the cover of this newsletter was painted around 1640 by Gioachino Assereto in Italy. As you could see, it portrays the scene of the gospel passage for this Sunday.

In the picture, we see Christ in full movement reaching out to touch Bartimaeus' eyes. What stood out for me is that the blind man is leaning backwards, taken by surprise. Notice, his stick is floating on his right into an empty space. I believe Assereto wanted to emphasise that it will no longer be needed after the healing, made obsolete by Jesus' touch. A cheeky boy is about to take the man's begging cup, but as witnessing the healing, he leaves the cup where it was.

Once Bartimaeus could see, a whole new world opened up for him. When you get up in the mornings and open your eyes, do you really see the world around you? What do you notice? the new shoots on the ground, lonely person on the street.....? If our sight had been healed like that of the blind man in our reading, we would notice all these things. This Sunday is a day we can pray for us to regain our sight too.

Nga mihi

Yukiko

News & upcoming events



This week, as I attended the workshop run by Scripture Union in West Auckland, I was not able to be there. I am grateful that Robyn and Stephanie ran the group by themselves.



Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: **20 November** Wednesday at **10 am** at Settler's Lounge

Parish dinner (pencil it in your diary!)

9th Nov (Saturday) at Holy Cross

Starting at 6:30



Please put your name and how many people are coming on the list this Sunday giving us an idea of numbers coming. If anyone needs any dietary requirements (vegetarian, gluten free, dairy free, egg free etc), please write that down. Alternatively, let the office know by email.

If you can, bring a plate to share... bearing in mind the only things you have to bring are yourself, a good appetite, and a sense of fun! We will provide drinks and some food. There are some nice live music happening during the night.

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

Annual General Meeting will be held after the service on **Sunday 17th November** at Holy Cross.

Some draft documents for the budget 2025 will be available (at the table where you receive a newsletter) at Holy Cross this Sunday (and next three Sundays) to read in advance of the meeting.

Commemoration to Adrian Jennings

It was with sadness that we heard this week that Adrien Jennings had died. As many of you know she lived and worked for many years at her art studio in Albany Village overlooking Kell's Park. She took great joy in her work both as an artist and teacher, sharing her knowledge and skills in assisting others on their artistic journey. Her painting of a White Dove of Peace hangs in Holy Cross Church.

Her funeral service will be held at Holy Cross at 1pm on Friday the 1st of November.

May she rest in the care of God's loving peace.

We pray for

- the people and organizations who work tirelessly to create a better world for those who are suffering in mind, body, and spirit (such as Auckland City Mission, Anglican Trust for Women and Children).
- the upcoming United States Presidential election
- all the workers in New Zealand on Labour Day

This Week's Question

What city did God make the walls fall so Joshua and the Israelites could conquer it?

Readings

	<u>27th October</u>	<u>3rd November</u>
1 st Reading:	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Isa 25:6-9
Psalm	Ps 34:1-8,(19-22)	Ps 24
2 nd Reading:	Heb 7:23-28	Rev 21:1-6a
Gospel:	Mark 10:46-52	John 11:32-44

This week's summary:

1 st Reading:	Job suggests that humility and penitence are the proper posture of a child of God.
2 nd Reading:	Because Jesus is not subject to death, in contrast to the earthly priests, as the heavenly high priest he is able to serve and offer salvation perpetually.
Gospel:	Jesus traveling through Jericho on His way to Jerusalem and the cross. He is stopped by a blind man who wishes to be healed.

Sentence

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you. (Job 42: 5)

Collect of the Day

**We praise you, God,
that the light of Christ shines in our darkness and is never
overcome; show us the way we must go to eternal day;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

This Week's Service Songs (Stephanie and Yukiko)

Opening:	As the deer pants for the water
Gospel:	Amazing grace
Offertory:	Be thou my vision
Recession:	Blessed assurance

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>27th October</u>	<u>3rd November</u>
Sacristan	Dorothy Shultz	Karenne West
Welcomer	Trish Duncan	Dorothy Shultz
1 Readings	Bernadette	Patrick Harris
2 Readings	Christian	Diana Harris
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Beatrix Jones	Dorothy Meyer
TV Setup & Slides	InCheol Kim	Graham Wood
Morning Tea	Valerie & June	Alison T & Trish
Flowers	Ria Gormley	Ria Gormley

St Michaels

	<u>27th October</u>	<u>3rd November</u>
Welcome & Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Bruce Goertz	Brian Simpson
Presiding	Bruce Goertz	Yukiko

This Week's Answer:

Jericho.

Liturgical Colour: Green

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A Prayer for Labour Day:

**God of Justice,
you are also the God who is beyond justice.**

**Jesus told the story
of workers who were paid a living wage
whether they had worked a full day
or for only the last hour -
a story of a landowner who knew
that all workers needed to feed their families
and pay their rent.**

**On this Labour Day
we pray for all workers.**

**We pray for a living wage for everyone;
we pray for safe working conditions for everyone;
we pray for fulfilling work for everyone.**

**Transform the systems of our world
so that all people are valued,
not for what they do or what they produce,
but simply because of who they are -
your beloved children, created in your image.**

**We pray this in and through Jesus Christ,
your Loving Word-Made-Flesh,
and our Way.**

Amen.

