



(Photos: taken at Settlers when I joined the morning tea group on 16 Oct.)

29th Ordinary Time

20 Oct 2024

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Dear AGAC friends

On Monday, Rev. Junko Preston arrived in Auckland, and visited Holy Cross on Tuesday to share her story. We had a blessing time. She is the first Japanese female priest who was ordained to the priesthood in the Anglican Church in the world in late 80s. Her ordination helped other Japanese women who had been waiting for God opening the door in late 90s. As I spent time together with her, I was reflecting on my own calling this week.

Growing up in the country where women's leadership roles are hardly recognised, even after starting my training for ordination, I had wrestled a lot with the sense of inadequacy; I could not imagine that I would be able to stand at the pulpit myself someday. But imagine, when Junko, who was born during the war, stood firm to her sense of calling when no other Japanese women were ordained! Her road to the ordination was much harder than I could imagine. Even after she finally became a priest, she had to face so many hurdles. Like Junko, many brave pioneering women had crossed the boundary of the women's sphere and had paved the way for those of us who came after. For this, I am deeply grateful.

I was reminded that thanks to those women, I am able to do what I am doing now. Junko's story reminds me of the word in Thessalonians 5:24 "***The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.***" I should also remind myself that God has helped me cross so many boundaries. God has always been, and continues to be faithful. And I am encouraging all of you as I am writing this.

P. S. Junko donated six of her books and we sold them (total\$130). With the money, we are buying the recycling bin at Holy Cross.

Embracing the faith Yukiko

News & upcoming events



We began our new term this week. We discussed about “Play.” For the discussion, as ask, “How would you describe play?, What kind of play does your baby enjoy?, How do you know if your baby is enjoying their play experience?, How are you and baby engaging in play together? I am sure many of you have great insights. I would be interested in hearing about your stories.



Settler's Morning Tea:

We had a wonderful gathering. 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

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 performances during the night.

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



Vestry meeting: This Thursday at 7:00 pm

Bishop Ross's video

Bishop Ross has been on a pilgrimage with the Anglican Roman Catholic Commission for Aotearoa New Zealand, visiting some of the places of our respective faith beginnings.

[click here now](#) to go to the YouTube page where the video will play.

We pray for:

- World Peace, especially, this week marks the 50th Anniversary of the Week of Prayer for World Peace.
- People in poverty as we mark the United Nations' International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on 17th October.
- All the people who are struggling in our local community.

This Week's Question

What did James & John want Jesus to do for them?

Readings

	<u>20 October</u>	<u>27 October</u>
1 st Reading:	Isaiah 53:4-12	Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm	Ps 91:9-16	Ps 34:1-8
2 nd Reading:	Heb 5:1-10	Heb 7:23-28
Gospel:	Mark 10:35-45	Mark 10:46-52

This week's summary:

1st
Reading: The prophet shares the pain of his fellows Jews in Exile in Babylon. This passage portrays the suffering endured but has also become linked with the suffering of the Messiah in later Christian thought.

- 2nd The writer lists the qualities required of a high priest.
Reading: Christ fulfils these qualities. The order of
 Melchizedek was an ancient priestly order related to
 the religious shrine in pre-Davidic Jerusalem.
Gospel: There is tension among the disciples when they learn
 James and John want guarantees of status & power.

Sentence

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give
his life a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

Collect of the Day

**We give you thanks and praise, O God,
that you have called us to this place
to hear the promise of your holy word,
to be immersed in the font of your grace,
and to drink the cup of your blessing.
Draw us deeper into your presence
And send us out to love and serve;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

This Week's Service Songs (Anne)

- Opening: A new commandment
Gospel: Love Divine all Loves Excelling
Offertory: Spirit of the living God
Recession: Abide with me

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>20th October</u>	<u>27th October</u>
Sacristan	Karenne West	Dorothy Shultz
Welcomer	Dorothy Shultz	Trish Duncan
1 Readings	Patrick Harris	Christian
2 Readings	Diana Harris	Trish Duncan
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Dorothy Meyer	Beatrix Jones
TV Setup & Slides	Graham Wood	InCheol Kim
Morning Tea	Alison T & Trish	Valerie & June
Flowers	Diana Harris	Ria Gormley

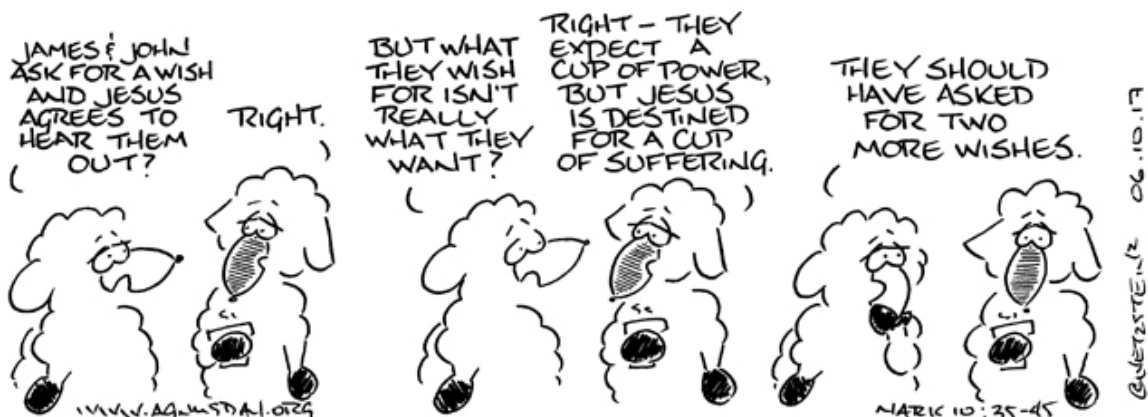
St Michaels

	<u>20th October</u>	<u>27th October</u>
Welcome & Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Brian Simpson	Bruce Goertz
Presiding	Les	Bruce Goertz

This Week's Answer:

Let them sit on His right & left.

Liturgical Colour: **Green**



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INTERNATIONAL
DAY **FOR THE**
ERADICATION
OF POVERTY
17 OCTOBER



Poverty Facts and Figures

- Extreme poverty is defined as surviving on less than \$2.15 per person per day at 2017 purchasing power parity.
- By the end of 2022, 8.4 per cent of the world's population, or as many as 670 million people, are expected to be living in extreme poverty.
- An estimated 7% of the global population – around 575 million people – could still find themselves trapped in extreme poverty by 2030.
- In response to the cost-of-living crisis, 105 countries and territories announced almost 350 social protection measures between February 2022 and February 2023.