

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

30th Ordinary Sunday

Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young -
Even Your altars, O Lord of Hosts, My King and my God.



Psalm 84:3

26th October 2025

Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Dear AGAC whanau,

Last week in our Northshore clergy cluster group meeting, we had a presentation from **Age Concern New Zealand** (visit: www.ageconcernauckland.org.nz). They offer a wide range of support to older adults(65+), from advice, information and resources through to free counselling, companionship, advocacy with government departments, help with health, finances and technology, in-home care and handyman tasks, to presentations on variety of topics, and even brokering home-share/boarding living arrangements for older people who are keen to have someone else in the house for a bit of income and company. Our Diocese has embarked on a partnership with **Age Concern** through the Selwyn Foundation, and we're hoping to increase people's awareness of what **Age Concern** does in the community and connect people up with things that will be helpful. Please feel free to pick up a flyer about them (with a magnet for your fridge). Perhaps you could think of someone who would benefit from tapping into some of their services. They are also looking for volunteers, and maybe you could be a volunteer for home visiting or handyman help.

The image of the cover of this newsletter beautifully illustrates today's Psalm. ***"Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, Lord Almighty, my King and my God*** (Psalm 84:3)." This tender imagery speaks of belonging and safety. There are days when I've felt like that sparrow. Small. Wandering. Unsure of where I belong. Days when I don't have answers or direction, only the ache of needing to know I am held. At such times, God whispers me: *even you have a place here*. In this new season, as you are walking along the way, you might find

a bird's nest in a tree or on the ground. If it happens, I believe that is a message from God.

Arohanui

Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events



This week, we made 5 little duck puppets for our little ones. You may remember the songs five little ducklings!



Coffee Fellowship

Morning Tea @ Settler's

Next meeting: Wednesday **19th Nov** at **10 am** at Settler's lounge.

Parish dinner (pencil it in your diary!)

8th 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!

There is a sign-up sheet at both Holy Cross and St. Michael's. Please write your name, the number of people who attend, any diet requirements, and the dish you could bring.

Video News from Bishop 17th October: [Click here](#)

Baptism of Rob and Angela

It is exciting to let you know that Bob Coughlan and their daughter Angela are getting baptised on 30th of October at 4:30 pm at Holy Cross. Please pray for Bob and Angela across the next couple of days as they prepare to publicly confess their faith in Jesus Christ. If you would like to join the service, you are most welcome to join.

Confirmation service at Holy Trinity Cathedral on Sunday 7th December at 5pm

Please let Yukiko know by 3rd of November if you would like to take part in the service (done by Bishop Ross). Bob and Angela will be taking part in the service and I will be there. The confirmation class will be undertaken at our parishes.

We pray for:

- The Communities most impacted by the storm this week— rural residents, essential workers, and those facing power outages, isolation, or housing insecurity.
- Peace and Hope in the world, especially in Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan.
- the elderly in our community and those who are taking care of them; Send your Holy Spirit to help them make wise decisions, and grant them the patience to care for those who once cared for them.
- all the workers in New Zealand on Labour Day

This Week's Bible Question

The parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee was geared towards who?

A: The believers

B: The scribes

C: The Pharisees only

D: The self-righteous

*Time is the
coin of life.
Only you can
determine how
you spend it.*

Carl Sandburg

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: Morning has broken
Gospel: Breathe on me, Breath of God
Offertory: Great is thy faithfulness
Recession: Precious Lord, take my hand
Music: Stephanie

Sentence for the day

Can any idols of the nations bring rain,
or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O Lord our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this. (Jeremiah 14: 22)

Readings

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
1 st Reading:	Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22	Daniel 7:1-3,15-18
Psalm	Psalm 84:1-7	Psalm 149
2 nd Reading:	2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18	Ephesians 1:11-23
Gospel:	Luke 18:9-14	Luke 6:20-31

Summary of the Scripture

- 1st Reading: A devastating drought is seen by Jeremiah as God turning aside from the people, an issue he agonises about.
- 2nd Reading: The writer concludes his letter, writing as though it is Paul's last communication.
- Gospel: The issue of status and assumed privilege is tackled by Jesus in this parable.

Collect for the Day

Righteous and gracious Lord,
You reveal to us the way of goodness and life.
Teach us humility
That we may trust in your power, and not our own,
In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

Liturgical Colour

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This Week's Bible Question Answer

D. The self-righteous

**Wisdom comes with all we see, God writes
His lessons in each flower, And ev'ry singing
bird or bee Can teach us something of His
power.**

~ Maud Lindsay

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sacristan	Les	Dorothy Schultz
Welcomer	Barry Gosper	Trish Duncan
1 Readings	Trish Duncan	Valerie Churchill
2 Readings	Bernadette	John Churchill
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Robert	Beatrix Jones
TV Setup & Slides	Christian	Karenne West
Morning Tea	Valerie & June	Beatrix & Robert
Flowers	Ria Gormley	Ria Gormley
Music	Yukiko & Stephanie	Andrew

St Michaels

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Yukiko
Readings	Bruce Goertz	Brian Simpson
Presiding	Bruce Goertz	Yukiko

God hears every
unspoken word, sees
every unseen wound,
mends every
unbearable pain.
Have faith and be
strong!

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Feedback welcome:

If you have feedback on any aspect of our church activities, please contact the wardens, Dorothy & Trish – contacts as above – or via the office at the email above.

Albany Greenhithe Anglican Parish

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Holy Cross no longer has a telephone connection