

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## Season of Creation Week 5



**Feast of St. Francis**

**5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

# Notes from Yukiiko's Desk

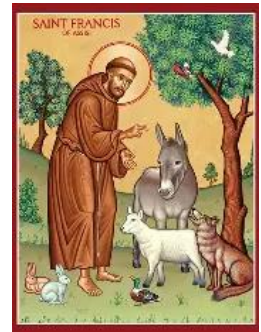


Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

How are you enjoying the warmer weather? As for me, while I enjoy every aspect of the warmer weather, I really enjoy walking with my dog at beach whenever I can.

The sacred season of creation culminates on this Sunday, the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi** (actual feast day is 4<sup>th</sup> Oct), the patron saint of ecology.

I recently learned that this year marks the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's ***Canticle of the Creatures***, a profound hymn reflecting his deep connection to nature and the divine. 800 years after St. Francis composed the ***Canticle of the Creatures***, his writing continues to be deeply



relevant— including at the United Nations. In offering his praise in it, to the many dimensions of nature he witnessed around him, St. Francis also recognized their fragility. Today, as we try to preserve the world from the multiple and intersecting crises that threaten all of nature, his words resonate as a reminder of what is at stake. I believe it is so appropriate to finish the season of creation with the feast of St. Francis. See the last page of this newsletter for a glimpse of ***Canticle of the Creatures***.

Please note there will be no service at St. Michael's this Sunday. Since we will include animal blessings, we will have a combined service at Holy Cross at 10:30.

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Yukiiko

## News and Upcoming Events



We will begin our last term this Wednesday. The theme of this term is “PLAY.”



### **Morning Tea @ Settler's**

Next meeting: Wednesday **15<sup>th</sup> October** at **10 am** at Settler's lounge.

### **Introducing our website manager for AGAC**

I am pleased to announce that **Jeff Zou** has been managing our website. He has experience in the field of website development and is currently working as a robot engineer.

Jeff recently obtained Master in IT. We are so blessed by his ministry. Jeff is currently in China for two weeks as they celebrate Mid-Autumn Moon festival with his family.

If you have any suggestions or requests regarding our website, please contact Jeff on [achungu@gmail.com](mailto:achungu@gmail.com).

### **Mark in your Diary**

FYI, the following events are upcoming!

**Parish Dinner: 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**AGM: 30th November**

### **We pray for:**

- Peace in the world, especially Israel, Gaza/Palestine, Ukraine and South Sudan.
- local elections and Māori ward referendums;  
we pray that God's Spirit guides us and those in our communities in our decision-making.
- Our Space whanau
- Our parish and neighbourhood of AGAC.

### **This Week's Bible Question**

What did God do to the man before taking from him to create the woman?

- A: God made him sleep      B: God made him dream  
C: God gave him food      D: God talked to him  
E: God showed him the animals

### **This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross**

Opening: All creatures of our God and King  
Gospel: God who sets us on a journey  
Offertory: Make me a channel of your peace  
Recession: This little light of mine  
Music: Andrew

### **Sentence for the day**

But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air,  
and they will tell you; ...and the fish of the sea will declare to you.  
In his hand is the life of every living thing...'  
(Job 12: 7, 8b, 10a)

### **Readings**

|                          | <u>5<sup>th</sup> October</u> | <u>12<sup>th</sup> October</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: | Genesis 2:18-25               | TBA                            |
| Psalm                    | Psalm 148: 7-14               | TBA                            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: | Revelation 5:11-14            | TBA                            |
| Gospel:                  | Matthew 6:25-29               | TBA                            |

### **Summary of the Scripture**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: God creates Eve as a suitable partner for Adam. This act has deep significance as it emphasizes the idea of companionship, mutual support, and unity between man and woman. It reflects the biblical concept of marriage as a sacred and harmonious union ordained by God.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: This depicts a powerful scene of worship in heaven, where countless angels and all of creation praise the Lamb, symbolizing Jesus Christ, for His worthiness and eternal reign.
- Gospel: This is about Jesus teaching his followers not to worry about their material needs, using the example of how God takes care of the birds and flowers as a demonstration of his provision and care for his people.

### **Collect for the Day**

God, our Creator,  
help us to love all creatures as kin,  
all animals as partners on Earth,  
all birds as messengers of praise,  
all tiny beings as expressions of your mysterious design and  
protect all creatures as voices of hope. **Amen.**

### **Liturgical Colour**

**GREEN**

### **This Week's Bible Question Answer**

Answer A. (See Genesis 2: 21)

## Rosters

### Holy Cross

|                   | <u>5<sup>th</sup> October</u> | <u>12<sup>th</sup> October</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sacristan         | Dorothy S                     | Val Deas                       |
| Welcomer          | Trish Duncan                  | Ria Gormley                    |
| 1 Readings        | John Churchill                | Bernadette                     |
| 2 Readings        | Valerie Churchill             | Alison Thompson                |
| Presiding         | Yukiko                        | Les                            |
| Prayers           | Rhona Stace                   | Yukiko                         |
| TV Setup & Slides | Karenne West                  | Graham Wood                    |
| Morning Tea       | Dorothy M & Ria               | Karenne & Trish                |
| Flowers           | Ria Gormley                   | Karenne & Trish                |
| Music             | Andrew                        | Karin                          |

### St Michaels

|           | <u>5<sup>th</sup> October</u> | <u>12<sup>th</sup> October</u> |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Prayers   | -----                         | Bruce Goertz                   |
| Readings  | -----                         | Bruce Goertz                   |
| Presiding | -----                         | Bruce Goertz                   |



Saint Andrew's Epsom | Sundays at Three

### Chamber Echoes

**Tuakau Trio**  
Gyuri Mun – flute  
Twila Reid – cello  
Karin Kikuno – piano

Sunday October 12th 3pm

Saint Andrew's Church  
100 St Andrews Rd, Epsom

Entry by Koha | Followed by afternoon tea

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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.

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## Canticle of the Creatures

**M**ost High, all-powerful, all-good Lord,  
all praise is Yours, all glory,  
all honour and all blessings.

**T**o you alone, Most High, do they belong, and no  
mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your Name.

**P**raised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures,  
especially Sir Brother Sun, Who is the day  
through whom You give us light. And he is  
beautiful and radiant with great splendour,  
of You Most High, he bears the likeness.

**P**raised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon  
and the stars, in the heavens you have made  
them bright, precious and fair.

**P**raised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind  
and Air, and fair and stormy, all weather's moods,  
by which You cherish all that You have made.

**P**raised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,  
so useful, humble, precious and pure.

**P**raised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,  
through whom You light the night and he is  
beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

**P**raised be You, my Lord, through our Sister  
Mother Earth who sustains and governs us,  
producing varied fruits with coloured flowers  
and herbs.

**P**raised be You, my Lord, through those who grant  
pardon for love of You and bear sickness and trial.  
Blessed are those who endure in peace,  
by You Most High, they will be crowned.

**P**raised be You, my Lord, through Sister Death,  
from whom no-one living can escape.  
Woe to those who die in mortal sin!  
Blessed are they She finds doing Your Will,  
no second death can do them harm.

**P**raise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks,  
and serve Him with great humility.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI