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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



18th January 2026
Epiphany Week 2

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Dear AGAC friends,

The photo of *koru* in the coversheet of this newsletter was taken by myself on the New Year Day in Kelly Park in Albany.

As you may know, derived from the unfurling silver fern frond, *koru* holds profound significance in Māori culture. It represents new beginnings, growth, and harmony, and hope. When I saw it, I was quite excited, particularly as it was a New Year Day. It reminded me that our life journey is like the unfolding fern frond. In our youth, we may be full of energy and curiosity, like tender shoots reaching for the light. As we move through life, facing both challenges and growth, we gain wisdom and strength. Each season brings transformation, where we release what no longer serves ours and embraces renewal. Like the fern's resilience, we find strength in times of difficulty and continues to grow. Through life's cycles, we evolve, uncovering more of ourselves and finding fulfillment, much like the fern's natural rhythm.

This coming week on the 20th, I am leaving for Japan. My son and I will go skiing (on the night we arrive in the airport, we are taking a night bus to the ski resort!) for several days before flying to Hiroshima. If I need to be contacted, please email me. Otherwise, please contact Les. While I am away, Denise is taking a service on 25th, and Colleen on 1st of Feb.

Notice. Just letting you know due to his health condition, Roger has stepped down from his role as an administrator. We are deeply grateful for his great service. We continue to pray for his recovery.

Yukiko

18th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany Year A

Readings for 18th January

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm Psalm 40:1-14
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel: John 1:29-42

This week's summary:

1st Reading: This passage emphasizes God's sovereign plan, preparing His chosen servant to be a light for all people, extending salvation beyond Israel to the ends of the earth.

2nd Reading: Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours.

Gospel: This describes the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist, marking a pivotal moment in Jesus' ministry and affirming His identity as the Son of God.

Sentence

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *1 Corinthians 1:9*

Collect of the Day

**Almighty God,
give us such a vision of your purpose
and such an assurance of your love and power,
that we may ever hold fast the hope
which is in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening:	Crown Him With Many Crowns
Gospel:	Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Offertory:	Tama Ngakau Marie
Recession:	I, The Lord of Sea and Sky
Music:	Stephanie & Trish

Rosters for this Sunday

Holy Cross

Sacristan	Val D
Welcomer	Alison T
1 Readings	Patrick
2 Readings	Diana
Presiding	Yukiko
Prayers	Rhona
TV Setup & Slides	Graham
Morning Tea	Dorothy M & Ria
Flowers	Diana

St Michaels

Welcome & Prayers	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Bruce
Presiding	Les

Liturgical Colour: White

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