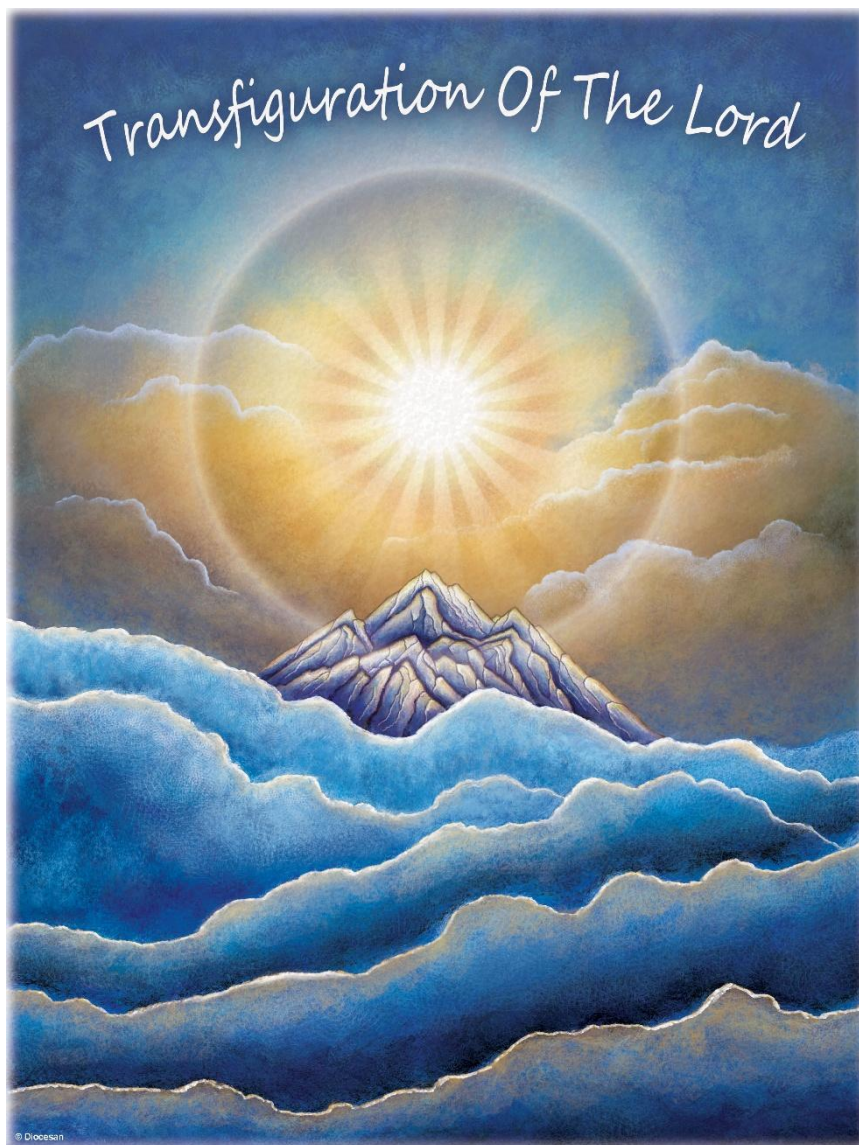




WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Transfiguration

Sunday



15th February 2026

Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Dear AGAC whanau,

I cannot believe this coming week we will observe Ash Wednesday already! It seems not so long ago when we celebrated Christmas! This Sunday, we are commemorating the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ.

The feast of Transfiguration can be celebrated just before Lent begins, or the second Sunday of Lent, or on 6th of August. Some of you may remember that we observed the feast on the first Sunday in August when I shared the story of Hiroshima two years ago. So, it is possible to celebrate the Transfiguration once, twice, or three times a year (or never)!

As I was reflecting on what was happening around our lives, this year I decided to observe the feast this Sunday. It makes a significant moment in Christian calendar, bridging the season of Epiphany and the journey of Lent.

The brightness of the Transfiguration certainly belongs to Epiphany, but the shadow of the Transfiguration leads to Lent. The Transfiguration challenges us to think in a new way, just as the disciples see Jesus in a new way. I am inviting you to take that challenge together with us all.

Anchored in Christ,

Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events



Settler's Morning Tea:

Our first meeting in 2026 will be held on **18th Feb** Wednesday **at 10 am** at Settler's Lounge. I look forward to seeing you there!



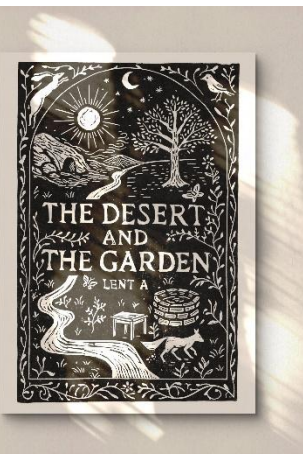
Ash Wednesday

Join us for a service of Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes on **18 February at 7 pm**. This service begins the 40-day journey to Holy Week and Easter. All are welcome!

If you have last year's palm cross, please bring it this Sunday so that we can prepare ashes for the Ash Wednesday service.



Lenten Study



We will have **Lenten Study sessions** at **10 am** on **Wednesday mornings (25 Feb, 4,11,18, 25 March)** at **Holy Cross**. This Lent, those who want to are invited to enter into a guided reflective journey from **the Desert to the Garden**, drawing on the Scripture readings for the Sundays in Lent. We have purchased a beautiful art-based resource created by a local Anglican priest Sarah Lea West, the vicar of Waiheke.

We can have a sharing time with refreshment afterwards. Please sign up (or let Yukiko know) you would like to attend it.

Dates to remember:

- **Special General Meeting (Finance): 22 March** (straight after the Sunday service at Holy Cross)
- **St. John's Ambulance's AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) refresher' course:**
Sunday 29 March after Sunday service

Big Congratulations on the birth of **May Joan** on 22nd January, and her parents, April and Wayne!

Chinese New Year: 17th Feb



We pray for:

- Beatrix and her family as they mourn the loss of Beatrix's mother who died last week.
- April, Wayne who welcome their first baby May Joan
- Those who are living in chaotic situations- including people in Sudan, Gaza, Yemen, eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, and parts of the Sahel.

This Week's Bible Question

Where did Peter and others hear the voice from heaven according to 2 Peter?

- A. In the wilderness B. On the holy mountain
C. By the river Jordan D. In the temple

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: To God be the glory
Gospel: Tama Ngakau Marie
Offertory: For everyone born, a place at the table
Recession: Abide with me
Music: Stephanie and Trish G

Sentence for the day

One thing I have asked of the Lord, which I long for: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on your beauty O Lord: and to seek you in your temple.

Psalms 27:4–5

Readings

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Ash Wednesday</u>
1 st Reading:	Exodus 24: 12-18	Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17
Psalms	2	51:1-17
2 nd Reading:	2 Peter 1: 16-21	2 Cor 5:20b-6:10
Gospel:	Matthew 17: 1-9	Matthew 6:1-6;16-21

Summary of the Scripture for this Sunday

- 1st Reading: Moses experiences a theophany, the presence of God in the midst of a cloud and receives the commandments.
- 2nd Reading: The writer ascribes authorship to Peter and affirms the gospel account of Jesus along with the expectation of his second coming.
- Gospel: Rounding off the 'Sermon on the Mount; Matthew has Jesus challenging our motives and commitment in the face of Divine judgement

Collect for the Day

God of glory,
you gave the vision of your Son
to those who watched on the mountain;
grant that by our glimpses of him
we may be changed into his glorious likeness;
for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever.
Amen.

Liturgical Colour: White

This Week's Bible Question Answer: B

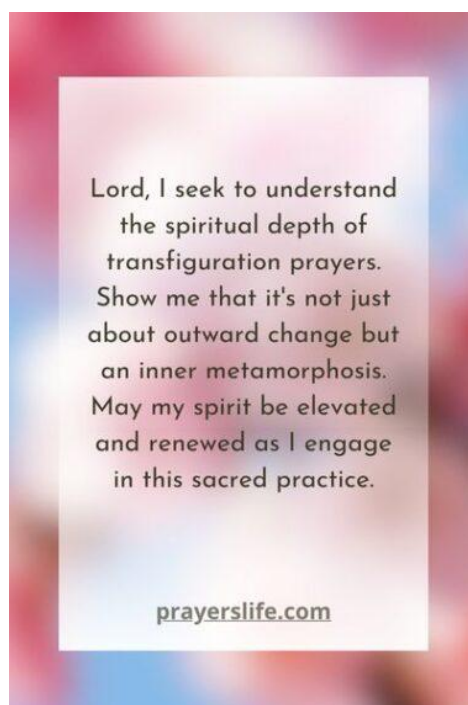
Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sacristan	Alison C	Val
Welcomer	Alison T	Barry
1 Readings	Velarie	Alison T
2 Readings	John	Linda
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Robert	Yukiko
TV Setup & Slides	Christian	Graham
Morning Tea	Karenne& Trish D	Dorothy & Ria
Flowers	Diana	-----
Music	Stephanie & Trish	Karin

St Michaels

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



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Feedback welcome:

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