

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



Taken in Browns' Bay by Yukiko

8 Feb 2026

Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Dear friends in Christ,
Thanks to your prayers, we came back to NZ safely on Thursday. I didn't experience any travel cancellations like last year's trip, but I got virus on the last day, and I came back unwell. I am hoping I am well enough to come to Church this Sunday.
The purpose of this trip was to help my parents, so it was quite tough. However, it was nice to spend some time with my family. I also enjoyed a bit of skiing.
Thanks once again and I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

Nga mihi

Yukiko



News and Upcoming Events



Coffee Fellowship

Settler's Morning Tea:

Our first meeting in 2025 will be held **18th Feb** Wednesday **at 10 am** at Settler's Lounge. I look forward to seeing you there!



Ash Wednesday

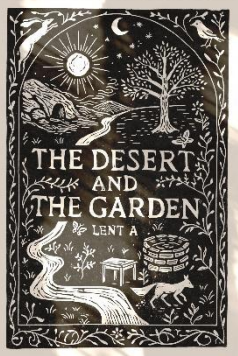
Join us for a service of Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes on **18 February at 7 pm**. This service begins the 40-day journey to Holy Week and Easter. All are welcome!

If you have last year's palm cross, please bring it this Sunday or next 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 sourced 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.

We pray for

- Peace and reconciliation amongst factions in Nigeria.
- Wellington, as it deals with the aftermath of the sewage leak disaster, also the recent surge in homelessness there.
- Sarah Mullally, who was officially confirmed as a new archbishop of Canterbury

Readings for 8st Feb

1st Reading: Isaiah 58: 1-0

Psalm Ps. 112: 1-9

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 2: 1-12

Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-20

This week's summary:

1st
Reading: The prophet challenges the shallowness of religious observance by the exiled Jews. They are soon to return to their homeland. He calls for compassion and social justice.

2nd
Reading: Paul urges the Corinthian Christians to discern the hidden wisdom of God, guided by the Spirit of God.

Gospel: Jesus uses striking metaphors of mission, namely salt and light. The observance of the Jewish Law was an issue much discussed by Jewish and Gentile Christians.

Sentence

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. *Matthew 5:16*

Collect of the Day

**We praise you, God,
that the light of Christ shines in our darkness
and is never overcome;
show us the way we must go to eternal day;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross (Andrew)

Opening: Halleluiah
Gospel: Christ be our light
Offertory: Amazing Grace
Recession: You will never walk alone

Roster for 8th Feb

Holy Cross

Sacristan	Dorothy S
Welcomer	Ria
1 Readings	Bernadette
2 Readings	Trish D
Presiding	Les
Prayers	Rhona
TV Setup & Slides	Gary
Morning Tea	Gary & Linda
Flowers	Ria

St Michaels

Welcome & Prayers	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Brian
Presiding	Bruce

Liturgical Colour: white

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Feedback welcome:

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