

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday of Easter



“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” – Lamentations 3:22-23

12 April 2026

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Dear AGAC family,



Last Sunday, we celebrated the joy and wonder of the Resurrection — the empty tomb, the risen Lord, and the hope that changes everything. This Sunday, on the Second Sunday of Easter, we are reminded that the Easter story is not just a moment in history; it is a journey we walk together, day by day. Now begins the second half of the great 100 days of Lent/Easter. The Church celebrates the Easter season (also known as “Eastertide”) for 50 days.

A number of liturgical changes during the season of Easter

Colour: Our Lenten purple and holy week red are replaced by Easter **white and gold**, the colours of joy and resurrection.

Candles: We add the tall **Paschal Candle** next to the altar in Easter. Paschal means “Passover.” We believe Jesus “passed over” from death to life. The Paschal Candle is lit and prominently placed next to the altar to convey in sign and symbol a central theme of Easter—the unconquered light of Christ.

Liturgical language: In Lent, we do not use the word “Alleluia” which means “God be praised!” This word returns in Easter. Throughout the season of Easter our services at Holy Cross start with an acclamation of the resurrection in many voices and languages. Anyone who knows a language other than English is invited to call out in that language “Christ is risen!”

Readings: Throughout the year, the first reading comes from Hebrew Scriptures. During Easter is the first reading from the

New Testament, the **Book of Acts**. Acts shares the story of Jesus' followers in the days, weeks and months after Jesus' death.

Dismissal: From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, "**Alleluia! Alleluia!**" is added to the dismissal and to the people's response.

As we continue in this Easter season, may we remember: the risen Christ is not far away. He is here, walking beside us, guiding our steps, and sending us out to be His witnesses in the world.

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events

Our next **Settler's Morning Tea** will be happening this coming Wednesday, on **15th April at 10 am** at Settler's Lounge.

Space Programme

We will start a new programme **on 22nd April at Holy Cross**.

St. Michael's in Greenhithe turning 70!

This Sunday, on 12th April, we are celebrating this special milestone. We will gather for the service at 9 am, and a special morning tea around 9:30. Someone in Parish kindly offers to organise a cake. It would be great if people from Holy Cross can join the celebration. The photo of the cover in this newsletter was taken in St. Michael's in 1965. (Some more photos in the next page). We thank God for his faithfulness and St. Michael's

journey. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to **The Rev'd Bruce Goertz** for his unwavering commitment to serving St. Michael's and the community in Greenhithe. Also, I would like to thank the **Rev'd Les Doss** who faithfully takes a regular service there for so many years. On this special anniversary, we pray for the spirit of unity to continue flourishing among us in both Albany and Greenhithe parishes.



We pray for:

- St. Michael's Church and the community in Greenhithe; as they celebrate the 70th anniversary;
- the safety of all people, especially innocent civilians impacted by the conflict in the Middle East, that they would experience God as a refuge and fortress
- protection of Aotearoa and neighbouring countries as Tropical Cyclone Vaianu is approaching

This Week's Bible Question

How is faith tested according to 1 Peter? Through it is tested by...

A. fire B. water C. wind D. earth

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: E te Atua (Amazing Grace)

Gospel: Breath on me breath of God

Offertory: Because he lives

Recession: At the name of Jersus

Sentence for the day

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1:3*

Readings for this week

	<u>Holy Cross</u>	<u>St. Michael's</u>
1 st Reading:	Acts 2:14a; 22-32	Isaiah 12: 1-6
Psalm	118:1-2, 14-24	
2 nd Reading:	1 Peter 1:3-9	
Gospel:	John 20:19-31	Matthew 5: 13-16

Summary of the Scriptures (HC)

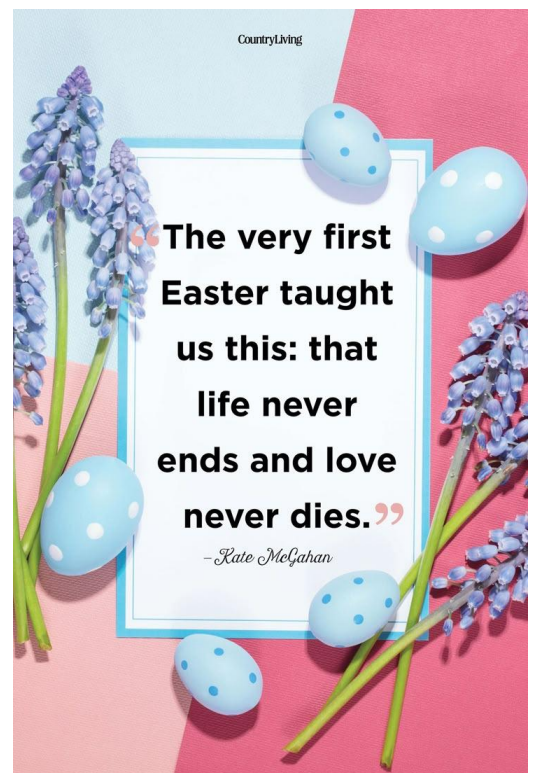
- 1st Reading: recounts Peter's sermon, proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah, emphasizing His miracles, crucifixion, resurrection, and fulfilment of God's promises.
- 2nd Reading: This letter, inspired by Peter, was probably written for Gentile Christians in Rome at the time of Nero's persecution in 64 AD.
- Gospel: The risen Jesus appears to the disciples. He bestows upon them the Holy Spirit, and later convinces a doubting Thomas.

Collect for the Day

Eternal Father,
through the resurrection of your Son, help us to face the future with courage and assurance, knowing that nothing in death or life can ever separate us from your love. This we ask through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgical Colour: White

This Week's Bible Question Answer: C



Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
Sacristan	Alison C	Val D
Welcomer	Barry	Alison T
1 Readings	Trish D	Patrick
2 Readings	Bernadette	Diana
Presiding	Les	Colleen
Prayers	Yukiko	Beatrix
TV Setup & Slides	Karenne	Graham
Morning Tea	June & Yukiko	Karenne & Trish
Flowers	Diana	Diana
Music	Trish G	Andrew

St Michaels

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



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