

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

3rd Sunday of Easter



*Road to Emmaus, painted by contemporary Irish artist,
John Dunne*

19 April 2026

Notes from Yukiiko's Desk



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As warnings were being sounded ahead of Cyclone Vaianu last weekend, we, AGAC community, decided to cancel the Sunday services. Fortunately, Sunday came and went. Few of the direst warnings came to pass. That said, we are mindful that in some areas, people were left without power, their houses were flooded or damaged. The cyclone might have veered away from Aotearoa, but climate change is making extreme weather more likely. To me, the cyclone was a stark reminder of our new reality— one where extreme weather event of unprecedented frequency and intensity are reshaping how human societies must adapt to survive and thrive on a rapidly changing planet. What is our responsibility as an Easter people?

As I was reading the Gospel passage assigned last Sunday quietly at home, God took me to the upper room where the disciples were hiding. We might well be housebound in our own upper room. But I wonder if we are truly listening to the words of the risen Christ, 'Peace be with you' there. I also wondered if we are listening to the cries of the earth attentively. In a world filled with constant news, we might feel so overwhelmed with negativity, conflict and need around us. However, in fact, within those headlines, I believe, is a place to be with the risen Christ. So, shall we listen to those who cry out to us from the war-torn places of our world together?

I am taking a couple of days annual leave from Friday to Tuesday. I thank Rev. Colleen Binns who is taking a service at Holy Cross this Sunday.

Kia tau te rangimārie ki a koutou (Peace be with you). *Yukiiko*

News and Upcoming Events



Our next **Settler's Morning Tea** will be happening Wednesday, **20th May 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 turned 70!

Last Sunday, we were scheduled to celebrated her 70th birthday. But due to the cyclone, the service is now postponed to **3rd of May**. We will meet at St. Michael's at 9 am for the service, and then have a morning tea at the house next to the Church. If you can, please join this special celebration.

We pray for:

- The conflict between Israel, America and Iran and all the other countries now embroiled.
- Bishop Ross on a three-month sabbatical, walking the Franciscan pilgrim trail to Rome; May he be refreshed by God's grace and by good measures of rest and challenge.
- those who have been affected by the recent Cyclone Vianu.
- Aotearoa, especially those already struggling financially, in the widespread impact of the international oil shocks.

This Week's Bible Question

What was the name of one of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus?

A. Cleopas B. Thomas C. Philip D. Bartholomew

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
Gospel: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
Offertory: Just as I am without one plea
Recession: Abide with me.

Sentence for the day

Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. *Acts 2:38–39*

Readings

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
1 st Reading:	Acts 2:14a; 36-41	2: 42-47
Psalm	116:1-4, 11-18	23
2 nd Reading:	1 Peter 1:17-23	1 Peter 2:19-25
Gospel:	Luke 24: 13-35	John 10:1-10

Summary of the Scriptures

1st Reading: Peter stood up with the eleven apostles and addressed the crowd, explaining that the events they were witnessing were the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel.

2nd Reading: The writer sees the Easter event as something set from the beginning of creation itself.

Gospel: Two of Jesus' disciples were walking to Emmaus when they encountered a stranger who turned out to be Jesus, but they did not recognize Him at first. After Jesus spoke to them and broke bread with them, their eyes were opened and they realized that it was Him.

Collect for the Day

Jesus, we believe you; all we heard is true. You break the bread, we recognise you, you are the fire that burns within us; use us to light the world. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.

Liturgical Colour: White

This Week's Bible Question Answer: A



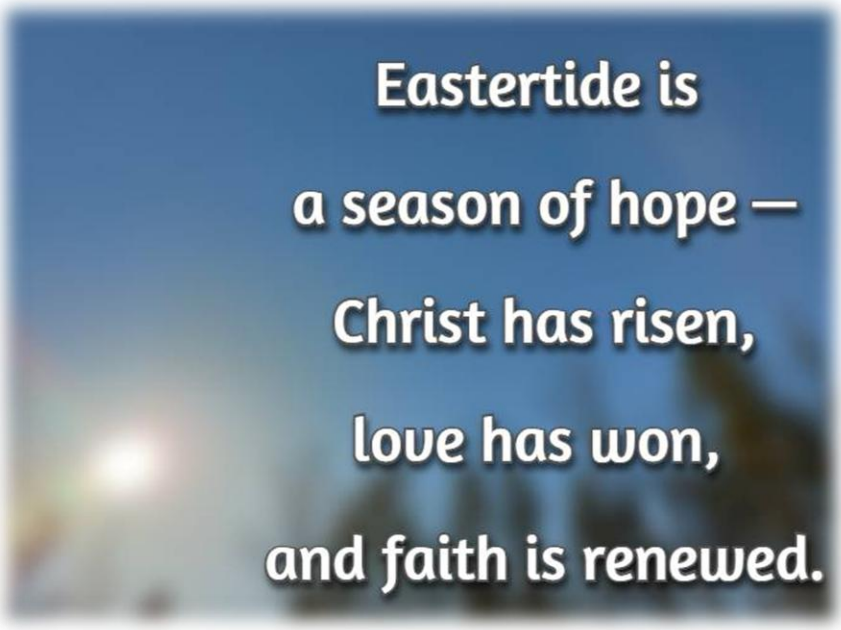
Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
Sacristan	Val D	Karenne
Welcomer	Alison T	Ria
1 Readings	Patrick	John
2 Readings	Diana	Valarie
Presiding	Colleen	Yukiko
Prayers	Beatrix	Robert
TV Setup & Slides	Garry	Christian
Morning Tea	Karenne & Trish	Dorothy M & Ria
Flowers	Diana	Ria
Music	Karin	Andrew

St Michaels

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



**Eastertide is
a season of hope —
Christ has risen,
love has won,
and faith is renewed.**

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