



Sea Sunday

12th July 2026

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Dear AGAC wganau,

Mānawatia a Matariki!



As Matariki and Puanga rise in the winter dawn sky, people across Aotearoa mark the Māori New Year. This season invites us to remember those who have gone before us, give thanks for the blessings of today, and look forward with hope to the year ahead. At Holy Cross, there will be an opportunity to honour those who have gone before us during the communion. Before/after receiving your communion, you can light a candle for your loved ones who have died.

This Sunday, we have another important theme. Churches across the NZ and around the world are being invited to take part in **Sea Sunday**, a Global Day of Prayer, reflection and action for the 1.9 million seafarers who keep our world moving by sea. As some of you may know, my husband, Cheen, had served as a Chaplain to the Mission to Seafarers. Cheen will preside and share his reflection at Holy Cross. It will be a great opportunity to hear his journey with seafarers.

Just letting you know that I will go to Japan to take care of my parents from 20th July to 2 Aug. During my absence, Bruce, Les and Cheen will be available for any pastoral care matters. I will be available until 19th July.

Nga mihi nui,
Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events

Settler's Morning Tea:



Next meeting: at **10am** Wednesday **15 July** at Settler's Lounge.

Training sessions Part 1: Being a Reader

This Sunday after the service (11:45-12:15) at Holy Cross.

It will be a great opportunity for those who are involved in readings (and who desires to exercise the ministry of reading) to get together for the purpose of ongoing formation.

Brass band Concert

Barry Gosper is a member of Kumeu Vintage Brass who will be performing at the **Bruce Mason Centre in Takapuna** as part of the '**Morning Melodies**' series of concerts commencing **at 11.00am on Monday 20th July 2026.**

Tickets are available on Ticketmaster.

We pray for:

- Sailors and seafarers, their families and those who support them.
- the completion of peace processes to end current armed conflicts in Europe, the Middle East and several other places around the world.
- People in the area of Kaikoura where state of emergency has been declared due to terrible weather

This Week's Bible Question

At what time of the day did Jesus and His disciples cross the water to the other side?

A. Morning B. Afternoon C. Dusk D. Evening

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: Open the eyes of my heart
Gradual: Eternal father strong to save
Offertory: May our lives and prayers be one
Recession: All over the world

Sentence for the day

And they were filled with great awe and said to one another,
'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?
(Mark 4: 41)

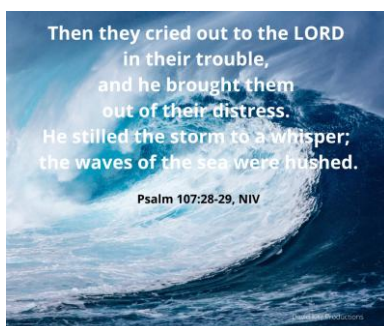
Readings

12th July

1st Reading: Job 38:1,4-11
Psalm 107:23-32
2nd Reading: Acts 27:27-32,39-44
Gospel: Mark 4: 35-41

19th July

Genesis 28: 10-19a
139: 1-11. 23-24
Rom 8: 12-25
Matt 13:24-30, 36-43



Summary of the Scriptures

- 1st Reading: God's sovereign power in creation and highlighting human limitations in understanding divine wisdom.
- 2nd Reading: recounts Paul's shipwreck on the way to Rome, highlighting faith, divine protection, and leadership amid life-threatening danger.
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Collect for the Day

Almighty Creator,
who set the seas in motion and called the waters good,
we give thanks for all who work upon the oceans,
for their courage, skill, and service to the nations.
Guard them in every storm,
guide them through every darkness,
and bring them safely to their harbours.
May we, who benefit from their labour,
cherish the gifts of the sea and care for your creation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who calmed the waves and calls us to follow Him.
Amen.

Liturgical Colour: Green

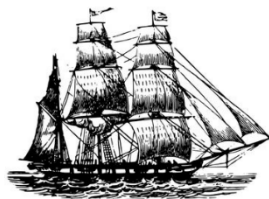
This Week's Bible Question Answer: D

Rosters

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
Sacristan	Dorothy S	Karenne
Welcomer	Alison T	Ria
1 Readings	Romela	Linda
2 Readings	Christian	Alison T
Presiding	Cheen	Yukiko
Prayers	Yukiko	Beatrix
TV Setup & Slides	Garry	Graham
Morning Tea	Gary & Linda	Ria & June
Flowers	Diana	Ria
Music	Andrew	Anne

St Michaels

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



**I AM NOT AFRAID OF STORMS
FOR I AM LEARNING
HOW TO SAIL MY SHIP**

LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

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If you have feedback on any aspect of our church activities, please contact the wardens, Dorothy & Trish – contacts as above – or via the office at the email above.

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HAPPY

Matariki

I hope you have a wonderful Matariki festival! May this special time bring you new beginnings, good health, and prosperity.

"Ngā mihi o Matariki, te tau hou Māori"