



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

19th Ordinary time



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Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Dear AGAC family

Thanks to your prayers, I came back to Auckland safely on Monday this week. It was extremely hot over there. Due to the intense heats, a lot of people were carrying little fans or UV umbrellas. I found it quite fascinating to see that some people even wear jackets with built-in fans! While I was there, as you may know, a M 7.1 earthquake hit Kumamoto (southwestern Japan) which caused significant destruction and loss of life. Though Hiroshima is 350 km away from Kumamoto, I felt it. It was scary. The survivors are still facing intense heat and are forced to evacuate to crowded shelters. Please join me in praying for those affected by the earthquakes there.

I was not planning to go to Japan again, but I needed to do so because my mother's physical and cognitive health is weakening dramatically due to her dementia. My father found it hard to take care of her at home. While taking care of my mother, we made important decisions to move forward. This year happens to be their 60th wedding



anniversary, and we were able to celebrate this special milestone

together. It was their first cake-cut in their 60 years of marriage! I am really glad I went home.

While I was away, I learned that Les was admitted to hospital. Please pray for his full recovery and also for June and the rest of the family.

When I went to Holy Cross on my return, I was excited to see a beautiful grand piano! I hope and believe God will bless many people with this lovely gift. I am also happy to return to my garden! Spring is nearly here!

Every blessing,

Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events



It was four weeks I hadn't see our whanau babies! I could not believe how much they have grown up!



Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: at **10am** Wednesday **19 Aug** at Settler's Lounge.

Training sessions Part 2: Intercessory Prayer

Will be happening on **9th August** after the service (**11:45-12:15**) at Holy Cross. If you are interested in the ministry of intercessory prayer, this would be a great opportunity to be there!



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

If you have any suggestions on how we can engage in the Season of Creation, please let Yukiko know. For

example, a photo contest, participating in community action, planting trees etc.



Do you have a **sewing machine** that is no longer in use? Some of the Albany Senior Highschool students (including Yohane) are involved in the project which needs extra sewing machines. They

are making clothes for homeless people. If you can donate an old sewing machine or you can lend them temporarily, please let Yukiko know.

We pray for:

- A socially united Aotearoa New Zealand; all the immigrants who choose home to be in Aotearoa may feel welcome and safe.
- All places of war and conflict in our world – the Middle East, Ukraine/Russia, South Sudan, and those areas of strife that go unremarked and unreported.
- Les who is in hospital; June and the rest of the family
- Those affected by natural disasters in the world.

This Week's Bible Question

Which phenomena did NOT contain the LORD when Elijah stood on the mount?

- A) The cave B) The wind, earthquake, and fire
C) The mountain itself D) The still small voice

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening:	Where mountains rise for open skies
Gradual:	Whatever is true
Offertory:	Nothing is lost on the breath of God
Recession:	Go at the call of God

Sentence for the day

They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' *Matthew 14:26–27*

Readings

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
1 st Reading:	1 Kings 19:9-18	Isaiah 56:6-8
Psalm	85: 8-13	67
2 nd Reading:	Romans 10: 5-15	11:1-2 a, 29-32
Gospel:	Matt 14: 22-23	Matt 15: 21-28

Summary of the Scriptures

1 st Reading:	Elijah is pursued by Queen Jezebel, wife of King Ahab of the Northern Kingdom. He hides in a cave, believing he is the only one to remain faithful to God.
2 nd Reading:	Paul asks that both Jew and Greek accept the free gift of Christ, the source of salvation for all.
Gospel:	The miracle of Jesus walking on the water is a story loaded with spiritual meaning.

Collect for the Day

Jesus, Saviour in storm,
when the waters of the deep are broken up,
when the landmarks are washed away or drowned,
come to us across the water;
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Liturgical Colour: Green

This Week's Bible Question Answer: B

1 Kings 19:11-12 explains that the LORD was not in the wind, earthquake, or fire but in the still small voice.

Rosters

Holy Cross

Sacristan

Welcomer

1 Readings

2 Readings

Presiding

Prayers

TV Setup & Slides

Morning Tea

Flowers

Music

9 Aug

Val D

Alison T

Trish D

Linda

Yukiko

Beatrix

Karenne

Ria

Yukiko

Trish G

16 Aug

Karenne

Ria

Bernadette

Alison T

Yukiko

Robert

Gary

Gary & Linda

Ria

Trish G

St Michaels

Prayers

Readings

Presiding

9 Aug

Bruce

Bruce

Bruce

16 Aug

Bruce

Brian

Yukiko

From the Lectionary- Daily Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Psalm 72	1 Sam 24	Acts 3: 11-end
Tuesday	Psalm 73	1 Sam 26	Acts 4:1-12
Wednesday	Psalm 77	1 Sam 28:3-end	Acts 4:13-31
Thursday	Psalm 78:1-40	1 Sam 31	Acts 4:32-5:11
Friday	Psalm 55	2 Sam 1	Acts 5:12-26
Saturday	Psalm 98,138,147:1-11	Isa: 7: 10-15	Luke 11: 27-28

15 Aug (Sat): the feast of St. Mary, Mother of Jesus

A boat doesn't go
forward if each one is
rowing their own way.

Swahili Proverb

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Feedback welcome:

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