

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

28th Ordinary time



11 Oct 2026

Notes from Jessica's Desk



Tēnā koutou AGAC whānau!

Having just started my role here at AGAC as your Parish Administrator, I thought I'd share a bit about myself.

I haven't long returned to Aotearoa from a ministry internship at St Albans Cathedral in the UK where I mainly served in liturgical roles and assisted the work of the Youth Chaplain. It was a wonderful place to be a part of for a time and I learnt a lot!

Before my OE, I was at Waipapa Taumata Rau University of Auckland as the Administrator - Faith & Spirituality. I worked closely with the Maclaurin Chaplaincy to assist them in their ministry, and also with my colleagues in the Student Wellbeing, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion team. I'm also a graduate, having studied philosophy at a postgraduate level and graphic design.

I have been involved in the Church all my life. I've spent time at St John's Campbells Bay and Holy Trinity Cathedral, the latter of which I was involved as a lay liturgist and Diocesan and General Synod representative. I've also been involved in Diocesan groups such as ADJust: Diocese of Auckland Young Anglicans for Social Justice, and the Community of Ordinary Saints.

As your Parish Administrator, I will be based in the office at Holy Cross on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 5pm. You can contact me by email or on the office phone. On my 'off' days, I will be working as the Parish Administrator and interim Children's Worker at St John the Baptist, Northcote. It is a pleasure to be with you now as we journey together into this next season! I look forward to getting to know you all and contributing to the wonderful ministries you share in this place.

Ngā manaakitanga, Jessica Hughes

News and Upcoming Events



We will begin our last term this Wednesday. The theme of this term is **“PLAY.”**



Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: at **10am** Wednesday **21 October** at Settler's Lounge.

Confirmation Service

Bishop Ross is able to offer a confirmation service at **St Mary's in Holy Trinity Cathedral in Parnell on Sunday 6th December at 5pm**. If you are interested in taking this opportunity, please let Yukiko know by the end of October. (Several people from our parishes have already shown their interest!)

Mark in your Diary: Parish Dinner: 7th November

SPRING TRAINING HUB: *Sunday 18 October, 1-4pm (Lunch included)*

St Peter's Takapuna, 11 Killarney Street, Takapuna.

The workshops offered are:

- Hidden treasures in our Prayerbook with Carole Hughes
- Role of prayer in pastoral care with Jacky Sewell
- Trauma informed youth ministry with Becky Iona
- Resources for children's ministry with Angela Blundell.

If you are interested in attending, please let Yukiko know by this Sunday.

We pray for:

- Those affected by global natural disasters, especially the flood victims in Thailand, Nepal, and India, and hurricane victims in Mexico.
- As Aotearoa prepares for a general election, guide God's wisdom to guide every voter, candidate, and official.
- The Space whanau.

This Week's Bible Question

According Isaiah, what will the LORD of hosts make unto all people in this mountain?

A. great city B. A holy temple C. A new law D. A lavish feast

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: Where mountains rise to open skies

Gradual: Whatever is true

Offertory: A place at the table

Closing: God who sets us on a journey

Sentence for the day

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
(Psalm 23: 5)

Readings

	<u>11th October</u>	<u>18th October</u>
1 st Reading:	Isaiah 25: 1-9	Isaiah 45: 1-7
Psalm	23	96: 1-9
2 nd Reading:	Philippians 4: 1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel:	Matthew 22: 1-14	Matthew 22:15-22

Summary of the Scriptures

- 1st Reading: is a song of praise after judgment, but it moves quickly toward a public promise of restoration.
- 2nd Reading: Paul writes to a community under pressure and urges them to stand firm, to mend a damaged relationship, to rejoice, to pray and to think about what is honourable and just.
- Gospel: Jesus, in this parable of the wedding feast, appeals to his hearers to respond to the invitation to the kingdom of God.

Collect for the Day

God of welcome,
You call us from many places and gather us at Your table.
You meet us in joy and in weariness, in hope and in worry,
in plenty and in need. Lead us by Your Spirit today,
so that in prayer, song, Scripture and silence
we may know Your presence, receive Your peace,
and be made ready to serve Your world; through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Liturgical Colour: Green

This Week's Bible Question Answer: D

Rosters

Holy Cross

Sacristan

Welcomer

1 Readings

2 Readings

Presiding

Prayers

TV Setup & Slides

Morning Tea

Flowers

Music

St Michaels

Prayers

Readings

Presiding

11 Oct

Alison C

Ria

Trish

Bernadette

Yukiko

Beatrix

Graham

Ria & June

Ria

Trish G

11 Oct

Bruce

Bruce

Bruce

18 Oct

Karenne

Barry

Patrick

Diana

Yukiko

Robert

Gary

Gary & Linda

Ria

Yukiko

18 Oct

Bruce

Bruce

Bruce

Blessing based on Philippians 4:7

“The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus,
and the blessing of God our Creator,
Redeemer and Giver of life
be with you always.
Amen. ”

From A New Zealand Prayer Book He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa

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