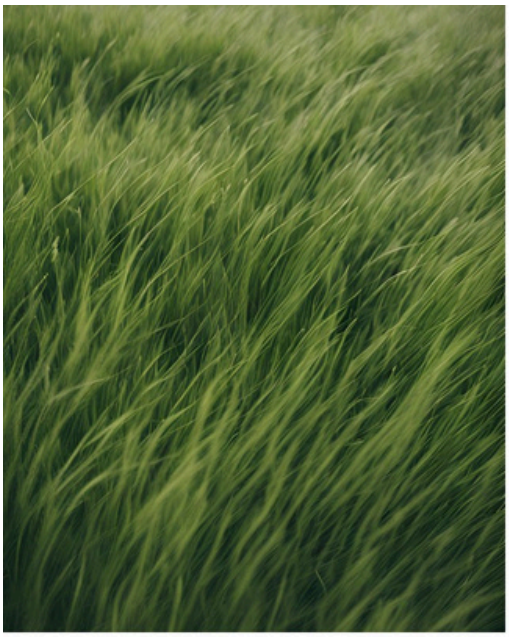
Weekly Newsletter

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 Nov 2026







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Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Dear AGAC friends,

This Sunday is the 33rd in Ordinary Time. I was fascinated by the fact that there are 33 years in Jesus' life and 33 weeks in Ordinary Time in the Church! Next Sunday we will conclude Year A with the Feast of Christ the King, and then we will start over again at Advent with cycle B.

As I reflected on the readings assigned for this week, I found myself wondering what they might have to say to Christians living in a society that often measures human worth through achievement, economic contribution, or busyness. That could be perhaps partially because I had been watching political debates a lot during the election!

In the first reading, Zephaniah challenges those who grow comfortable with injustice and assume that change is impossible. Psalm 90 reminds us of God's eternal perspective and the fragility of flesh. In the letter to the Thessalonians, Paul brings in imagery around darkness and light. It seems to me that Paul encourages the reader to recognise darkness as a place of mystery, lament, waiting, and encounter with God. Such readings help us hold together vigilance, humility, and human dignity. And reading the Parable of the Talents in Matthew's Gospel raises questions about fear, faithfulness, and power. Jesus' parables are best understood as part of a larger tapestry. Together, they invite us to consider what happens when God's values challenge our assumptions about success, urgency, and importance. I look forward to reflecting on these themes with you this Sunday.

Arohanui,

Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events

The Space group met in the superb children's space at Te Manawa library (Westgate) this week. We joined their lively Rhyme time session for singing and movement.
Afterwards there was play, reading and some interaction with other families. The feedback was all positive.

(written by Trish Gosper)

Morning Tea @ Settler's

Next meeting: Wednesday **18th Nov** at **10 am** at Settler's lounge.

We're Auckland Angels this Christmas!

This year in the lead up to Christmas, we will be collecting gifts and food for the Auckland City Mission as part of their Auckland Angels fundraiser. From now until mid-December, please bring along donations of new, unwrapped and non-battery operated gifts, or non-perishable, alcohol free food items. There will be a place to leave donations outside the office on Sundays. You can also donate online on our Auckland Angels webpage.

Donate Online Here

Dates for Your Diary

Annual General Meeting:

The AGM will be held after the service on **Sunday 22nd November** at Holy Cross. There will be a copy of the 2027 Church Budget available for parishioners to read in advance of the AGM.

If you cannot attend the AGM and would like to submit your apology to the meeting, please let Jessica know.

Nominations

If you are interested in being on our vestry, or nominate someone for a people's warden, please fill in a nomination form - which will be available.

Roll/Contact Update form

Please check whether you're on the roll, and ask to have your name added, by talking to Yukiko or Jessica in the office (Tuesday and Thursday on 092148024).

For those who are relatively new to our community, please fill in the contact update form.

We pray for:

- all those preparing for ordination which will be held at the end of November at Cathedral
- Newly elected political leaders in Aotearoa; May peace flow through every decision, and may justice stand as the foundation of (whatever the makeup) our new government
- Rhona who is currently visiting various pacific island countries in her police vocation
- peace in our world

Readings

	15 November	22 November
1st Reading:	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm	90:1-8, (9-11), 12	100 or 95:1-7a
2nd Reading:	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23
Gospel:	Matthew 25:14-30	Matthew 25:31-46

Summary of the Scriptures

1st Reading: The prophet Zephaniah warns of the impending Day of the Lord, a time of judgement upon the corrupt religious practices of the time.

2nd Reading: Paul expands on how the Thessalonians should prepare for Christ's Coming.

Gospel: Jesus shares the parable of the talents.

This Week's Bible Question

What did Paul tell the Thessalonians to do without ceasing?

A) Loving B) Praying C) Teaching D) Evangelizing

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening:	Be Thou My Vision
Gradual:	Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Offertory:	Christ Be Our Light
Closing:	I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

Sentence of the Day

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.
Psalm 90: 12

Collect for the Day

God of expansive grace,
Your time is not our time,
You are not limited by our categories and binaries,
You hold an overview of our interconnectedness,
that we can barely imagine.
Draw us together to wonder, to dream,
and to worship You.
And as we worship,
open our hearts and minds to Your Word,
that we may be transformed and renewed,
in the pursuit of Your reign.
Amen.

Rosters

Holy Cross	**15 Nov**	**22 Nov**
Sacristan	Val D	Dorothy S
Welcomer	BarryG	Trish D
1st Reading	Christian	Valerie C
2nd Reading	Linda	John C
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Robert	Cheen
TV Setup & Slides	Graham W	Gary W
Morning Tea	Gary & Linda	Trish & Karenne
Flowers	Ria G	Diana H Andrew
Music	Karin	

St Michaels	**15 Nov** Bruce	**22 Nov**
Prayers	Brian	Bruce
Readings	Les	Bruce
Presiding		Bruce

Liturgical Colour: Green

This Week's Bible Question Answer: B

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Feedback welcome:
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