

## PARISH NOTICES

Happy **21st** Birthday to **Theresa Apikotoa**, who celebrated her birthday on Friday 3rd February. Thank you for your ministry to our Parish **Theresa**. May God bless you and watch over you always.

Happy **67th** Wedding Anniversary to **Dick & Adele Robertson** who celebrated on Saturday 4th February. May God bless you both with many more years to share.

Happy **87th** Birthday to **Basil Hafoka**, who will be celebrating next Saturday 11th February. May God bless you with many more years to share with loved ones.

1. **Waitangi Day holiday**, Monday 6th February 2023. **Mass starts at 8,00am.**
2. **Evening Masses** will resume this coming **Tuesday 7th February 2023**, at 7.00pm.
3. **Pastoral Parish council meeting** Tuesday 7th February 2023 in the meeting room at 7.30pm
4. **RCIA SESSIONS** - will continue every Thursday at 7pm in the meeting room.
5. **Adorations** will also resume next **Sunday 12th February 2023**, at 5.00pm.
6. **Sacramental Programme – 2023** - Enrolments for children 8 years and older to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion & Confirmation is now open. Please contact the **Office and Fathers** on **636 4647, 320 4558, 0210685181** or email [assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz](mailto:assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz) Thank you.
7. **We continue to thank you all for your generosity in your continual giving of dried goods to enable the Caring and Services Committee to continue our work.** YES we are still collecting and distributing - while the need is there, we will continue.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### 1. Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy* Online Sessions (Evening): **Genesis – In the Beginning...**

**Part 1: The Creation Story** (incl. study material) with Kieran Fenn fms.  
Monday, 27 February, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/16/genesis-in-the-beginning/>

**Part 2: Creation of Adam from Whēnua...** (Michelangelo) with Dr Christopher Longhurst.  
Monday, 06 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$40 (NZD)/2 sessions

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/22/the-creation-of-adam/>

**Focus on Target – Draw Fresh Momentum** with Laetitia Puthenpadath.  
Wednesdays, 15/22 Feb and 01/08 March, 12.30-1.30pm. Fee: \$20/session or \$70/4 sessions. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/11/focus-on-target-draw-fresh-momentum/>

For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

2. "Receive Holy Spirit Power" Current of Grace 2023 Conference by Charis NZ  
@El Rancho Waikanae 24th to 26th March. Register now - [www.currentofgraceconference.info](http://www.currentofgraceconference.info)  
Speakers Cardinal John Dew, Fr John Rae SM, Dr Mary Healy, Robert Falzon,  
with Archbishop Paul Martin SM celebrating final Mass.

3. **Volunteers are always needed** - The St Vincent de Paul Vinnies Op Shop in Onehunga needs a few more volunteers. Is your New Year's resolution to help others and perhaps volunteer for a good cause. Please let us know if you can help in any way. Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community. If you want to make a difference, make new friends, and have some fun, please contact Liz on 634-2697 / 022-467-5443, or pop in and see us at 345 Onehunga Mall.

4. **Resources from the Liturgy Centre** – the Diocesan Liturgy Centre holds a number of resources for our liturgical life and has recently created an online ordering form. It is also linked from the resources section of the website <https://form.jotform.com/220655497381867>

### 5. **Parish to Parish for BnB changes.**

From 1st September 2022, for one guest \$50 per. night, each additional guest, \$30 each, e.g. two guests would be \$80 for one night. Due to COVID-19 some hosts may not be available for guests, please respect their wishes, books are available \$15, Marie Anderson, phone 03 3595 541, email: [Marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Marie.ian@xtra.co.nz)

## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

### Parish Priests:

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“SALT OF THE  
EARTH AND  
LIGHT OF THE  
WORLD”

### THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 5TH FEBRUARY 2023

**Daily Morning Eucharist:**

Monday - Friday 7.30am

**Daily Evening Eucharist:**

Tuesday - Thursday 7.00pm

**First Friday Eucharist:**

7.30am and **also at 7.00pm**

**Saturday Eucharist:**

8.00am and Vigil 6.00pm

**Sunday Eucharist:**

8.30am & 10.00am

**Public Holidays:**

8.00am, **no evening Mass**

**Adoration:**

Sunday 5.00pm-5.45pm

**Tongan Mass:**

2nd Sunday of every month at 12.00pm

**Samoan Mass:**

3rd Sunday of every month at 11.30am

**Youth Mass:**

4th Sunday of every month at 10.00am

**Reconciliation:**

Every Sat at 8.30am-9.00am and 5.00pm-5.30pm

**Samoan Divine Mercy prayer meetings:**

Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Mondays at 12noon-2.00pm

**The Legion of Mary prayer meeting:**

Every Wednesday from 7.35pm-9.00pm (**Pavilion**)

## Reflection

**LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!** We all have our special gifts, but sometimes we fail to recognise this. We may feel that we have little to offer others. That is never true. As Jesus says: 'You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world!' Let us ask Jesus to help us recognise our unique gifts and share them with others.

**(Is 58:7-10).** Isaiah has been talking about fasting. He tells the people that true fasting (and therefore true religion) is necessarily linked with the practice of justice and with concern for the poor and the needy. Here he assures them that if they follow this way their lives will become luminous. This is the connection with the Gospel.

**(Mt 5:13-16).** Matthew has already introduced Jesus as the light of a darkened world (4:12-16). Now the function of enlightening and guiding a morally confused humanity is shared with his disciples. Salt and light are powerful images. In the ancient world, salt was one of the most important necessities of life, especially for preserving and seasoning food. So too was light for obvious reasons. Both images are making the same point: Christians are called to bear witness to Christ before unbelievers through their good deeds. When the disciples stop witnessing through their deeds, they become as useless as salt that has lost its taste or a lamp that doesn't give light.

**(1 Cor 2:1-5).** Paul is at pains to convince the Corinthians that their fascination with worldly wisdom and rhetorical skills can only weaken their faith. He points to himself as an example. When he brought the Gospel to them, he didn't rely on human cleverness. He came in weakness, preaching a crucified (and risen) Christ, to show that their faith doesn't depend on human cleverness but on the power of God.

## Readings for The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 5th 2023

### **First reading:**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah. 58: 6-10

***Your light shall break forth like the dawn!***

### **Responsorial Psalm:** 112

Light rises in the darkness for the upright:  
gracious, merciful and righteous.

It is well with the person who deals generously and lends,  
who conducts their affairs with justice.

For the righteous person will never be moved;  
they will be remembered forever.  
Unafraid of evil tidings;  
their heart is firm, secure in the Lord.

That person's heart is steady and will not be afraid.  
One who has distributed freely, who has given to the poor,  
their righteousness endures forever:  
their name is exalted in honour.



### **Second reading:**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 2: 1-5

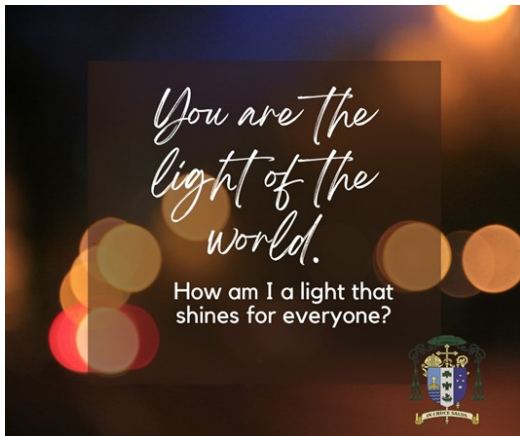
***I proclaimed to you the mystery of Jesus Christ, and him crucified!***

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**Alleluia!**



### **Gospel:**

A reading from the  
Holy Gospel according  
to Matthew. 5: 13-16

***You are the light of the world!***

## **Readers for this week: Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th February 2023**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Reserves</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Pauline Calvert	1. David Hagar 2. Therese Ulberg	Veronica Hagar Assumption Ilalio
<b>8.30am</b>	Su'a Tagaloo	1. Susifina Tu'inukuafe 2. Cheryl Peters	Lily Ulberg Grace Tu'inukuafe
<b>10.00am</b>	Lonili Sangster	1. Uliafu Pifeleti 2. Iutita Sefo	Eseta Oloa Lisa Schaumkel

### **Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week: Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th February 2023**

<b>6.00pm</b>	Tatupu Vaalepu, Colleen Hodges
<b>8.30am</b>	Glen Hill, Amanda Peters
<b>10.00am</b>	Tonga Enosi, Inoke Kata, Melanie Duarte

## **Readers for next week Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th February 2023**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Reserves</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Assumption Ilalio	1. Lily Ulberg 2. Veronica Hagar	Therese Ulberg Pauline Calvert
<b>8.30am</b>	Susifina Tu'inukuafe	1. Grace Tu'inukuafe 2. Lily Ulberg	Hulu Tu'inukuafe Cheryl Peters
<b>10.00am</b>	Eseta Oloa	1. Su'e Tapu 2. Tatupu Vaalepu	Tafaomalo Leavasa Malia Apikotoa

### **Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th February 2023**

<b>6.00pm</b>	Don Hodges, David Hagar
<b>8.30am</b>	Su'a Tagaloo, Glen Hill
<b>10.00am</b>	Faumuina Lio, Elaine Williams, Kilika Leavasa

### **Anniversaries for the coming week 6th - 12th February**

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7. Lillian Curran (1986)
8. John Patrick Kirwan (2009)
9. Margaret Trainer (1986), Ethan Earl McFall (2012)
10. Anna Florence McLoughlin (1977), Henrietta Wilhemina Peterson (2003), Sulficia Salas Cagasan (2016)
11. Terence Thomas Henehan (1976), Annie Johansson (1981)  
Katherine Prasad (2022)
- 12.

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00  
Collections: \$1675.60**

### **Readings for Next Week (12/02/23)**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

1st Reading: Ecus. 15:15-20

Psalm: 119A

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians. 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew. 5:17-37

**Anniversaries of Deaths:** If you wish the deceased members of your family to be mentioned in the Sunday bulletin, please supply details the week before.

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Monday—Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm

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