

PARISH NOTICES

Happy Wedding Anniversary to **Emil & Clare Oldehaver** who celebrated 63 years on Sunday 30th April. God bless you both with good health and long life. Thank you Emil for your devotion to the rosary!

A special shout out to **Kolinisi Fukofuka** who celebrated her 85th birthday on Monday the 1st of May. May the Lord bless you always. Love and prayers ♥

Thank you to our Faith Family who turned up in numbers to celebrate and farewell our dear **Fr Vijay**. We will surely miss you father **Vijay**. Safe travels and God's blessings always!

1. **Adorations** this **Sunday 7th May 2023** is at it's usual time of 5.00pm.
2. **St Joseph Feast Day Mass & Lunch**, this Sunday 7th May at 10.00am. **OLOTA Parish Choir**, will be hosting the lunch and wishes to extend the invitation to all our parishioners to join in the celebrations.
3. Gentle reminder to all groups, communities and committees to please submit your reports to the office ahead of time for our AGM on the 28th May 2023.
4. **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

Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College is hosting an atheist roleplay workshop. Come safely share your faith and learn about our growing non-religious culture. Get tickets at tinyurl.com/atheistroleplay

1. **Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy Mary in the Scriptures*** with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 19/26 June & 03/10 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: free. Donation/Koha appreciated. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/> **Focus on Target - Draw Fresh Momentum** with Laetitia Puthenpadath Tuesdays, 27 June & 04/11/18 July, 12.30-1.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$20/session or \$70/4 sessions. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/11/focus-on-target-draw-fresh-momentum/> For more information: www.studyjoy.nz
2. At Family Life Catholic Gifts, we have many lovely Marian gifts to honour the Blessed Mother in this the Month of May, the month of Mary. We have Rosaries, Statues, Books, etc. as well as beautiful Sacramentals for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Come and visit us at 569 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill or online at www.catholicgifts.co.nz. Phone (09)6290820. All proceeds from sales support our life-saving work with Education, Mums and Babies and St Gianna's Home.
3. If you are able to volunteer 2 hours per week and willing to **train as Marriage Educators**, then you are just the married couple we are looking for to join our Marriage Educators Team. We are looking for couples married for more than five years with strong Catholic faith to journey with couples preparing for marriage. We are especially interested in couples fluent in English or Māori, Samoan, Tongan, Mandarin, French or Spanish. For more information contact gerrys@cda.org.nz
4. **University Ministry Coordinator – Catholic Diocese of Auckland** Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time University Ministry Coordinator. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. For more information, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/
5. **Local Youth Ministry and Administration Support – Catholic Diocese of Auckland** Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who wants to make a meaningful positive impact in the lives of young people? The Diocese of Auckland want someone to join our in the role of Local Ministry and Administration Support. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. For more information, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/
6. **Our Lady Star of the Sea Howick Parish & School** are celebrating **175 years of history** Friday 11th to Tuesday 15th August 2023 More details via our parish website: www.howickcatholic.org.nz

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**"I AM
THE WAY,
THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE."**

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A 7TH MAY 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 Tuesday from 7.35pm-9.00pm (**Pavilion**)

Reflection

(Acts 6:1-7). The rapid growth of the Christian community created problems.

The impoverished widows of the Hellenists were not getting the material help that the native poor of Jerusalem received. The Twelve wisely chose seven men of good repute from among the Hellenists and commissioned them to supervise the charitable works of the community. This enabled the apostles to devote all their energies to their top priority—the ministry of the word. The passage shows how concerned the early Christians were to give practical expression to their Christianity.

(1 Pet 2:4-9). This describes the responsibility and special dignity of Christians as members of the community of Christ, the Church. The community is likened to a building. The suffering and risen Lord is those who will not believe. The lives of Christians are an acceptable offering to God, and a source of blessing for others. In w: 9-10 Peter switches to the idea of covenant. He transfers titles formerly bestowed on Israel to the new community of Christ. It is a chosen race, a royal house and community of priests, a holy nation God has called out of darkness into his wonderful light.

(Jn 14:1-12). The Gospel contains a number of related themes. Jesus consoles his disciples who are distressed over his words about his going away. They ought not be troubled; he is not abandoning them; he is going away. They ought not be troubled; he is not abandoning them; he is going to prepare a home for them in the ample house of the Father. He himself is the way to the Father. So close is the communion of Father and Son that one who looks on Jesus with the eyes of faith sees the Father, and sees that the 'works' of Jesus are the achievement of the Father. And because Jesus is now the risen Lord present in their lives, they can do 'greater works' than Jesus did in his public ministry.

Readings for The Fifth Sunday of Easter 7th May 2023

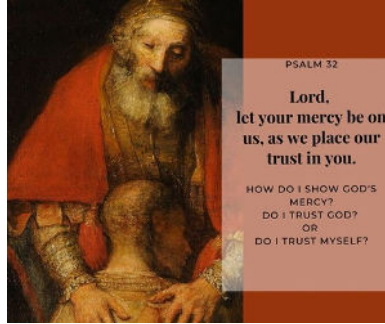
First reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 6:1-7
They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom!

Responsorial Psalm: 32

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.
 Praise befits the upright.
 Praise the Lord with the lyre;
 make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

For the word of the Lord is upright,
 and all his work is done in faithfulness.
 He loves righteousness and justice;
 the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord,

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
 on those who hope in his steadfast love,
 to deliver their soul from death,
 and to keep them alive in famine.



First reading: A reading from the first letter of St Peter. 2:4-9
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood!

Gospel Acclamation:

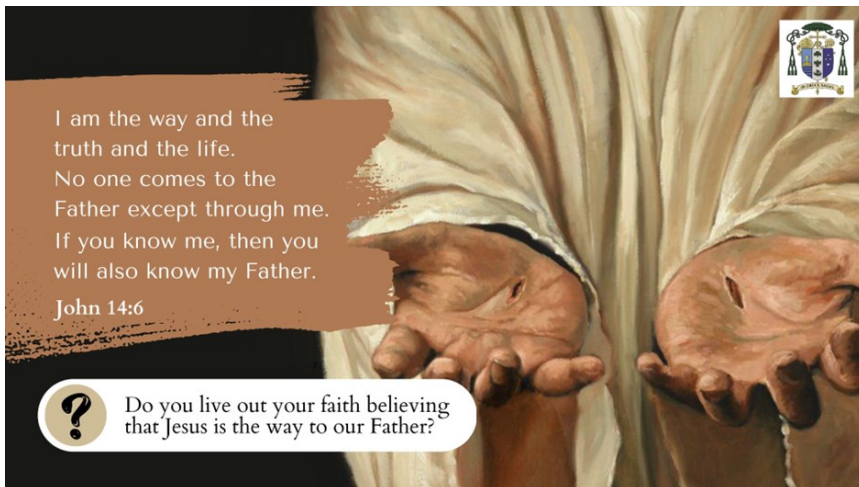
Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
 No one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. 14:1-12
I am the way, the truth and the life!



Readers for this week: Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th May 2023

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Tatupu Vaalepu	1. Lily Ulberg 2. Pauline Calvert	Therese Ulberg Veronica Hagar
8.30am	Glen Hill	1. Cheryl Peters 2. Susitina Tu'inukuafe	Grace Tu'inukuafe Fiesola Pifeleti
10.00am	Su'a Tagaloo	1. Lonili Sangster 2. Iutita Sefo	Malia Apikotoa Eseta Oloa

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th May 2023

6.00pm	David Hagar, Assumption Ilalio
8.30am	Hulu Tu'inukuafe, Su'a Tagaloo
10.00am	Tonga Enosi, Inoke Kata, Stan Duarte

Readers for next week Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May 2023

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Therese Ulberg	1. Assumption Ilalio 2. Veronica Hagar	Tatupu Vaalepu Pauline Calvert
8.30am	Grace Tu'inukuafe	1. Su'a Tagaloo 2. Lily Ulberg	Susitina Tu'inukuafe Cheryl Peters
10.00am	Petrina Fuga	1. Selesitina Taamale 2. Su'e Tapu	Peta Sefo Tafaoimalo Leavasa

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May 2023

6.00pm	Don & Colleen Hodges
8.30am	Glen Hill, Amanda Peters
10.00am	Faumuina Lio, Stan & Melanie Duarte

Anniversaries for the coming week 8th - 14th May

8. Molo Von-Dincklage (1998)
9. Constance Eleanor O'Brien (1975), Stanko Matthew Yelovich (2002), Jeff McFarlane (2000), Dessy Jessie Seve Hersch (2014)
10. Arthur Edward Green (1979), Winifred Freda Musson (1981)
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12. William Joseph Brady (1975), Jack Emile Gerbic (1991), Ivan Fernandez (2006), Jean Mildred Evans (2009)
13. Michael Joseph Brennan (1979)
14. Frank Jameson Stanaway (1983), Lucy Hannah Harlick (1999), Jac Fernandez (1975)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
 Collections: \$2007.10**

Readings for Next Week (14/05/23)

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
 1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
 Psalm: 66
 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18
 Gospel: John. 14:15-21

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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