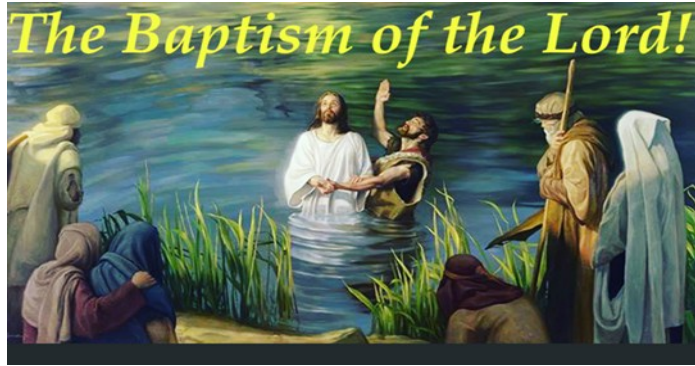


PARISH NOTICES

1. Parish Office is still closed until the 13th January 2026, but you can still reach Therese on **021-0685181** or via email - assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz
2. In case of an emergency please call Fr Iosefo on **021-02602570**
3. The use and hire of the Parish hall and Meeting room will be closed in the month of **January 2026**.
4. We will resume baptisms after the 12th January 2026. Contact parish office for more information
5. Sacramental Programme for 2026 is now open for enrolments from the age of 8 years. Receiving the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 7th June 2026. (Corpus Christi) **Please contact Office at assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz Lisa on 0276252007 and Lonili on 02111375429 for an enrolment form.**
6. Again, thank you all for your generosity in your continual giving of dried goods. **YES** we are still collecting and distributing - while the need is there, we will continue.



DIOCESE NOTICES

1. Catholic Diocese of Christchurch: Chief Finance Officer

The Diocese is looking to recruit a Chief Finance Officer (CFO) to lead a passionate and committed team and be a key strategic partner in shaping the future of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. The primary responsibility of the role is to safeguard and improve the financial position and performance of the Diocese, enabling the achievement of its pastoral and property objectives. The CFO drives risk management and ensures an excellent standard of reporting.

For a full Candidate Brief please email applications@cdoc.nz

To apply, click on the following link <https://www.seek.co.nz/CFO-jobs/in-Christchurch-Central-Canterbury?jobId=89003868&type=promoted> or attach your cover letter and CV to applications@cdoc.nz with 'Chief Financial Officer Job Application' in the subject line.

Applications close 11.59pm Thursday 15 January 2026. For more information please phone Annette Pugh on 03 378 3647.

2. Catholic Enquiry Centre : Three Part-Time Roles:

The Catholic Enquiry Centre (an agency of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference) is expanding its digital outreach in 2026 and is seeking passionate, faith-filled people to join the team:

Digital Ministry Specialist (Content & Platform) – oversee CEC’s website and social media, creating content that helps people explore faith.

Digital Ministry Specialist (Media Production) – create short videos, testimonies, and reels introducing Catholic faith and traditions.

Resource & Enquiry Support Officer – respond to enquirers and coordinate the dispatch of printed resources across Aotearoa.

All roles are **part-time (0.4 FTE)** and may be remote or Wellington-based. Expressions of interest to carly@catholicenquiry.nz by Friday 9 January 2026. Roles may be filled sooner for the right candidates.

3. PRAISE IN THE PARK will now be held on **Sunday, 15 Feb 2026 (4 – 6pm)** following local event scheduling coordination. **Rain date: Saturday, 21 Feb 2026. Venue:** Selwyn Domain, 48-56 Tamaki Drive, Mission Bay. All are welcome to this two-hour Catholic event, featuring praise and worship music, personal testimonies, the Gospel message, and Eucharistic Adoration. We need help on the day, if you are available to assist, please email aucklandccr@gmail.com.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



**“YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON,
IN WHOM I AM
WELL
PLEASED.”**

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 11TH JANUARY 2026

Daily Morning Eucharist:

Monday - Friday 7.30am

Daily Evening Eucharist:

Suspended until further notice

First Friday Evening:

Lectio Divina 6.30pm-7.30pm

Saturday Eucharist:

8.00am and Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday Eucharist:

8.30am & 10.00am

Public Holidays:

8.00am, **no evening Mass**

Adoration:

Sundays 5.00pm-5.45pm

Tongan Mass:

2nd Sunday of every month at 12.00pm

Samoan Mass:

5th Sunday of every month at 11.30am

Youth Mass:

4th Sunday of every month at 10.00am

Reconciliation:

Every Saturday 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 Thursday at 7.00pm (**Pavilion**)

Reflection

THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED. Just before he confronts the tempter in the desert, Jesus is baptised in the Jordan. He is revealed as the beloved Son of God. His baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry, the time when the role of John the Baptist will decrease and Jesus’ proclamation of the kingdom of God, by word and deed, will increase.

(Is 42:1-4,6-7). This passage is from the first of the four Servant Songs of Second Isaiah. Though the identity of the Servant remains a mystery, the early Christians saw the ‘servant songs’ as being perfectly fulfilled in Jesus. This reading is chosen for today because the words spoken by the heavenly voice at the baptism of Jesus (Gospel reading) are taken almost verbatim from Isaiah 42:1.

(Acts 10:34-38). The conversion of Cornelius (a Gentile) was a significant milestone in the transmission of the Good News and the formation of the people of the Church. In his sermon on that occasion Peter declares that God has no favourites: God would grant salvation to all people in Christ. For today’s feast the relevant passage is the description of Jesus’ baptism: an anointing with the Holy Spirit and with power.

(Mt 3:13-17). The story of Jesus’ baptism is an epiphany story: Jesus is revealed as the Father’s beloved Son, and given power for the mission he was about to begin. This is Matthew’s main emphasis. John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Mk 1:4). The fact that Jesus should undergo such a baptism was a source of an example of humility, to show solidarity with sinners, and to inaugurate his mission to sinners.

Flor McCarthy SDB

Readings for The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 11th January 2026

First reading:

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah. 42: 1-4,6-7
Here is my chosen servant in whom my soul delights!

Responsorial Psalm: 29

R: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
 worship the Lord in holy splendour. **R.**
 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
 the Lord, over mighty waters.
 The voice of the Lord is powerful;
 the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. **R.**
 The God of glory thunders,
 and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
 the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. **R.**



Second reading:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 10: 34-38
The Lord anointed him with the Holy Spirit!

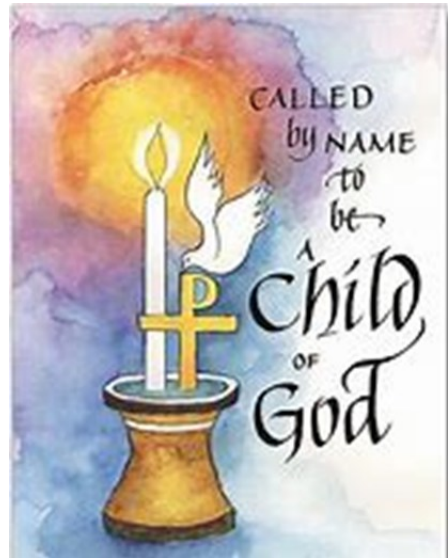
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
 this is my Son, the beloved; listen to him!
Alleluia!

Gospel:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.
 1: 7-11

***You are my Son,
 the Beloved;
 with you
 I am
 well pleased!***



Readers for this week Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th January 2026

| | Commentator | Readers | Reserves |
|----------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 6.00pm | Selesitina Taamale | 1. Pauline Calvert 2. Lily Ulberg | Therese Ulberg Angel Taamale |
| 8.30am | Fiesola Pifeleti | 1. Glen Hill 2. Tatupu Vaalepu | Cheryl Peters Chiara Marie |
| 10.00am | Eseta Oloa | 1. Tafaoimalo Leavasa 2. Leonie Rawson | Iutita Sefo Ane Enosi |

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th January 2026

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|----------------|--|
| 6.00pm | David & Veronica Hagar, Don & Colleen Hodges, Diana-Marie Ulberg |
| 8.30am | Su'a Tagaloa, Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Johndell Ubido, Assumption Ilalio, Robert Lemana |
| 10.00am | Peter Rawson, Selesitina Taamale, Iutita Sefo, Eseta Oloa, Loselika Laumea |

Readers for next week Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th January 2026

| | Commentator | Readers | Reserves |
|----------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 6.00pm | Ane Enosi | 1. Therese Ulberg 2. Vincent George | Veronica Hagar Pauline Calvert |
| 8.30am | Savelina Mahoni | 1. Su'a Tagaloa 2. Susitina Tu'inukuafe | Fiesola Pifeleti Glen Hill |
| 10.00am | Assumption Ilalio | 1. Dilynne Muller 2. Angel Taamale | Leonie Rawson Tafaoimalo Leavasa |

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th January 2026

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|----------------|---|
| 6.00pm | David Hagar, Don & Colleen Hodges, Tonga Enosi, Diana-Marie Ulberg |
| 8.30am | Johndell Ubido, Selesitina Taamale, Robert Lemana, Glen Hill, Kalevina Su'a |
| 10.00am | Eseta Oloa, Tatupu Vaalepu, Inoke Kata, Faumuina Lio, Su'e Tapu |

Anniversaries for the coming week 12th to 18th January

12. Hector John Bloor (1982), Gladys Joan Russell (1993)
13. Anna Glen (1999)
14. John Allen (1978), Robert Butler Hogan (1995), Beatrice Norma Lawrence (1997), Albert John Meier (2008), Fiso Matthew Tanuvasa (2014)
15. Mary Bridgit Hughes (1978)
16. Brien Patrick Fairney (1990), Anaseini Mataele (2013)
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18. Thomas Verdun Greaney (1976), John Paul Grima (1985)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
 New Year's collection \$1740.00 Last Sunday's collection \$1894.50**

Readings for Next Week (18/01/26)
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
 1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6
 Psalm: 40
 2nd Reading: Corinthians 1:1-3
 Gospel: John 1:29-34

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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