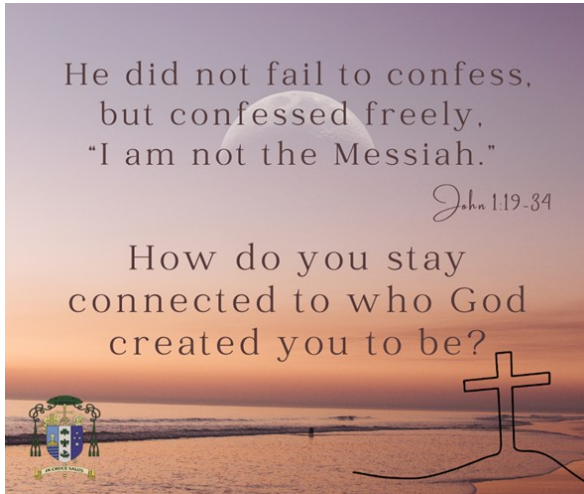


## PARISH NOTICES

1. 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](mailto:assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz) Lisa on 0276252007 and Lonili on 02111375429 for an enrolment form.**

2. 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



### Franciscan Renaissance

St. Francis of Assisi died 800 years ago. His spirituality was challenging for his time. He challenged people of wealth and people of power. He took radical steps to follow Jesus and preach inclusiveness, solidarity and standing up for the most vulnerable in society. As the world seems to be more divided and little progress is being made to protect the environment, the question arises: how do we move on as a Human Family - may be we need a Franciscan Renaissance!

*In this webinar Patrick Carolan will explain the idea of reviving Christianity by following the example of St. Francis of Assisi.*

Patrick Carolan is a US Catholic activist, organizer, and writer. He served as the Executive director of the Franciscan Action Network for ten years, he co-founded the Global Catholic Climate Movement and Catholic Voice Common Good. He is currently the co-host of the podcast Tomorrow's American Catholic.

Franciscan Renaissance with Patrick Carolan  
Monday, 16 February 2026, 7-8pm, Fee: koha/donation, ZOOM  
For more information and registration: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

1. Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy  
**Franciscan Renaissance** with Patrick Carolan  
Monday, 16 February 2026, 7-8pm. Zoom (Koha/Donation).  
Register to receive the Zoom link:

[www.studyjoy.nz/2026/01/08/franciscan-renaissance/](http://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/01/08/franciscan-renaissance/)

**Muffin Talks 2025.** Snippets of interview recordings from 2025.

[www.studyjoy.nz/2026/01/01/muffin-talk-2025/](http://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/01/01/muffin-talk-2025/)

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:aucklandccr@gmail.com).

# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



“JESUS,  
THE LAMB  
OF  
GOD.”

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 18TH JANUARY 2026

**Daily Morning Eucharist:**

**Daily Evening Eucharist:**

**First Friday Evening:**

**Saturday Eucharist:**

**Sunday Eucharist:**

**Public Holidays:**

**Adoration:**

**Tongan Mass:**

**Samoan Mass:**

**Youth Mass:**

**Reconciliation:**

**Samoan Divine Mercy prayer meetings:**

**The Legion of Mary prayer meeting:**

Monday - Friday 7.30am

**Suspended** until further notice

**Lectio Divina** 6.30pm-7.30pm

8.00am and Vigil 6.00pm

8.30am & 10.00am

8.00am, **no evening Mass**

Sundays 5.00pm-5.45pm

2nd Sunday of every month at 12.00pm

5th Sunday of every month at 11.30am

4th Sunday of every month at 10.00am

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

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

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

## Reflection

(Is 49:3.5-6). This reading is part of the second Servant Song of Isaiah. It stresses the early call and formation of the servant. God assures him that he will not only lead back Jacob and reassemble and teach Israel, but also be a light for all nations, enabling God’s salvation to reach to the ends of the earth. The New Testament writers saw the Servant Songs of Isaiah as being perfectly fulfilled in Jesus. This is one of the most universalist passages of the Old Testament. The theme of universalism and inclusion is echoed in the other two readings, as is the theme of the divinely appointed servant.

(Jn 1:29-34). Even though this is the year of Matthew, we begin with a reading from John. The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time respects an old liturgical theme of different epiphanies or manifestations of Jesus. In the first chapter of his Gospel, John brings forth a number of witnesses to tell the reader who Jesus is. Chief among these is John the Baptist. In our reading the Baptism refers to Jesus as the ‘lamb of God’ and the ‘Chosen One of God’, two Messianic titles. The designation ‘lamb of God’ suggests the Passover lamb, whose blood delivered the Israelites from the destroying angel. But it also suggests the suffering servant of Isaiah who is likened to a lamb being led to the slaughter (53:7). Jesus is the one who will suffer and die for the sins of the world. He is also God’s Chosen Servant, and thus fulfils Isaiah’s prophecy (First Reading).

(1 Cor 1:1-3). Here we have the opening verses of Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Paul presents himself as divinely appointed ‘apostle of Jesus Christ’. He then reminds them of their call to holiness and their membership of the universal church of Christ.

## Readings for The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th January 2026

### First reading:

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah. 49: 3,5-6  
*I will give you as a light to the nations, that you may be my salvation!*

### Responsorial Psalm: 40

**R: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

I waited patiently for the Lord;  
 he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
 He put a new song in my mouth,  
 a song of praise to our God. **R.**

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
 but you have given me an open ear.  
 Burnt offering and sin offering  
 you have not required. **R.**

Then I said, "Here I am;  
 in the scroll of the book it is written of me.  
 I delight to do your will, O my God;  
 your law is within my heart." **R.**

I have told the glad news of deliverance  
 in the great congregation;  
 see, I have not restrained my lips,  
 as you know, O Lord. **R.**



"Behold!  
 The Lamb  
 of God  
 who takes  
 away  
 the sin  
 of the  
 world!"

John 1:29

### Second reading:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 1: 1-3  
*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!*

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Word became flesh and lived among us.  
 To all who received him, he gave the power to become children of God.  
**Alleluia!**

### Gospel:

A reading from the  
 holy Gospel  
 according to  
 John. 1: 29-34

*Here is the Lamb of God  
 who takes away the  
 sin of the world!*



## Readers for this 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 Tafaomalalo Leavasa

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

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

## Readers for next week Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th January 2026

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Colleen Hodges	1. Su'e Tapu 2. Veronica Hagar	Vincent George Therese Ulberg
8.30am	Glen Hill	1. Dominic Paul 2. Sylvia Paul	Savelina Mahoni Su'a Tagaloa
10.00am	Theresa Apikotoa	1. Fusi Mataele 2. Tatupu Vaalepu	Selesitina Taamale Magnolia Tomasi

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th January 2026

6.00pm	David Hagar, Selesitina Taamale, Don & Colleen Hodges, Diana-Marie Ulberg
8.30am	Lily Ulberg, Johndell Ubido, Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Kalevina Su'a, Su'a Tagaloa
10.00am	Tonga Enosi, Inoke Kata, Cory Apikotoa, Iutita Sefo, Michaela Duarte

## Anniversaries for the coming week 19th to 25th January

18. Thomas Verdun Greaney (1976), John Paul Grima (1985)
19. John Brown Sr (1957), Hilda Mary McCarten (1988), Robert John Parker (1991), Geraldine Grace Todd (1997), Margaret (Peggy) Baker (2009)
- 20.
21. Gary Jr (Baby) Ngatuahana (1980), Gregorio Catapang (1991), Osvaldo Valenzuela-Bravo (2021)
22. Maria Aileen Tamasese Koneferenisi (2003), Maki Stanley (2024)
- 23.
24. Catherine Keir (2007)
25. William Alfred Francis Loach (1996), Kathleen Mary Cowan (2007)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00  
 Last Sunday's collection \$2478.90**

**Readings for Next Week (25/01/26)**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**  
 1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
 Psalm: 27  
 2nd Reading: Corinthians 1:10-13,17  
 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

**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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