

PARISH NOTICES

1. Monday 26th January is Auckland Anniversary public holiday. Mass will start at 8am.
2. 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.**
3. 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.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



“JESUS,
OUR
LIGHT.”

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 25TH 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**)



DIOCESE NOTICES

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/ **Muffin Talks 2025.** Snippets of interview recordings from 2025. www.studyjoy.nz/2026/01/01/muffin-talk-2025/ For more information: www.studyjoy.nz
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.



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 - maybe 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, organiser, 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 Catholics Vote 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

Reflection

JESUS, OUR LIGHT. At times we can find ourselves ‘walking in darkness.’ We get caught up in difficulties and cannot see a way out. Today’s liturgy reminds us that Jesus is our light and our salvation. As with the first disciples, he calls us to follow him. In the Gospels we have the Good News that brings light into the dark moments of our lives.

(Is 8:23-9:3). Here Isaiah is addressing people who had known better times and were now walking in the darkness of servitude to a foreign power. The territory occupied by the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali (later known as Galilee) was the most northerly part of Israel. It was the first province of Israel to be conquered by Assyria in 732 BC. Isaiah predicts liberation for the oppressed people of that region.

(Mt 4:12-23). (Shorter form recommended. The call of the four apostles occurs again on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B, and is dealt with there). Jesus’ ministry begins under the symbol of light. Matthew sees him as fulfilling Isaiah’s wonderful prophecy. He joyfully introduces him as ‘the great light that has dawned.’ Though Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee, his mission will extend to the whole world. Jesus takes up the torch from the hand of John the Baptist who has been arrested. ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand’, continues the Baptist’s call to conversion. As the light of John wanes, the light of Jesus dawns.

(1 Cor 1:10-13:17). A number of rival factions have sprung up in the community at Corinth. Paul names four, and issues a passionate appeal for unity. He reminds them that all of them were baptised into the same Christ. Therefore, there can only be one loyalty - loyalty to Christ.

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Readings for The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th January 2026

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah. 8: 23-9:3

In Galilee of the nations, the people have seen a great light!

Responsorial Psalm: 27

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid? **R.**

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple. **R.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong,
and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! **R.**

Second reading:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 1: 10-13,17

*I appeal to you that all of you be in agreement
and that there be no divisions among you!*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom,
curing every sickness among the people.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 4: 12-23

*Jesus made his home in Capernaum so that what had been spoken through the Prophet Isaiah might
be fulfilled!*

Dedication Prayer to Mother Mary.

(Please turn and face the statue of Mother Mary before we recite the prayer)

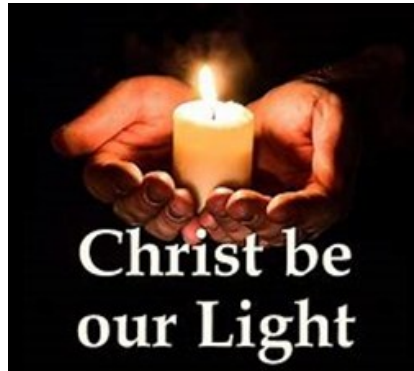
Blessed Mother Mary, Queen Assumed into Heaven, we rejoice that after
years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the
throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

We place our life, our joys, our sorrows, and our hopes into your gentle
hands. Lift our hearts with you in the glory of your Assumption above the
dreadful touch of sin and impurity.

Guide us with your wisdom and protect us with your mantle of peace.
Teach us how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make us
realise that death is the triumphant gate through which we shall pass to your
Son, and that someday our bodies shall re-join
our souls in the unending bliss of heaven.

When our hour of death has come, lead us safely to the presence of Jesus to
enjoy the vision of our God for all eternity together with you.

Amen.



Readers for this 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 Tagalao
10.00am	Theresa Apikotoa	1. Fusi Mataele 2. Tatupu Vaalepu	Selesitina Taamale Magnolia Tomasi

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this 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 Tagalao
10.00am	Tonga Enosi, Inoke Kata, Cory Apikotoa, Iutita Sefo, Michaela Duarte

Readers for next week Saturday 31st December and Sunday 1st February 2026

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Angel Taamale	1. Tatupu Vaalepu 2. Pauline Calvert	Veronica Hagar Su'e Tapu
8.30am	Susitina Tu'inukuafe	1. Chiara Marie 2. Cheryl Peters	Sylvia Paul Dominic Paul
10.00am	Toma Lauaki	1. Iutita Sefo 2. Ana Lauaki	Malia Fusi Eseta Oloa

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6.00pm	David & Veronica Hagar, Don & Colleen Hodges, Assumption Ilalio
8.30am	Johndell Ubido, Glen Hill, Kalevina Su'a, Su'a Tagalao, Loselika Laumea
10.00am	Tonga Enosi, Inoke Kata, Cory Apikotoa, Soane Ahovelo, Malia Tuipulotoa

Anniversaries for the coming week 26th Jan to 1st February

- 26. Robert Ambrose Connolly (1979), Edward Francis McCaffrey (1995), Edna Pereira (2006)
- 27. Ronald Thomas Hutchinson (1992)
- 28. Johannes Leonardus Swinkels (2015)
- 29. Francis Joseph Russell (1980), Sr Patricia Hackett RSM (2011), Vaelenoatia Tago-Sefo (2013)
- 30. Thomas Andrew Direen (1981), Agnes Edwards (1985), John Thomas Randall (1994), Patricia Margaret Collins (1999)
- 31. Winifred Irene Bouzaid (1996), Maureen Jean Richardson (2008)

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- 1. Lolesio William Stowers (2014)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
Last Sunday's collection \$1890.70**

Readings for Next Week (01/02/26)
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
1st Reading: Zephaniah 2:3;12-13
Psalm: 146
2nd Reading: Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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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