

# St. Joseph's Parish Upper Hutt

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## Weekend:

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm      Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am

## Weekdays:

Mon (usually) Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 9:00 am, Fri 6:30 am & 11:15 am

## Year of St Joseph Mass:

Wednesday 7 pm

## Reconciliation:

Friday 10:30 am - 11:00 am, Saturday 9:25 am - 10:00 am

## The Ascension of the Lord

15/16 May 2021

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## Liturgy of the Word:

Psalm Response:

"God mounts the throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord."

This Sunday:

Acts 1.1-11, Ephesians 4.1-13, Mark 16.15-20

Next Sunday:

Acts 2.1-11, Galatians 5.16-25, John 15.26-27; 16.12-15



## The Ascension Of The Lord

### Introduction:

Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into his Heavenly glory after promising his disciples the Holy Spirit as their source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to him by their lives and preaching throughout the world. But the ascended Jesus is still with us through his indwelling Holy Spirit as he has promised, *"I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."* Today's feast is a celebration of Jesus' final glorification after his suffering, death and Resurrection – a glory in which we also hope to share.

### The Scripture lessons:

The first reading gives an account of the event of the Ascension as recorded in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. First, Jesus instructed his apostles to remain in Jerusalem and wait for the baptism by the Holy Spirit so that they might become his "witnesses to the ends of the earth" by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then a cloud took Jesus from the sight of the disciples and two Heavenly messengers in white garments gave them the assurance of Jesus' "second coming" or return in glory.

In the second reading, Paul explains the theological meaning of Jesus' exaltation, giving us the assurance that one day, we too will be ascending to Heavenly Glory, provided we fulfil the mission entrusted to us by the ascending Lord. Today's Gospel describes how Jesus ascended to Heaven after giving his final blessing and missionary command to his disciples. The command was to proclaim the Good News to the whole creation. "to be his witness," and "to make disciples of all nations." (Mt 28:16-20, Mk 16:15-20, Lk 24:46-53, Acts 1:1-11).

### Life Messages:

1) We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives.

2) We have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy and salvation by his life and preaching and gave us the mission to teach these to others. Hence, let us learn about Jesus and his teachings by our daily study of the Bible and the teachings of the Church, experience Jesus in personal prayer, reception of the Sacraments and works of charity, and convey to others Jesus whom we have experienced with the help of the Holy Spirit.

3) The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement: We will be able to overcome doubts about our Faith, as well as baseless fears, anxieties and worries, by meditating on Jesus' Ascension and the lesson it teaches – the we, too, are called to share his glory in Heaven.

*Fr Maleko Tufuga*

PARISH DIARY		16 May – 23 May 2021
<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>		
<b>Sun</b>	12:00 pm	Tongan community ECL in Church
	12:00 pm	Samoan Divine Mercy in Church
	1:00 pm	Legion of Mary in Foyer
	4:00 pm	Tongan community in meeting room
<b>Mon</b>	7:00 pm	RCIA in Parish Lounge
	7:00 pm	SVDP meeting in meeting room
<b>Tues</b>	9:45 am	Legion of Mary in meeting room
	1:30 pm	MMP at the Convent
	6:00 pm	Community dinner in Foyer
<b>Wed</b>	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary OLM in meeting room
	6:00 pm	Tongan choir practice in meeting room
	7:00 pm	Year of St Joseph Mass
<b>Thurs</b>	6:30 pm	Gus' choir practice in choir lof
	8:00 pm	MMP
<b>Fri</b>	10:30 am	Reconciliation in Church
	6:00 pm	Tongan Rosary in Church
<b>Sat</b>	9:30 am	Reconciliation in Church
	12:00 pm	Tongan community in meeting room
<b>Sun</b>		<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
	10:30 am	School/Parish Mass
	12:00 pm	Tongan community ECL in Church
	12:00 pm	Samoan Divine Mercy in Church
	4:00 pm	Tongan community in meeting room

### The Ascension of the Lord

Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth — to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.

### Remember in prayer

Cosmas Simon Isaya, the sick, the lonely, the vulnerable, special needs & intentions.



### Vocations for May – David Pritchard



*Aotearoa New Zealand, following Jesus Christ by celebrating and sharing faith, growing in community, and working for justice and peace. "Everything – time, talent and treasure – given to the parish is a gift."*

Have you ever considered going on the Planned Giving system here at St Joseph's? You can do this by automatic payment or the weekly envelope system. Your donations entitle you to a 33% tax rebate and a receipt will be provided to you at the end of the financial year. If you would like to join our Parish's planned giving system please contact Barbara in the Parish office.

### Parish Bank Account number is:

**Bank of New Zealand**

**02 0772 0074384 00**

**Account name - St. Joseph's Parish Upper Hutt**

### NEW Sets of Planned Giving Envelopes

These are available to collect from the foyer at this weekend's masses. You may notice that you have been issued a new planned giving number. As more parishioners move to automatic payments, the number of sets of envelopes needed each year will continue to decrease. This will result in some parishioners being moved to a new planned giving number to fill the gaps.



### SAVE THE DATES!

#### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH MISSION

**1, 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 at St Joseph's Church**

*Reflecting on Pope Francis' letter for the Year of St. Joseph: With a Father's Heart. Led by Fr. John O'Connor.*

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> July 7 pm – Living at the crossroads

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 10:30 am – Grace is enough

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 7 pm – Do not be Afraid

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 10:30 am – Inclusive & Creative Courage

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 4 pm – Joy In the Shadows

*Each session stands alone so come to one or come to all.*



### Pentecost Sunday School/Parish Mass

The school will be joining us for Mass on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May at the 10:30 am Mass.

### Workshop for Proclaimers of the Word

On Saturday 5 June, 10.30am to Noon, in the Church. Proclaimers of the Word are advised of an upcoming workshop which Father Maleko has arranged for us to brush up on our skills. We are most fortunate to have Monsignor Charles Cooper along to assist us this year. He brings us a wealth of experience with his background in Liturgy. Father asks that all proclaimers attend this workshop. If you cannot attend please advise the Parish Office. Tel: 528 2028 or Email: [stjosephsuh1@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsuh1@gmail.com)



### Proclaimers of the Word for the Vigil Mass

We are currently looking for more Proclaimers for the Saturday Vigil Mass. Anyone who is interested in taking up this ministry please fill out a form which is available in the foyer.

### Proclaimer of the Word Practice Session:

**Tuesday 1 June 6:30-7:30pm**

Please note that our regular two-monthly practice session for proclaimers will go ahead as usual, as well as having the Proclaimers Workshop on the Saturday. These sessions are particularly helpful for anyone who is new to this ministry, the experience of our older hands is also much appreciated. Please use the side door to enter the Church if you are coming. For further Info please phone or text: Christina 021 029 28147 or Wilma 970 4228.

### RCIA 2021 is here

This year's RCIA gets underway on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May with an introduction evening to be held in the Presbytery Lounge commencing at 7:30 pm. This programme is designed for those inquiring into the Catholic Faith and those people who would like to become Catholics. If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, please give your details to Barbara at the parish office or contact Phil Griffiths. We ask all our parishioners to keep the potential candidates in prayer, and to do whatever you can to make them feel welcome in our parish. (Jn 13:35 As Christians, we are known by our love.) This is not just an outreach ministry run by the priests or some lay members of our parish but is a response to Our Lord Jesus Christ's final command to all Christians, to teach and baptize everyone (Matt 28:19,20). If you, or your group, would like to be involved in this ministry in any way, please also give your details to Barbara at the parish office or contact Phil Griffiths by phone or text on 022 108 5302 or email him at [phil.t.griffiths@gmail.com](mailto:phil.t.griffiths@gmail.com).

### EJP notice

Today's readings tell us to go out and proclaim the good news and to do the things that Jesus did. We know those as corporal works of mercy.

- To feed the hungry
- To give water to the thirsty
- To clothe the naked
- To shelter the homeless
- To visit the sick
- To visit the imprisoned, or ransom the captive
- To bury the dead

If you would like to carry out any of these works and would like to join with other like-minded people then please contact Judy or Teresa.

### Sign Language Week

This week is Sign Language week. Would you like learn a sign language greeting in light of sign language week? You can look up NZSL Dictionary or put the app on your phone. Later this year we may hold some sign language lessons. Please let us know if this would interest you.

### Community Dinner

Tuesday 18 May EJP and their friends are running a community dinner in the church foyer at 6pm. If you would like to participate through donating time, money or food then please contact Judy or Teresa. Thank you so much for those who do contribute to this corporal work of mercy and make it possible.

### Outreach Community Soup Dinner

This will be postponed for the next two weeks and will resume on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June between 12 noon and 1:30. We are still in need of people to help make soup and to serve it. It is hoped we can offer a number of different varieties of soup so people are spoiled for choice. If you can help please contact Teresa.

Judy Dixon 970 7169 or 022 043 4703  
Teresa Homan 527 9061 or 022 312 7259

### Passionist Family Group Celebration

Passionist Family Groups have been operating in St Joseph's Parish for thirty years this year. This is a great achievement and one we want to celebrate. It is planned to do this on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of May with a dinner out and then during a Sunday Mass on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May with a special focus on the Spirituality of Family groups, a family for all. All past, present and prospective members will be invited to take part. Please keep these dates free and come and celebrate this occasion with the Passionist Family Groups.



### Marriage Preparation

Getting married soon or this coming summer? Or maybe you know someone who is? Now is the perfect time to start your marriage preparation journey. There are spaces available in the June and September Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation course called "Love is a Decision". For more information please contact Felicity Giltrap at [f.giltrap@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:f.giltrap@wn.catholic.org.nz) or visit our website for more information and to book.

<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/>.

### CWL Lotto Bonus Week 1 Result:

The winner on 8th May was #3 Brenda Neville with consolations to Sister Declan and Kath St Clair. Thank you to all those who participated.



### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Dear friends

In the week between Ascension and Pentecost Sundays the Christian churches celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We are united in our desire for unity, although we know this is a long road. In Aotearoa New Zealand the Christian churches work together in many ways – prison and hospital chaplaincy, advocacy on behalf of those who are disadvantaged, resettlement of refugees are just some examples. In some places we gather together to worship at times such as Ash Wednesday and Advent. This is a long way from the strained and often hostile relationships which have existed among Christian churches in past times. We are blessed to be living in a time when we can talk together about unity, pray together and work together for others. The theme for this year's Week of Prayer is *Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit* (cf. *Jn 15:5-9*). If possible try to take part in the Week of Prayer in some way, with others or on your own. The prayers for the Eight Days between Pentecost and Easter can be found at [www.catholic.org.nz](http://www.catholic.org.nz) or on your diocesan website, together with other information about the Week of Prayer. Each of us has a part to play.

Cardinal John Dew

Catholic Bishops Committee for Ecumenism

### Pastoral Care and Support Conference and Retreat for Catholic Health Practitioners

The NZ Catholic Medical Association is holding a Pastoral Care and Support conference and retreat for Catholic health practitioners at Our Lady's Home of Compassion in Island Bay, Wellington from 3 pm Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May to 3 pm Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Hear interesting local speakers. Mass and Reconciliation will be available. The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference supports this event. Registration and details: [www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz](http://www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz).

### St Bernard's College Open Day

St Bernard's College will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Prospective students and their parents are invited to visit during these hours to find out more about St Bernard's College and what it can provide. St Bernard's College is a Year 7-13 Catholic boys' college. For further information please see our website: [www.sbc.school.nz](http://www.sbc.school.nz) or contact the office at 183 Waterloo Rd Lower Hutt, Ph 560 9250 or Email: [office@sbcschool.nz](mailto:office@sbcschool.nz).

### St Mary's College Open Day 2021

All those interested in enrolling at St Mary's College in 2022 are invited to our Open Day on Tuesday 1 June 2021 from 9 am to 11:00 am. Please look at our website [www.stmw.school.nz](http://www.stmw.school.nz) for more information.

### Preference of Enrolment Forms to be signed

Fr. Maleko will be available to sign preference forms on Tuesday between 3 – 4 pm.

## THIS WEEKENDS ROSTER

15/16 May	Vigil 6 pm	9:00 am	10:30 am
Sacristan – May	Michael Mears	Mike Williams	Julian Millar
Greeters		Elizabeth Leitch	Samoan Community
Hospitality		Bill & Marie Kirkup	Samoan Community
Gathering Rite	Gerald Carter	Sonali James	Carmelita Baltazar
Altar Servers	Joshua Jordan Katie Jordan	Arabella Eslera Aaliyah Eslera Mary Athena Estuita Dana Andrews	Moa Kula Simione Kula Alyanna Gierran
Projectionists	John Gijbsbers	Denis Bourke	Samoan Youth
Prayer of Faithful	Margaret Dawon		
Proclaimer of the Word Cantor	Joe Moorman	Val Kelly Peter Dawson	Clarita Estuita Samoan Choir
Gifts Procession	Margaret John	Sia Hynam	Samoan Community
Collection Procession			Samoan Community
Music Ministry	Mary Meo	Josephine Bourke	Samoan Choir
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Stowers Carol Brabyn (Backup)	Peter Dawson Mike Driscoll (Backup)	Pat Salandanan Vaha Fainga'a (Backup)
Bell Ringer	Danny	Charlie McCairn	Marie Kirkup
Children's Liturgy	9 am – Teresa Homan    10:30 am - Theresa Saena & Chola Ajoc		
Martha Ministry	Kathryn Andrews & Sara Ajoc – Church to be cleaned before weekend of 23 May		
May Ministries	Counting – Hoey Team Lawn Mowing – Zammit & Jordan Families		
Flowers	Homan Family		

## NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER

22/23 May	Vigil 6 pm	9:00 am	10:30 am
Sacristan – May	Michael Mears	Mike Williams	Mike Gill
Greeters		Carolyn Driscoll	School Mass
Hospitality	Ken Eades	Teresa & Stewart Homan	
Gathering Rite	Gerald Carter	Christina Lacuna	School Mass
Altar Servers	Bryn Essery Dana Andrews	Aidan Fitzgerald Matt Leitch Matthew Jones	School Mass
Projectionists	Denis Bourke	Michael Jordan	School Mass
Prayer of Faithful	Rachel Cameron		
Proclaimer of the Word Cantor	Phil Griffiths	Kevin Havell Peter Dawson	School Mass
Gifts Procession	Michael Quinn	Vera Crombie	School Mass
Collection Procession			Uvea Family
Music Ministry	Josephine Bourke	Theresa Jordan	School Mass
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Brabyn Lauren Murray (Backup)	Vernon Hoey Vangie Ford (Backup)	School Mass
Bell Ringer	Danny	Charlie McCairn	Marie Kirkup
Children's Liturgy	9 am – Kathleen Williams		
Martha Ministry	Fulgarinas Family – Church to be cleaned before weekend of 30 May		
May Ministries	Counting – Hoey Team Lawn Mowing – Zammit & Jordan Families		
Flowers	Homan Family		

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