

A courageous discipleship

The 1st session of the Plenary Council will take place in Adelaide from 2-10 October 2021 and the second in Sydney from 4-9 July 2022. The Council meetings will be multi-modal in that people will be present face-face and online.

The Plenary Council is the fruit of a lengthy process of consultation of the Australian community which began in 2018 with the primary question being, "What is God's Spirit asking of us in Australia Today?"

There were 222,000 responses, and the material was then gathered by the National Centre for Pastoral Research into six broad themes with discernment and writing groups appointed for each theme. Their material was published on Pentecost Sunday in 2020, and a small writing group was appointed to produce a 'Working Document' to guide the participants.,

The final chapter of this document is entitled "I am with you always," and the opening reflection is about Saint Mary MacKillop who is seen as a model of Australian discipleship. Her story is a powerful reminder "that the way of courageous discipleship of Jesus Christ is not foreign to those who live under the Australian sun in this wide brown land."

The 'Working Document' offers all of us an invitation "to follow in Saint Mary's footsteps, seeking new ways to share the joy of the Gospel with each other and with the communities in which we live."

Our Gospel reading for the feast reminds us that God watches over us on our journey through life, values us, and invites us to seek first the kingdom, and God promises to provide for our other needs. We see an example of this when the great prophet Elijah visits a widow in an obscure village in the north of the country and asks for bread and water. The widow had little but she provided a small meal with the limited resources at hand and she and her son supped with Elijah. To her utter surprise, her generosity is rewarded and the "jar of meal was not spent, nor the jug of oil emptied." God provided for all in their need.

Paul writes to the Colossians from prison in Rome around 60-62 after he had heard that they were struggling with some theological issues. Paul reminds them of God's enduring love and offers them advice about how to let the love of God flow into their lives so that they forgive each other as the Lord had forgiven them and live lives of generosity, humility, gentleness and patience which will bring peace to the heart and blessings to the community. The words of our readings struck a chord in the heart of Mary MacKillop and her words to her sisters resonate in our ears when we hear her sage advice. "Never see a need, without doing something about it." The Plenary Council is a synodal exercise in listening to the voices of our faith communities and making decisions that will lead us to fullness of life

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Masses:

Saturday Vigil:

5.30pm

Sunday: 8.00am &
10.00am

Monday-Saturday:
9.00am

Anointing Mass:

First Friday of each
month at 9am Mass

Prayer of the Church:

Saturday: 8.45am &
Novena at 9am Mass

Reconciliation:

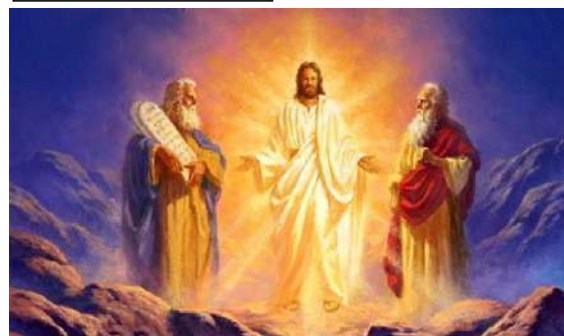
Saturday: After 9am
Mass & 4pm after-
noon

Rosary Group:

Each Friday: 3:30pm
in Parish Centre

Exposition:

Every Thursday
9.30am - 6.45pm
with Benediction at
6.45pm



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19th Sunday of Ordinary Time Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 August 2021

The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6

The Feast of the
Transfiguration
celebrates this great
event in the life of
Christ.

We are all called to witness this
radiant love God has for his people
and return "down the
mountain" to share
this good news!

**Jesus is Lord!
May we radiate
your love, O Lord!**





Rededication of New Zealand to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven

On Sunday, 15 August during ALL WEEKEND MASSES, our Parish will be celebrating the Renewal of Dedication of New Zealand to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven. The Feast of the Assumption has been the Patronal Feast of the Church in New Zealand since the beginning of the Catholic Mission in 1838, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The bishops will gather for Mass at St. Mary of the Angels in Wellington to rededicate our country to Our Lady. The same Rededication Rite will be used at every Mass in New Zealand on that day.

Talks on Redemptorist Spirituality Father Bruce McGill

The fifth talk "GOD'S LOVE", will take place on Friday **13 August** after 9am Mass in the Church.



SPECIAL MASS FOR CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

On Tuesday, August 17, there will be a special Mass at 7pm for those who are now preparing themselves to be consecrated to St. Joseph. *All are Welcome!*

MARY MOTHER OF GOD ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN NOVENA

In preparation for the rededication of our country to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven on August 15, please join Bishop Michael Gielen in a Novena, starting this Saturday, Aug. 9, for nine days.

The Novena website to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven is below:

Website: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/assumption-novena...>

THE PARISH PLAY GROUP IS STARTING UP AGAIN!

VENUE: St Ignatius Parish Centre

WHEN: Wednesday mornings after School drop off

An opportunity for parents of pre-school children to gather for a chat and a getting to know you, and for the children to have fun with the toys.

For more information contact Julia Bird 022 069 3633



St Ignatius Catholic Primary School - Years 0-6 Enrolments 2022

Enrolment applications for places at St Ignatius Catholic Primary School for 2022 close on 31 August and will be processed in accordance with our Enrolment Scheme. Parents will be notified soon after 31 August. Please complete an enrolment application form together with the Preference Certificate and other supporting information and deliver or email it to the school office not later than 31 August 2021. If you have a baby or preschooler it is helpful if applications for places beyond 2022 are in the system. It's never too early to apply. For enrolment application forms please download from our website www.stignatius.school.nz or collect from 72 Speight Rd, St Heliers. For further information please email office@stignatius.school.nz or phone 5757081

We remember in prayer our parishioners whose anniversaries occur during

August: Kate Henry, Isobella Donald, Dorothy Bennett, Walter Strevens, John McKelvey, Dorina Boric, Dorothy Scott, Doris Forrest

Next Week: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

14 & 15 August 2021

1. Apoc 11:19;12:1-6,10 **2.** 1Corinthians 15:20-26

3. Gospel Luke 1:39-56

ROSTERS	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Welcomer	Judith Everitt	Helen Wright	Sina Pailate
Greeters	Desley King Anne Gordon	Carmela Cheval Mary Thornton	Amanda Gibbs Richard Pain
Musicians			Samoan Community
PowerPoint	Maureen Keenan	Liz Pascal	Samoan Community
Children's Liturgy	<i>Mary is taken into heaven</i> - Stephanie McHugh & Stephanie Aquilina		
Prayers of the Faithful	Heather Manickum		
Ministers of Communion	Louise Morton Frank Blewman	Heather Hart Delreen Rayen	Karen Rassie Greg Rassie
Readers	Michelle Yates Kathy Slater	Thelma Correa Loyola Correa	Angie Oei Vanessa Thomas
Cleaners	Lina KauKau & Family	Altar Linen: Heather Hart	
Grace Joel	10.30am Heather & Gerard Hart		
Sac Prog	Offertory Procession: Leite Family		