



Queenstown Area Catholic Church

St Joseph's Queenstown / St Patrick's Arrowtown / Community Church Glenorchy

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

YEAR B

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Conversion is the work of a lifetime. Even after Jesus has taught his disciples in his risen body for forty days, they still miss the point, modelling their expectations of the kingdom on the values and patterns of worldly power and prestige.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13

Growing to spiritual maturity and into the body of Christ is not about spectacular signs and wonders. Day by day, by responding to God's grace in the quiet and steady practice of virtues, we develop the gifts needed for the building of God's kingdom.

Gospel Reading: Mark 16:15-20

Mark's Gospel ends with listing miraculous signs and wonders that will identify the followers of Christ. But the true wonder is that as sinful human beings we can nevertheless be heralds of God's kingdom, producing in our lives and witness the fruits of God's Holy Spirit.

FEAST DAYS, SOLEMNITIES AND MEMORIALS

13th May – Our Lady of Fatima

14th May – Saint Matthias

15th May – Saint Isidore

16th May – Saint Simon Stock

17th May – Saint Paschal

18th May – St John I

FEATURED SAINT: Saint Matthias

Born: 1st Century AD Judaea / Died: c. 80 AD Jerusalem

St Matthias, according to the Acts of the Apostles was the Apostle chosen by the remaining eleven Apostles to replace Judas Iscariot following Judas' betrayal of Jesus, and his own suicide. His calling as an apostle is unique, in that his appointment was not made personally by Jesus, who had already ascended into heaven, and it was also made before the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the early Church. There is no mention of a Matthias among the lists of disciples or followers of Jesus in the three synoptic gospels, but according to Acts, he had been with Jesus from his baptism by John until his Ascension. The tradition of the Greeks says that St. Matthias planted the faith about Cappadocia and on the coasts of the Caspian Sea, residing chiefly near the port Issus.

MASS TIMES

Queenstown

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm

Sunday 9:00

Monday, Wednesday and

Friday 9:30am

Tagalog Mass

3rd Sunday of the month
at 7:00pm

Portuguese Mass

4th Sunday of the month
at 7:00pm

Arrowtown

1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th

Sunday at 11:00am

2nd Sunday - Liturgy with
Holy Communion at
11:00am.

Tuesday weekly at
4:00PM

Glenorchy

2nd Sunday of the month
at 11.30am

Reconciliation

Queenstown 10:00am to
10:30am - Friday after
mass otherwise when
requested.

Office Hours

Saturday 10am – 12:00pm,
email can be sent for any
urgent matter outside of
office hours.

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

Saint Joseph School Annual Book Fair

Please save the date and spread the word! Our annual School Book Fair (a huge community event and our major school fundraiser each year) will be held on **Sunday 19 May this year** and we will need lots of helpers.

Please also consider helping in one of the following ways in particular - sorting books on Thursday 16 May, setting up on Saturday 18 May, and staffing stalls on Sunday 19 May. We will require around 50 or 60 helpers in total in addition to the members of our school PTA and our staff and Moa class students!

More information to come, but in the meantime give thought to how you can help!

Road Works on Melbourne Street

Access to Melbourne Street from both Hallenstein and Frankton Roads will be changed over the next two weeks and may be different from what you normally use.

Also, access to St Joseph's Church will also be limited at times as road sealing is undertaken.

For the latest update on road works, please consult the Parish Website at <https://stjosephsqueenstown.co.nz/index.php/news/>

Food Donations

Non-perishable food items and household items such as dishwashing liquid, washing machine powder and personal items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby foods and hair shampoo are gratefully received at the back of the church.

St Patrick's Arrowtown food donation is the first Sunday of the month and is delivered to Basket of Blessings at St Johns Presbytery Church in Arrowtown.

St Joseph's Queenstown food donation is delivered to Happiness House on the third Sunday of the month.



We pray for all who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur about now:
Ricardo Cruz, Julia Rowell, Fr Reg O'Brien and Kevin Marlon

May they rest in peace.

PARISH ROSTER	QUEENSTOWN		ARROWTOWN	
VIGIL	11th May	18th May		12th May
WELCOME	Jenny Heath	Jenny Heath	LEADER	Ann-Marie McCrostie
READERS	Colin Heath	Colin Heath	READER	Phil de la Mare
COMMUNION	Eliza Xalxo	Eliza Xalxo	PRAYERS	Trisch Inder
ALTAR SERVER			COMMUNION	Tram Le
PROJECTOR	Joseph Leyden	Joseph Leyden	POWERPOINT	Tram Le
SUNDAY	12th May	19th May		19th May
WELCOME	Phil Wilson	Phil Wilson	LEADER	Ann-Marie McCrostie
READERS	Eammon Conaghan	Eammon Conaghan	READER	Phil de la Mare
COMMUNION	Sebastian	Sebastian	PRAYERS	Trisch Inder
ALTAR SERVER	Lucas and Tahan	Lucas and Tahan	COMMUNION	Tram Le
PROJECTOR	Rochelle DSouza	Rochelle DSouza	POWERPOINT	Tram Le
NOTE: Anyone unable to meet roster commitment as listed above, must provide their own cover.				

Donations can now be made on our EFTPOS terminal at the back of the pews.

Our two churches of St Joseph's and St Patrick's are both Category 2 historic buildings and require ongoing maintenance. Your help is much appreciated.

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