



Queenstown Area Catholic Church

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

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR C

25th MAY 2025

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Catholic Diocese of Dunedin

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

The leaders of the early Church allow themselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit in their decisions.

Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23

John's revelation is of the Church as the new Jerusalem, a walled and gated city, but these are not built to exclude sinners or those we consider unworthy or outsiders. The temple is the body of Christ himself.

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

At the Last Supper Jesus speaks words of inexpressible comfort. He promises that the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit, will find a home in us as individuals and as a community when we learn to keep his word.

FEAST DAYS, SOLEMNITIES AND MEMORIALS

26th May – Saint Philip Neri

27th May – Saint Augustine

28th May – Saint Germain

29th May – Saint Paul VI

30th May – Saint Joan of Arc

31st May – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, feast

Features Saint: Saint Paul VI

Born: 26th September 1897 / Died: 6th August 1978

After ordination in 1920, Giovanni did graduate studies in literature, philosophy, and canon law in Rome before he joined the Vatican Secretariat of State where he worked for 30 years from 1922 to 1954. He was appointed as Archbishop of Milan in 1954. He was elevated to the college Cardinals in 1958 and was elected Pope in 1963. He re-convened the Second Vatican Council, which was automatically closed with the death of John XXIII but disappointed liberals by upholding the celibacy of priests, papal primacy, and condemning contraception. He is widely known for his landmark encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. In 1965, he instituted the World Synod of Bishops, and in 1966, he decreed that bishops must offer their resignations on reaching age 75. In 1970, he decided that cardinals over 80 would no longer vote in papal conclaves or head the Holy See's major offices. He was canonized by Pope Francis on 14th October 2018.

MASS TIMES

Queenstown

Saturday Vigil 6:30 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

Monday, Wednesday and

Friday 9:30 AM

**Exposition, Adoration
of the Blessed
Sacrament and
Rosary every Friday
5:00 PM**

Tagalog Mass

3rd Sunday of the month at
7:00 PM

Portuguese Mass

4th Sunday of the month
at 6:00 PM

Arrowtown

1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th

Sunday at 11:00 AM

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

Tuesday weekly at 4:00PM

Glenorchy

2nd Sunday of the month
at 11.30 PM

Reconciliation

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

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

Turn Debt into Hope

Join Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand's webinar on Wednesday, 4th June 12:00 PM on its "Turn Debt Into Hope" campaign. Launched globally by Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year, Caritas will be sharing more about the global campaign for debt justice and what you can do to help in New Zealand. The webinar will feature Pacific-based speakers discussing the effects of climate debt, insights from Caritas on how Kiwis can take action, and an opportunity for a Q&A session.

Visit the website <https://www.caritas.org.nz/turndebtintohope>

Saint Teresa's School Bluff celebrates 125 Years Jubilee

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th October 2025

We would love to see you and do let friends / relations know.

Please send enquiries to: sonz125@hotmail.com

Laudato Si'

24th - 31st May – Celebrating 10 years of Laudato Si' - on care for our common home

This Laudato Si' week, some words of love and challenge from the late Pope Francis: **'The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?'** (Laudate Deum #65) **'We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world ...'** (Laudato Si' #229)

Our Diocesan website has information about Laudato Si' and offers some suggestions on ways we can care for our common home.

Visit <https://www.cdd.nz/ministries/ecology>

St Joseph's Choir Practice

The Choir is practicing at the Church on Thursday evenings at 6.30. We warmly welcome new members, if anyone is interested in joining us, please ring Jeanette on 027 414 8288. We are also looking for people to assist with the playing of music at Mass. This could be as an organist, guitarist or to play the recorded music on the organ. If you would like to help, please contact Vicki on 021 918 853.

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 food donation is the first Sunday of the month delivered to Basket of Blessings and St Joseph's is the third Sunday of the month to Happiness House.

We pray for all who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur about now:

**Virginia Harrison, Noel Doerty, Cleotilde Flores, Gary Moore
and Harold Griffin**

May they rest in peace.

PARISH ROSTER	QUEENSTOWN		ARROWTOWN	
VIGIL	24th May	31st May	25th May	
WELCOME	Jenny Heath	Patricia Burdon	Fr Cipriano	
READERS	Colin Heath	Eliza Xalxo	Trisch Inder	
COMMUNION	Eliza Xalxo	Sharon Wild	Ann-Marie McCrostie	
ALTAR SERVER	Tehan	Tehan	Margaret Chamberlain	
PROJECTOR	Joseph Leyden	Joseph Leyden	Tram Le	
SUNDAY	25th May	1st June	1st June	
WELCOME	Rochelle D'Souza	Rochelle D'Souza	Fr Cipriano	
READERS	Phil Wilson	Eammon Conaghan	Sue O'Connor	
COMMUNION	Alan Brown	Sebastian	Ruth de la Mare	
ALTAR SERVER	Lucas and Ari	Lucas and Ari	Phil de la Mare	
PROJECTOR	Amy Balila	Rochelle D'Souza	Sthefane Caroline	
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 that require urgent as well as ongoing maintenance. Your help is much appreciated.

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