



Queenstown Area Catholic Church

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

17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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26 JULY 2026

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Catholic Diocese of Dunedin

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1ST READING: 1 KINGS 3:5.7-12 Solomon did not pray for riches or for a long and trouble-free life. Closest to his heart was this: to be a good king to his people.

2ND READING: ROMANS 8:28-30 God our Father cherishes as his children all those who love him.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 13:44-52 The greatest treasure in life is God's friendship. Those who realize this will go to any lengths to possess what they know to be most precious of all.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (2 AUGUST)

1st: Isaiah 55:1-3 / 2nd: Romans 8:35,37-39 / Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

FEAST DAYS, SOLEMNITIES AND MEMORIALS

27 July – Saint Innocent I

28 July – Saint Alphonsa

29 July – Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

30 July – Saint Peter Chrysologus

31 July – Saint Ignatius of Loyola

1 August – Saint Alphonsus Maria De' Liguori

FEATURED SAINT: SAINT ALPHOSUS MARIA DE' LIQUORI

BORN: 27 SEPTEMBER 1696 / DIED: 1 AUGUST 1787

Alphonsus Maria de Liguori CSsR was an Italian Catholic bishop and saint, as well as a spiritual writer, composer, musician, artist, poet, lawyer, scholastic philosopher, and theologian. He founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as the Redemptorists, in November 1732. In 1762, he was appointed Bishop of Sant'Agata de' Goti. A prolific writer, he published nine editions of his *Moral Theology* in his lifetime, in addition to other devotional and ascetic works and letters. Among his best-known works are *The Glories of Mary* and *The Way of the Cross*, the latter still used in parishes during Lenten devotions. He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI and proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1871. A frequently cited Catholic author, he is the patron saint of confessors.

AN EVENING WITH THE PAPAL NUNCIO

Come and hear from His Excellency Archbishop Gábor Pintér, the Pope's official ambassador to Aotearoa New Zealand. He will share insights into his ministry representing the Holy Father, his experiences serving the universal Church, and take part in a Q&A session. All are welcome.

Thursday 30th July / 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. To watch via Zoom [register here](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8440123456).

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/huL0APRETM-46wqLtA8dlw#/registration>

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
5:30 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 AM

Reconciliation

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

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE LITURGY - With Fr. Paul Turner

Join us for an inspiring session with renowned liturgist Fr. Paul Turner as he explores the deep, transformative spirituality behind the Liturgy. Discover how our prayers, symbols, and actions shape our faith and draw us closer to the heart of the Gospel.

Tuesday, 4 August, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Please register online to receive the link to join:

https://us06web.zoom.us/joining/register/-vnBvcwzSR6_Oy75bKCSYQ

DIOCESAN HUI: Walking the Synodal Way Together

All are warmly invited to join our diocesan wide gathering for the Implementation Phase of our synodal journey. We will hear from guest speaker, Manuel Beazley (Vicar of Māori, Auckland Diocese) and then break into synodal groups to listen, learn, and discern together. Lunch will be provided.

Saturday, 29th August, 10am-2:30pm

Mercy Parish, 42 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin

Please register online at www.cdd.nz

NANO NAGLE CHARITABLE TRUST PRESENTS

FR. CHRIS SKINNER – Inspirational NZ singer and songwriter

Live in Concert at Trinity Catholic College Auditorium

Sunday 6 September, 2:00 pm

Tickets: \$20 / Early Bird \$15 (until 15 August)

Please make payment to:

Nano Nagle Charitable Trust / Account number: 03-1736-0513225-000

Email proof of payment to: nanonagletrust@gmail.com OR Phone 03-4898120

All proceeds to Nano Nagle Trust supporting children to receive Catholic education.

St Joseph's Choir Practice

We are 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 or Jeanette on 027 414 8288.

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. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

June Traynor, Fr Brian Fenton, Kane Kapernick, Pat Kinney,

Betty Young and Dawn Andrews

PARISH ROSTER	QUEENSTOWN		ARROWTOWN	
VIGIL	25 July	1 August	LEADER	26 July
WELCOME	Marivic Mapalad	Patricia Burdon	READER	Fr Cipriano
READER	Bethany Mapalad	Bethany Mapalad	PRAYERS	Ruth de la Mare
COMMUNION	Patricia Burdon	Sharon Wild	COMMUNION	Sue Dennis
ALTAR SERVER	Paolo	Paolo	POWERPOINT	Phil de la Mare
PROJECTOR	Shino Kusanagi	Kristoff Mapalad		Trisch Inder
SUNDAY	26 July	2 August	LEADER	2 August
WELCOME	Penny Walker	Phil Wilson	READER	Fr Cipriano
READER	Simon Hayes	Peter Bennison	PRAYERS	Jane-Louise Cook
COMMUNION	Phil Wilson	Banjo Balila	COMMUNION	Tim Cook
ALTAR SERVER	Lucas & Arie	Lucas & Arie	POWERPOINT	Ruth de la Mare
PROJECTOR	Amy Balila	Amy Balila		Giovanna Sarrafe

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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