



Queenstown Area Catholic Church

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

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

YEAR A

16 AUGUST 2026

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

1ST READING: APOCALYPSE 11:19; 12:1-6,10 The woman in our reading represents the Church under ongoing persecution; God will prevail in the end.

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26 Paul reflects on the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus; all people will share in this mystery, each in their appropriate order.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 1:39-56 After the annunciation of the birth of Jesus, Mary goes to Elizabeth to confirm the reality of Gabriel's message.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (23 AUGUST)

1st: Isaiah 22:19-23 / 2nd: Romans 11:33-36 / Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

FEAST DAYS, SOLEMNITIES AND MEMORIALS

17 August – Saint Hyacinth

18 August – Saint Helena

19 August – Saint John Eudes

20 August – Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

21 August – Saint Pius X

22 August – Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FEATURED SAINT: SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

BORN: c. 1090 / DIED: 20 AUGUST 1153

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux was a 12th-century French abbot, mystic, and powerful church leader. He is famous for reforming the Benedictine order into the Cistercians, preaching the Second Crusade, writing eloquent spiritual works, and promoting deep devotion to the Virgin Mary. Bernard was sent to found Clairvaux Abbey only a few years after becoming a monk at Cîteaux. In 1128, Bernard attended the Council of Troyes, at which he traced the outlines of the Rule of the Knights Templar, which soon became an ideal of Christian nobility. Bernard was canonized just 21 years after his death by Pope Alexander III. In 1830, Pope Pius VIII declared him a Doctor of the Church. Bernard of Clairvaux is traditionally credited with writing Latin poems that became famous Christian hymns, most notably *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* and *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*. While modern scholars debate direct authorship, these texts deeply reflect his 12th-century mystical spirituality.

POPE'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION: 'for evangelization in the city'

Pope Leo XIV releases his prayer intention for the month of August and invites Catholics to pray 'for evangelization in the city,' so that the Lord may accompany the millions who seek meaning amid noise and haste.

Source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-07/pope-s-august-prayer-intention-for-evangelization-in-the-city.html>

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 4:00 PM

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

HOPE FOR THE WORLD - International Conference on Life, Faith and Family - Friday 25 to Sunday 27 September 2026

In Christ we can restore a culture where every life is protected from conception to natural death, and where marriage and the family are again seen as truly good for healthy, flourishing individuals and society. Join us in Auckland to hear inspiring local and international speakers.



Find out more and register here: <https://fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2026/> or use QR code. Register before Thursday 20 August to enter draw to win a beautiful statue of the Holy Family. Enquiries to Simon Archer: 021 400 729 | simon@fli.org.nz

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

DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY

Join us for Faith, Fun & Fellowship with other young people from across the Dunedin Diocese

Saturday, 5 September 2026

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sacred Heart Parish, Invercargill (449 North Road)

All youth are welcome - bring a friend!

REGISTER HERE: www.cdd.nz

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT NOW. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

Nevil Letieri, Fanny Borja, Jennifer Dumalag, Adang Borja, Pidang Borja, Loreza Macalalad, Oma Borja and Aristides Mayo

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.

PARISH ROSTER	QUEENSTOWN		ARROWTOWN	
VIGIL	15 August	22 August	LEADER	16 August
WELCOME	Patricia Burdon	Marivic Mapalad	READER	Fr Cipriano
READER	Marivic Mapalad	Bethany Mapalad	PRAYERS	Trisch Inder
COMMUNION	Sharon Wild	Patricia Burdon	COMMUNION	Bernese Byron
ALTAR SERVER	Paolo	Paolo	POWERPOINT	Ruth de la Mare
PROJECTOR	Shino Kusanagi	Kristoff Mapalad		Sue O'Connor
SUNDAY	16 August	23 August	LEADER	23 August
WELCOME	Eammon Conaghan	Tushka Erpe	READER	Fr Cipriano
READER	Rochelle Dsouza	Marg Young	PRAYERS	Sue O'Connor
COMMUNION	Peter Bennison	Alan Brown	COMMUNION	Trisch Inder
ALTAR SERVER	Lucas & Arie	Lucas & Arie	POWERPOINT	Margaret Chamberlain
PROJECTOR	Amy Balila	Amy Balila		Phil de la Mare

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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Reference: Your Name / SWIFT CODE: ANZBNZ22