



# Queenstown Area Catholic Church

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

23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

6 SEPTEMBER 2026

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING: EZEKIEL 33:7-9** Ezekiel is told something which is crucial for an understanding of prophecy; the prophet has responsibility for passing on God's word to God's people.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING: ROMANS 13:8-10** Love and debt are not normally equated with each other, but Paul insists that Christians have the debt of mutual love, which is the answer to each commandment.

**GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 18:15-20** In the community of Jesus' followers its members must take responsibility for each other. The purpose is to rescue a sister or a brother from being a wrongdoer.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (13 SEPTEMBER)**

*1<sup>st</sup> Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Romans 14:7-9 / Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35*

## Sacrament of Confirmation 2026 - A Joyful Celebration of Faith

Our parish rejoices in the beautiful celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation where 23 children and 1 adult were anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It was a moment filled with grace, hope, and the vibrant faith of our community gathered in prayer and support.



## 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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4:30 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.

## Pope's September prayer intention: 'For the care of water'

Pope Leo XIV invites everyone to pray for "the care of water" during September as Christians celebrate the Season of Creation.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-09/pope-leo-xiv-prayer-intention-september-care-of-water.html>



**Living Water**  
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water  
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

'Let us ... step into the water of God's love - to be part of the River of Transformation for the world, to see the literal healing and renewal of creation and the blessing of the Earth.'

[from Season of Creation [Celebration Guide](#) 2026, pg 17]

## NOTICES OF THE WEEK

### St Patrick's Church

- Will be hosting the Filipino food truck after Mass on Sunday 13 September.
- Tuesday Mass will now be celebrated at 4:30 PM.

### Social Justice Week: 6 – 12 September 2026

#### You Belong to God / Nā Te Atua anō koe

Every person carries an irreplaceable dignity – not earned, not given by others but woven into us by the God who made us. - *Pope Leo XIV*

Each year, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference lead us in Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in Aotearoa. This year marks the beginning of a three-year journey exploring what it means to truly belong — to God, to one another, and to creation. We begin with the first and most important thread: we belong to God, made on purpose, fully known, and unconditionally loved. We hope people will begin this journey by reflecting on their own sense of belonging, and on the truth that every person's worth comes not from what they achieve, but from who made them.

For resources and more information visit:

[www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week](http://www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week).

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

**David Dolphin, Jack Traynar, Danuta Buda and Valentino Tuazon.**

### 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         |                      |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>VIGIL</b>        | <b>5 September</b> | <b>12 September</b> | <b>LEADER</b>     | <b>6 September</b>   |
| <b>WELCOME</b>      | Patricia Burdon    | Bethany Mapalad     | <b>READER</b>     | Fr Cipriano          |
| <b>READER</b>       | Bethany Mapalad    | Marivic Mapalad     | <b>PRAYERS</b>    | Jane-Louise Cook     |
| <b>COMMUNION</b>    | Sharon Wild        | Patricia Burdon     | <b>POWERPOINT</b> | Tim Cook             |
| <b>ALTAR SERVER</b> | Paolo              | Paolo               |                   | Lynda Pierce         |
| <b>PROJECTOR</b>    | Shino Kusanagi     | Kristof Mapalad     |                   | Anne-Marie McCrostie |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>       | <b>6 September</b> | <b>13 September</b> | <b>LEADER</b>     | <b>13 September</b>  |
| <b>WELCOME</b>      | Rochelle D'Souza   | Phil Wilson         | <b>READER</b>     | Anne-Marie McCrostie |
| <b>READER</b>       | Simon Hayes        | Marg Young          | <b>PRAYERS</b>    | Bernese Byron        |
| <b>COMMUNION</b>    | Banjo Balila       | Peter Bennison      | <b>POWERPOINT</b> | Susan Stevens        |
| <b>ALTAR SERVER</b> | Lucas & Arie       | Arie Nambiar        |                   | Margaret Chamberlain |
| <b>PROJECTOR</b>    | Amy Balila         | Rochelle D'Souza    |                   | Giovanna Sarrafe     |

**NOTE: Anyone unable to meet roster commitment as listed above, must provide their own cover.**

## Our Grateful Thanks to all who generously Donate

There are Tap and Go EFTPOS terminals at the rear of the Church for your donations. We do not charge any bank fees. Automatic Payments can be made to:

**S J P Trust (Note there is a space between the letters S J P)**  
**ANZ Bank 06 0949 0036309 00. Add your name for tax receipts.**