



# Queenstown Area Catholic Church

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

25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING: ISAIAH 55: 6-9** Seek the Lord while He is near. Call to Him. Let the wicked man abandon his way.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING: PHILIPPIANS 1: 20C-24, 27A.**

**GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 20: 1-16A** In today's Gospel, Jesus tells of the parable of the landowner going out to hire workers for his vineyard

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (27 SEPTEMBER)**

## 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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month  
at 6:00 PM

### Arrowtown

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

Sunday at 11:00 AM

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Liturgy with  
Holy Communion at  
11:00 AM

Tuesday weekly at 4:30 PM

### Glenorchy

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month  
at 11.30 AM

### Reconciliation

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

### Saints of the Week

21<sup>st</sup> September – St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

22<sup>nd</sup> September – St Thomas of Villanova, Religious and Bishop

23<sup>rd</sup> September – Padre Pio, Priest

24<sup>th</sup> September - The Martyrs of Chalcedon

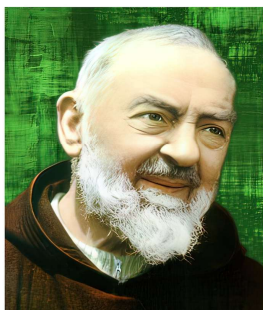
25<sup>th</sup> September - Bl Herman of Reichenau, Monk

26<sup>th</sup> September – Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

27<sup>th</sup> September – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time

### Saint of the Week

Padre Pio joined the Capuchin Friars at the age of sixteen and was ordained a priest seven years later. For fifty years at the monastery of San Gioanni Rotundo, he was a much sought after spiritual advisor, confessor and intercessor whose life was devoted to the Eucharist and prayer. He even heard the confession of a young Polish priest in 1947, Fr Karol; Wojtyla, who later became Pope John Paul II. Padre Pio had the gift of bilocation and the ability to read the hearts of the penitents.



## Bishops Letter for Mission Sunday on 18<sup>th</sup> of October

Read the Bishops letter here: <https://bit.ly/4rdYLyh>

Every year, Mission Sunday is celebrated on the penultimate Sunday in October. This year, it falls on 18 October, and we mark the 100th anniversary of Mission Sunday being established as a celebration for the whole Church. For this important occasion, Pope Leo XIV chose the theme, "One in Christ, United in Mission."

### 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.

## NOTICES OF THE WEEK

### Laudato Si

Season of Creation 2026 – Living Water

'Lord of Life, You have given us the gift of water, source of fruitfulness, freshness, and hope. It quenches thirst, nourishes the earth, and heals wounds. We thank You, because it is also a symbol of your grace and love that renews us through Baptism. Today we ask You to teach us to safeguard it with gratitude, justice, and responsibility.

Forgive us for turning it into a commodity, forgetting that it is a universal gift, a right without borders, meant for all your children.'

[ From 'Pray with the Pope', September 2026- For the Care of Water]

### Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Muffin Talk Interview with Fr Emile Frische MHM: Remembering 9/11

[www.studyjoy.nz/2026/09/09/remembering-9-11-muffin-talk-with-fr-emile-frische-mhm/](http://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/09/09/remembering-9-11-muffin-talk-with-fr-emile-frische-mhm/)

Exploring Sacred Spaces - organised by the Auckland Inter-Faith Council.

Second event: Saturday, 19 September 2026, 1-3pm at the old Selwyn Church, Howick. For more info and all events in this series, please see poster attached

or see here: [www.studyjoy.nz/2026/05/21/interfaith-events-coming-up/](http://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/05/21/interfaith-events-coming-up/).

### 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         | 19 September     | 26 September    |            | 20 September         |
| WELCOME       | Patricia Burdon  | Bethany Mapalad | LEADER     | Fr Cipriano          |
| READER        | Bethany Mapalad  | Fae Robertson   | READER     | Tim Cook             |
| COMMUNION     | Sharon Wild      | Patricia Burdon | PRAYERS    | Jane-Louise Cook     |
| ALTAR SERVER  | Felix/Paolo      | Felix/Paolo     | COMMUNION  | Margaret Chamberlain |
| PROJECTOR     | Frances Rivera   | Shino Kusanagi  | POWERPOINT | Anne-Marie McCrostie |
| SUNDAY        | 20 September     | 27 September    |            | 27 September         |
| WELCOME       | Peter Bennison   | Tushka Erpe     | LEADER     | Fr Cipriano          |
| READER        | Eammon Connaghan | Phil Wislon     | READER     | Susan Stevens        |
| COMMUNION     | Phil Wilson      | Marg Young      | PRAYERS    | Maria Ryan           |
| ALTAR SERVER  | Lucas & Arie     | Arie/Lucas      | COMMUNION  | Lynda Pierce         |
| PROJECTOR     | TBA              | TBA             | POWERPOINT | Sue O'Connor         |

**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.**