

READERS

21 MAY Peter McAuliffe Barbara Hennessy
28 MAY Youth Youth
4 JUNE Jonah Caigoy Margaret Mabey

MINISTER OF COMMUNION/SACRISTAN

21 MAY Frank
28 MAY Jenny
4 JUNE Olivia

OFFERTORY / GIFTS

21 MAY Children's Liturgy
28 MAY Rojo's Family
4 JUNE Caigoy Family

ALTAR SERVERS

21 MAY Bridgette / Keira / Syrius
28 MAY Zaydee/ Charlotte S / Jordan S
4 JUNE Eva / Charlotte Perry / Ava

FLOWERS

MAY Michelle
JUNE Liz
JULY Judy/ Maree

MORNING TEA

21 MAY Team Pastoral Council
28 MAY Team Youth
4 JUNE Team Liturgy

CHURCH CLEANING

MAY WK 3 GROUP 4 Christine Pearce/Sherly Njarakkal/Cassie Fleming
JUNE WK 1 GROUP 1 Jenny Cooper / David Cooper / Eileen Henderson



Remembering those who have passed.

MAY John Antonovich, Kathleen

Rohrlach, Mary Kedzlie, Maureen McKearney, Frank O'Connell, Campbell Collins, Joan Carruthers, Shorty Walmsley, Myrtle Frazer-Jones, Maria Giesen, Reg Callaghan, Jennifer Askwith, Eileen Caine, Yvonne McKenzie, Sadie Twohill, Margaret Moody, Gilbert Arnold, Mary Lynch, Jack Furth, Marie Managh, Margaret Moore, John Courtney, Barbara MacDonald, Eileen Managh, Nanette Brooks, Patricia Siatu'u, Haidie Green, Dorothy Transom, George Moore, William Wilson, Andrew Judd, Peg Holt, Murray Thompson, Patricia Walmsley, Olga Fleming, Paul Keane, John Speirs, Barney Lang, John Teklenburg, Alf Johnston, Beryl Manning



St Francis of Assisi CATHOLIC CHURCH, THAMES

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD — YEAR A

21 MAY 2023

FIRST READING

ACTS 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 1:

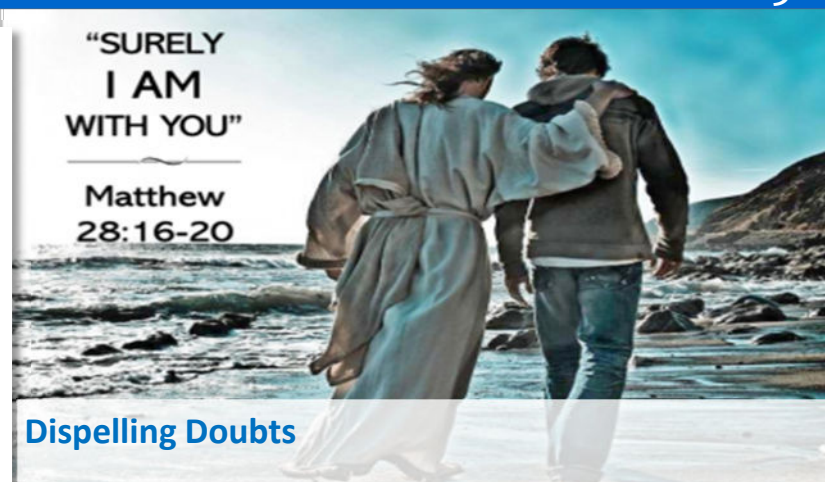
17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28: 16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.



Dispelling Doubts

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

These are the parting and final words our Lord spoke while on earth. As soon as He spoke them He ascended into Heaven to remain with His Father forever, preparing a place for us so that we could join Him one day. Never again on earth would the disciples hear Jesus speak to them or see Him in physical form. Though He would soon send the Holy Spirit upon them and speak clearly to them interiorly through prayer, they would not encounter His audible voice and physical presence once again until Heaven.

Just prior to the passage quoted above, we read that the disciples did two things. One was ideal; the other was not. We read: "When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted." Of course, the fact that they worshiped Him is ideal, but the fact that they doubted is somewhat shocking and disappointing. After all that they went through with our Lord, after all they witnessed and heard, they still doubted. They witnessed Jesus cure leprosy, restore sight to the blind, heal the crippled, preach with a new authority, convert sinners, raise the dead and even rise from the dead Himself. And after all of this, they still had doubts.

Perhaps their doubts are recorded in this final encounter with our earthly Lord because it reveals to us our own ongoing doubts. Perhaps the real doubters are not only the disciples but also each one of us. *Amen*

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Reconciliation

During Exposition on Fridays & Saturdays after 9.15 am Mass.

LITURGICAL TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE CHAPEL

Monday— No Mass

Tuesday—Rosary 5pm & Mass 5:15pm

Wednesday—Rosary 9am & Mass 9.15am

Rosary and Mass at

10.30am (Ngatea)

Thursday—Rosary 9am & Mass 9.15am

Friday—Adoration, Rosary 11am and

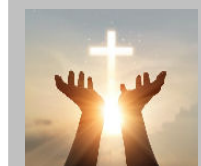
Mass 12:15pm

Saturday- Rosary 9am & Mass 9.15am

Sunday—Mass 8:30am



GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



WELCOME VISITORS, to St Francis of Assisi, Thames. Whether you are here for the first time or visit periodically you are most welcome.



Raffle Dates:
21st May
4th June
18th June



Come to a friendly fun afternoon meeting on the 1st & 3rd Monday each month. Cost = \$2 per session, Men & Women all welcome.

afternoon tea is provided. Next meeting of the Social Club will be on **29th May** (as the 1st Monday in June is "King's Birthday Weekend"). **1pm** at the Parish Centre.

Thank you for the Tasty Tuesday contributions in the money box at the back of the church. *Sr Paula*



MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Won by Tania H



Baptisms
Lessons commence soon for children who have not

been Baptised and wish to be and later to receive their Confirmation / First Communion.

See *Sr Paula*



PLEDGE ENVELOPES

A reminder to please write your pledge number or your name on your envelopes so that I can record your donations.

Many thanks,
Robyn

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT



April Collections
TOTAL \$3080

(includes AP's Parish & House accounts)

RC Bishop of Auckland Parish Account Thames
02—0100—0120990 —008

PLEASE NOTE: WE ONLY HAVE ONE COLLECTION

For priestly maintenance you can contribute into the House account.

RC Bishop of Auckland Coromandel Region House Account **02—0100—0726108 — 00**

Have you considered giving your gift to the Parish through **Auto Payment?** This is a way to show a strong commitment to your Parish. AP's continually support even when you are away on holiday.



Data for March 2023

Food Parcels – 50 (feeding 175 people) – 87 adults and 88 children

Data for April 2023

Food Parcels – 41 (feeding 116 people) – 62 adults and 54 children

Thank you for all your support for the Thames Foodbank.

In addition, we also need more volunteers to help in running the Foodbank as two of our volunteers are no longer able to continue with us. Please advise your congregations or anyone else you know who would be keen to be involved in what is a community effort (the foodbank supplies areas as far as Manaia, Miranda and parts of Hauraki). Potential volunteers need to contact me and I will talk them through what is involved. All donations (monetary or goods) should now come into the Living Well Trust office or if anyone wants to make an online donation we can provide the details.

If anyone wants to talk further about the Thames Foodbank or needs more information, please feel free to contact me.

Caroline Talbot
Manager, Living Well Trust
(Thames Baptist Community Ministries)

Tel: 07 868 6274 / 022 646 1932



MAINTENANCE & RENOVATION

Parish Centre
Maintenance Collections

Update... The scaffolding went up on Thursday in preparation to the next stage of repair to the tiles on the parish centre roof.

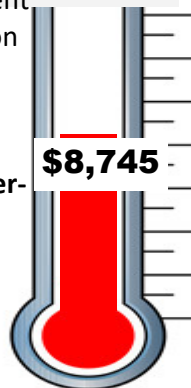
Thank you for the most generous donations received.

RC Bishop of Auckland Parish Account Thames

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Please indicate on your deposit

BUILDING MAINT



Firewood

David & Jenny Cooper have some felled pine that needs to be cut up and sold as firewood for a fundraiser for the church. There are about

2 trailer loads in total with easy access.

Two options are

1. A working bee to cut it up and then sell as two loads or
2. Someone buys it as is and then uses it themselves.

If anyone has the equipment or wishes to buy for a modest sum please contact David or Jenny. Ph 868 3050



HOUSIE

Every Wednesday
7pm

Thames
Workingmen's Club
Proceeds supporting
St Francis Church