

PĀNUI

THE HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE BELOVED SON /
TE WHAKAAHUAKĒTANGA O TE TAMA AROHA
06 · 08 · 2023

GREETINGS! NGĀ MIHI!

It is the feast day of Transfiguration. Jesus is on the mount, in the company of Moses and Elijah. The disciples are there too, and they are perplexed. It is definitely one of the experiences that is so engaging, that they wish to extend it. They wish to stay on the mountain and enjoy. But they need to descend and continue their ordinary lives, lives that will lead to misunderstanding and conflict.

It is important to notice that Jesus is not in competition with Moses and Elijah – there is a consent. What has really happened on that mountain – we cannot say for certain. Scriptures describe the event, many preachers try to explain it to us, I do not doubt that Archdeacon Michael, who is with us today, will try to do the same. Great theologians of Church history have tried to offer their answers. One of the most prominent, but not so well known in the Christian West, is the 14th century Byzantine Greek theologian and cleric (later canonised saint) Gregory Palamas. As a monk on Mount Athos, he was a strong defender of the hesychasm, which is a contemplative monastic tradition of the Church since the 4th century, but very popular at his time on Mount Athos. The essence of his teaching is that the light that the disciples saw at the mountain during the Transfiguration was not created light, but an uncreated, divine one, as well as the ongoing idea that God took human nature in Jesus, in order to give divine nature to humanity. A lot was written and debated about Palamas, many will agree and disagree with him, unfortunately, many won't even bother with his reflections, claiming that they are not relevant and that we need something more engaging for the 21st century. I believe that we, as Christians, cannot give an answer to today's world, if we are not deeply rooted in our Christian whakapapa of holy tradition.

Jesus, Moses, Elijah. On Monday the Cathedral co-organised for the fifth time, and Beth Shalom Synagogue hosted, our interfaith panel Children of Abraham, together with the Pearl of the Islands Foundation. Every time I visit a synagogue, I am reminded of our links with our older Jewish brothers and sisters. Over the centuries and millennia, we have been a quite dysfunctional Abrahamic family. We were not even attempting to be in accord as these three figures at the Mount of Transfiguration. From a very strained relationship in the beginning – we just celebrated St Stephen, the first Christian martyr, killed in Jerusalem, all the way to the centuries of Christian antisemitism. Shoah of the 20th century has made us more sensitive to this relationship and we are learning how to be together on the journey as Christians and Jews. God's covenant was not revoked from the Chosen people of God. It was not replaced by something else. It is our task, despite the differences and still existing misconceptions, as well as cultural (and political) differences, to work together, cherish each other, learn how to understand each other more and more. In that way, we will be transformed/transfigured, and we will offer it not only to our interfaith relationships, but to the world too!



*Fr Ivica
Cathedral Precentor*

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 06 August

The Transfiguration of the Beloved Son/Te Whakaahuakētanga o te Tama aroha

8AM EUCHARIST *Bishop Selwyn Chapel*

9AM HOLY COMMUNION *St Stephen's Chapel, Judges Bay*

10AM CHORAL EUCHARIST *Cathedral Nave* **LIVESTREAM**

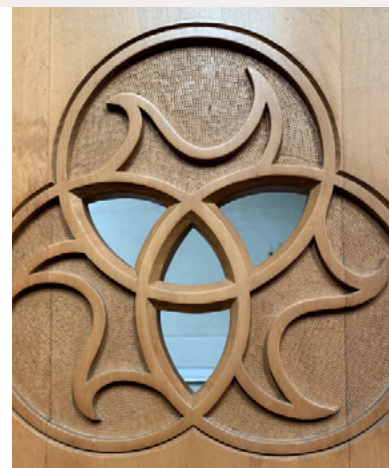
READINGS Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 97
2 Peter 1:16-21 Luke 9:28-36

5PM CHORAL EVENSONG *Cathedral Chancel*

8PM TAIZÉ PRAYER *Bishop Selwyn Chapel*

[See All Services](#)

[10AM Livestream](#)



THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR....

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND CYCLE OF PRAYER

ARCHDEACONRY OF TĀMAKI

Parish of Onehunga

St Peter, Onehunga

Petra Zaleski, Vicar

Parish of Royal Oak

St John, Royal Oak

Brenda Rockell (Andrew), Vicar

Parish of Hillsborough

St Margaret, Hillsborough

Fraser McDermott (Sarah), Vicar

Emily Paterson, Priest Assistant

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Bishop Steven Benford (Lorraine)

DIOCESE OF POLYNESIA

Lotu Vakaviti Congregation

worshipping at St Peter's Onehunga

RETIRED BISHOPS FROM OTHER DIOCESES AND JURISDICTIONS

John Bluck (Elizabeth), George Connor (Nonie), Murray Mills (Judy)

CLERGY WITH PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE

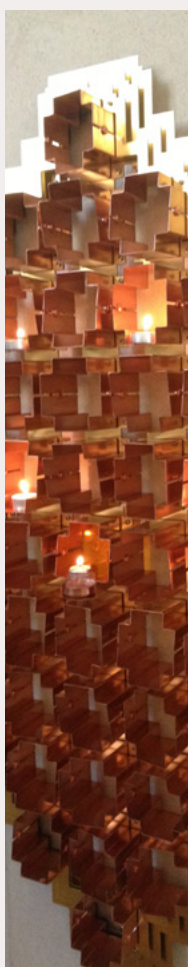
Arthur Comery, David Cooper, Shann Craig (Clive), Max Cranch (Gillian), Wendy Cranston, Pam Cunningham (Garth)

ANGLICAN COMMUNION CYCLE OF PRAYER

Sunday 6 August 2023: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PRAYER CYCLE

6- 12 August 2023: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea



UPDATES FROM DEAN ANNE:

1st photo: Dean Anne with Dean of Westminster Abby, The Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle who hosted them for a tour of the Abby.

2nd photo: Chris and Dean Anne in London catching up with the Dilworth tutors they looked after during lockdown.





CONFIRMATION

5pm Sunday 26 November

Each year Bishop Ross celebrates a Eucharist, at which the candidates for Confirmation receive the laying on of hands as they re-affirm their commitment to the Christian journey. This year, Confirmation will be celebrated on 26 November 2023 at 5 pm. If you are a young person and ready to be confirmed, please contact 'Ofa Langi. If you are an adult, please contact the Cathedral Precentor, Fr Ivica Gregurec, in order to organise preparation for the reception of this sacramental sign.

[Email 'Ofa](#)

[Email Fr Ivica](#)

WINTER LECTURES IN AUCKLAND IN AUGUST

6:30pm, Wednesdays 9, 16, 23, 30 August
Maclaurin Chapel, Princes Street, Auckland

Join the Winter Lectures in Auckland this August as they delve into the fascinating intersection of Science Fiction and Fantasy with Science and Theology Themes. There is an exciting lineup of speakers who will explore thought-provoking topics such as the spectres of Moses in Dune, the enlargement of our being with C.S. Lewis, the power of "what if," and the presence of God in the machine. Learn more about the lectures on the link below. Entrance is by koha.

[Learn More](#)

THE FEAST OF BR. ROGER: CHORAL EVENSONG

6pm Wednesday 16 August
Holy Trinity Cathedral

This 16 August we will be celebrating the Feast of Brother Roger, the founder of the Taizé community. Join us as we pray for Brother Matthew, new prior of the community, and the whole community of Taizé in a special choral evensong in the Cathedral.

All are welcome to join this celebration.

Open4EM

7:00pm Monday 14 August 2023
Visitors' Centre

Open 4EM meets on Monday 14 August in the Visitors' Centre from 7pm for tea and coffee with the meeting beginning at 7:30pm. We will begin with a Bible Study followed by a closer look at the Cathedral's mission statement of 'Living God's Love' as we prepare for guests joining our September meeting. Please bring a Bible with you.

If you have any queries, please contact:
Margaret ph 022-6004367 / Mariana ph 0274-909248



HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL
WEDNESDAYS @ ONE

**JOIN US FOR FOUR LUNCHTIME CONCERTS
1PM DURING AUGUST**



DR PHILIP SMITH **2 AUGUST**
Cathedral Organist Dr Philip Smith creates glorious music on the historic organ in St Mary's in Holy Trinity. The programme includes Bach's celebrated Toccata and Fugue in D minor and music by Handel, Howells and Elgar.



KBB MUSIC FESTIVAL **9 AUGUST**
No concert this week as the KBB Music Festival takes over the Cathedral with schools' Symphony Orchestras, Chamber orchestras, Concert Bands and Jazz Bands galore playing in all corners of the venue.



TONY YAN TONG CHEN **16 AUGUST**
Tony is a brilliant young pianist who is shortly to start study for his Masters degree at the highly prestigious Cleveland Institute of Music. He presents music by Chopin and Liszt, including Chopin's 2nd Piano Sonata.



PETER WATTS **23 AUGUST**
The Harpsichord Master – a little known publication from 1697, including music by Purcell not found elsewhere, turned up in the Auckland Public Library. Peter Watts plays through the book on a Flemish style harpsichord, based on instruments of Purcell's time, and explains how The Harpsichord Master came to be in New Zealand, and how significant a find it is.



DR PHILIP SMITH **30 AUGUST**
Cathedral Organist Dr Philip Smith takes advantage of the full resources of the magnificent Holy Trinity Cathedral Organ in this recital demonstrating the rich tapestry of colours that can be created.

[LEARN MORE](#) 





YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR RED RIBBON BREAKFAST

**END THE STIGMA:
RISE AND DINE FOR
HIV ADVOCACY**



GUEST SPEAKER
MICHAEL STEVENS
Former Burnett Foundation director

16 SEPTEMBER 2023, 8AM
AT BISHOP MONTEITH VISITORS' CENTRE
\$25 DONATION PER PERSON

RSVP to ivica@holy-trinity.org.nz before 11 September 2023

This September, let's help the foundation committed to preventing HIV transmission, combat stigma, and support those affected by HIV.

Find out more at burnettfoundation.org.nz

**Burnett Foundation
Aotearoa**

BE AMONG THE FIRST TO DISCOVER NEW ZEALAND'S TOP
YOUNG OPERA SINGERS



OPERA
in the Cathedral

18 AUGUST
STARTS AT 7PM
HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, PARNELL

TICKETS
\$70 VIP
\$60 GENERAL ADMISSION

THE FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL AND AUCKLAND OPERA STUDIO PROUDLY PRESENT

tickets available at:
<https://www.aucklandoperastudio.co.nz/events>

OPERA IN THE CATHEDRAL

7:00pm, Friday 18 August 2023

Holy Trinity Cathedral

The Friends of Holy Trinity Cathedral and Auckland Opera Studio proudly present Opera in the Cathedral. Come and hear some of New Zealand's top young Opera Singers from Waikato University's Tanzos Programme in a Gala Celebration of Arias and Ensembles from Classic 19th Century Operas: Verdi, Puccini, Donizetti, Bellini.

Learn more about the concert and register on the link below.

[Register Here](#)

DO YOU HAVE A SPARE 2-3 HOURS A MONTH

We are looking for people with a passion for art, architecture, and the history and traditions of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand.

A sincere thank you goes to all the Cathedral welcomers who have been dedicating 35 hours a week of their time to warmly greet and assist visitors at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Note: There will be no Welcomers for next week in line with the KBB Music Festival. Interested welcomers can still contact Geoff Styles, our Cathedral welcomers' coordinator to join our friendly welcomers team.

[Contact Geoff](#)





WEEKLY PRAYERS

A prayer for the week

God of the hungry,
make us hunger and thirst for the right,
till our thirst for justice has been satisfied
and hunger has gone from the earth.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

We pray for those who have died and those who mourn.
May the departed rest in peace and rise in glory.

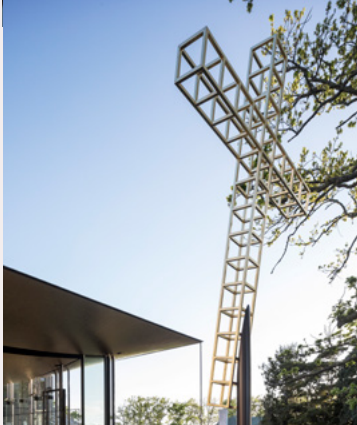


CATHEDRAL PRAYER CHAIN

The Cathedral Prayer Chain is a group of parishioners committed to respond promptly to any requests for prayer.

If you would like to be in contact with someone about a prayer, please contact: **Lynette Wright** | 09 845 0260

All prayers are treated as confidential.



CATHEDRAL SERVICES

MONDAY - THURSDAY
12:15PM MIDDAY EUCHARIST

NOTICE: No Midday Eucharist next week to give way to the KBB Music Festival.

WEDNESDAY
6PM CHORAL* EVENSONG
Cathedral Chancel
**during term time*

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Regular gifting significantly supports this Cathedral's life and mission. Every donation, irrespective of size, will support the ongoing life of Holy Trinity Cathedral and will be gratefully appreciated by the many who visit and enjoy our place.

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The Reverend Ivica Gregurec**

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KEEP IN TOUCH:



LIVING GOD'S LOVE - *Kia noho tātou i te Atua aroha*

WELCOMING ALL - *Manaakitanga te katoa*

WORSHIPPING GOD - *Koropikōria te Atua*

NOURISHING COMMUNITY - *E whaipanga ana te iwi whānui*

EMPOWERING ACTION - *Mahi whakamana*

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