

Onehunga Co-operating Parish

NEWSLETTER

17 May 2020 (*Easter 6*)

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COVID-19 update NZ is now in Alert Level 2 for at least two weeks. This means that gatherings (*including church worship services*) are restricted to a maximum of ten people. Physical distancing and strict health measures still apply. Regular washing and drying of hands, and careful cleaning of all venues are still essential. This means that normal church services, meetings and activities cannot resume yet. Please continue to pray for all affected around the world by the Covid-19 pandemic.

For those who can, please forward this Newsletter to your church groups and/or friends. *Many thanks!*

Sunday 17 May Bible Readings Psalm 66: 8-20, Acts 17: 22-31

1st Peter 3: 13-22, Gospel of John 14: 15-21

A reflection from Rt Rev Fakaofu Kaio

To believe and to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour is the first response of being a Christian. To keep and to obey Jesus' commands is a sign of your love for Jesus. And the Lord says: "He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him"
John 14: 21

Our Helper in life is the Holy Spirit of truth, the Counsellor. He will watch over us in all of life's situations, the trials and persecutions, in the quiet times and in the busy seasons, in our going out and in our coming in. We will not be orphans. Live in love, live in God, and God lives in you.

Do not get tired in doing good deeds. Walk with respect for all people, but do not fear. Have a clear conscience in life, witness and service. Be filled with justice, righteousness and love, as God commands of us. Make your life your daily offering. Honour your obligations, your duties, your roles in life. And finally, do not put limitations on God. The lesson of "the altar to an unknown God" (Acts 17: 23) is that God Almighty is not confined to temples and churches. God is everywhere... market place, hospital, airports, homes, "bubbles". Live in the Spirit that Jesus is your Lord and Saviour.

CHURCH NEWS

For those with internet access: Rt Rev Fakaofu Kaio presents weekly online 9am Sunday Devotions... Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/modpcanz/> at 9am. The PCANZ website repeats the Devotions later.

Our grateful thanks to those who have made their offerings by direct credit online rather than catching up much later. The Onehunga Co-operating Parish account is ANZ **060 209 0093 105 00**. If you would like to do this, please identify your giving with your Offering Envelope *number*, and/or your family *name*. Your support for the church and generosity throughout the year is vital for our work and witness as a "faith community".

The end of the financial year for church offerings was 31 March. Receipts for church donations (which we can use for Inland Revenue tax credit claims) have been prepared from the Administrator's home office, and will be available at church when we can meet again.