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Weekly Newsletter – 15th August 2021

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TE AWAMUTU, PIRONGIA, OTOROHANGA**

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As I was making a batch of scones my mind searched for possibilities for a theme for this editorial. There are so many big issues out there but how can I tackle them? Family are into a sixth lockdown in Melbourne and feeling angry at the rule-breakers who spread the disease, a wee granddaughter is in hospital receiving amazing compassionate, cheerful and positive care from overworked and underpaid hospital staff, the complex issue of climate change has so many tangents that could be explored and commented on, mental health issues affect friends and family

My thoughts went back to my scone making and – sure enough – there on the internet (<https://jumpingtangents.wordpress.com/2011/02/22/how-scones-are-a-metaphor-for-life-or-the-tale-of-nana-taylor/>) is a delightful story - it is worth looking up to read the whole thing – which includes this:

"..... at the same time as teaching the young mother about scones, Nana Taylor taught her a little about life. the thing is, you see, that scones, like life, are so easy to overdo, overcomplicate, and overhandle. the wise words of nana taylor were this: the more rushed you are, the less you fuss, and the better your scones will be. in other words: keep busy and you won't have time to stress about things and ruin them. genius, huh?"

I'm actually not sure about some aspects of that thinking. What about you?
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Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

1 Kings 2.10-12, 3.3-14 King David dies and his son Solomon succeeds him as king. In a dream, the Lord tells Solomon to ask for anything he wants. Solomon asks for wisdom. It pleases God that Solomon asks for wisdom rather than riches or a long life.

Psalms 111 This is a psalm of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for all he has done. "Respect and obey the Lord! This is the first step to wisdom and good sense."

Ephesians 5.15-20 To live wisely Christians need to avoid drunkenness and instead be filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit makes the heart sing with praise and thanksgiving.

John 6.51-58 Comparing himself to the manna that was given to the Israelites in the desert, Jesus called himself "the bread from heaven". He then said that nobody can have life unless they eat his flesh and drink his blood.

Services coming up:

August 15 - Rev Shelley

August 22 - Rev Susan Thompson

August 29 - Rev Shelley

Season of Creation:

Sept 5 – Rev Shelley – Communion – Planet Earth Sunday – Father's Day

Sept 12 – Rev Shelley – Spring Flower Service – Humanity Sunday

Resthome services coming up:

Beattie Home: Friday 27 August

Tamahere Eventide: 29 August 4pm

Parish Council is **this** Tuesday Aug 17 at 2pm.

We pray -



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For people who are facing terminal illness – that they may be listened to and accompanied by loving companions, filled with a sense of gratitude for their life, and hope of eternal peace in Christ.

For the leaders of nations – that in all consultations, decisions and discussions, they seek the path of wisdom.

For the Church – that, the Church will grow stronger as a sacrament of unity each time we meet and share the life-giving bread, who is Jesus.

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/prayers-of-the-faithful/>

Drunk or filled with the Spirit? - Four spirits corner

There are different sorts of spirits. Apparently the intersection of Collingwood and Bridge Streets near the centre of Nelson was once known as "four spirits corner". At opposing points of the corner there were once two bars, a petrol station and a church. (The two bars are still there but the church and the gas station have now gone.)

Be filled with the Spirit

Someone once asked the famous nineteenth century American preacher [DL Moody](#), "Why do you *keep on* talking about being filled with the Spirit?"

His answer was, "Because I leak."

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MANNA, IT'S WHAT'S FOR DINNER ... AND LUNCH ... AND BREAKFAST