

Pastor's Note

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

13-20 May 2018

Message for parish bulletins for Ascension Sunday

Dear friends

As we gather in our parish each weekend for Mass other Christians are gathering in churches in our area for their Sunday worship. They are our neighbours, friends, people we meet in the supermarket, perhaps even our relatives.

We gather separately because of events that happened centuries ago. We have moved on from wars among Christians, hostility and bitterness, to respecting one another and being able to honestly acknowledge the many things we have in common – at the heart of which is our shared belief in Jesus Christ. We have also found many practical ways to work together for the common good of our community.

The feast of the Ascension this weekend marks the beginning of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which extends until Pentecost Sunday next weekend. It is a time to reflect upon how we each might do some small thing for Christian unity, prayer, reaching out to someone from another Christian church, contributing to foodbanks supported jointly by churches, taking part in an ecumenical service.

Nothing is too small in the work of promoting Christian unity. We are restoring that fractured unity piece by piece, and each of us has one or more of the pieces to put in place.

✠ John A Cardinal Dew
Archbishop of Wellington
Catholic Bishops Committee for Ecumenism

Parish Farewell for Sister Mary

A farewell Afternoon Tea Dance for our beloved Sr Mary is planned for Saturday 26 May 2—6 pm. Ladies wear a lovely decorated hat and gentlemen your best bow tie. Prizes awarded for both.

At the Cecilia Maher Hall, St Mary's College, 11 New Street, Ponsonby.

Please RSVP to the Cathedral Office for catering purposes by phoning 09 303 4509 Monday to Friday or emailing info@stpatricks.org.nz.

Special envelopes are available in the foyer if you would like to contribute towards a gift for Sr Mary. These envelopes can be placed in the collections at Mass or handed in to the office during the week. Or if you would prefer, you can make a donation online to St Patrick's Parish Account 02 0100 0120958 02 ~ please reference as "Mary Gift."