

Bishop Selwyn Cairn: Our annual gathering for a short prayer service at the Cairn on Great South Road, Bombay will be on Sunday 27th May at 11.30am -followed by an historical talk and a light lunch at St. Peter's Church.

Pokeno Community Meet and Greet: This gathering is on again this coming Thursday May 17th from 10am to 12 noon at the Pokeno Community Hall. All are welcome to come and join in the light activities, good conversations and morning tea. Contact Andrew 0274 508 389 or Tricia 021 948 737

THIS WEEK 13-20 May

Thursday 17 May

2:45pm Thursday School at St Jude's, Mercer

Sunday 20 May

9:30am Holy Communion Service at St Peter's, Bombay followed by morning tea

Only service in the Parish on this day

Readings: Ezekiel 37: 1:14; Acts 2: 1-21; **John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15**

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13 May 2018

7th Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Gathering

A very warm welcome to you, and especially to any visitors, as we gather to praise and worship God this morning.

Theme

Prayerful Discernment

Today's service can be found in the Family Service folder...

Sentence of the Day

Jesus prayed. 'Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one'.

John 17: 11

Prayer of the Day

Loving God,

Your Son has chosen us

and called us to be his friends:

give us grace to keep his commandments,

to love one another,

and to bear fruit which will abide;

through him who is the true vine,

the source of all our life,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Readings: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5: 9-13; **John 17: 6-19**

Reflection

There are many themes that come together this Sunday which is the last day of our Season of Easter – and, of course, it is Mother’s Day. During the past week Ascension Day marked the event of Jesus being enfolded completely into God’s love and taking on the mantle of the “Cosmic Christ” free to be present to us and all people and in and through all things. In the week ahead we prepare for the Feast of the Pentecost when we celebrate the events when Jesus’ disciples became fully aware of the presence and power of God’s Holy Spirit active in them and among them. We have planned our Harvest Festival for Pentecost Sunday and through that we can rejoice in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in God’s continuing creation and the wonderful gifts available to us from God’s good earth. Our Easter season has deepened our understanding of the calling to us to find joyful completeness and closeness with God through living just and compassionate lives. In the days ahead we can live that kind of life more truly – and give our thanks for God’s living spirit of love guiding us and strengthening us day by day.
Every blessing,

Andrew

Prayers Bidding: Lord, we wait on you:
 Response: **fill us, Holy Spirit of God.**

The congregation are invited to sit after the offertory hymn for the Great Thanksgiving Prayer.

During the week please remember in your prayers

In our intercessions we pray for our three Tikanga Church and our Bishops, Bishop Ross and Assistant Bishop Jim, and Bishops Kito

and Winston. We pray for all ministry units and chaplaincies in our Diocese. We pray for our country and for those who hold leadership roles and positions of responsibility. In particular we pray for those who are unwell or in need and for those who provide support to them. We pray too, for the faithful departed and for those who grieve.

Goodwill offerings – Your contribution for the work of our church will be collected during the Offertory Hymn. Our regular parishioners contribute by envelope or by automatic payment. One off or regular payments can be made on line. Our bank account is **Bombay Pokeno Parish 02-0404-0013078-00**. Include your initials and name to be eligible for tax deductions. It costs our parish about \$1600 per week to run.

Food Bank – The Manurewa Anglican Parish Foodbank Programme continues to welcome your contributions of food to support families in need.

NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

St. Peter’s New Roof: We acknowledge with grateful thanks Anthony Stoppard and his workers from A. Stoppard Roofing for the work to complete the new roof – and a big admiring thank you to John Stoppard and Peter Hannaford for completing the high level painting on the Church. We also acknowledge with thanks the ASB Foundation North and the Auckland Council Franklin Local Board for their financial grants that have made the new roof project possible.

Harvest Festival: Our Harvest Festival will be focussed on the 9.30 am Service at St. Peter’s on Sunday May 20th (Pentecost Sunday). Contributions of produce – from the farm, garden or kitchen – can be brought to the Church at 9.30am on Saturday May 29th and arranged for display. After the Festival our produce will be delivered to the Manurewa Anglican Foodbank.