

Transforming God, you brought the church to birth through the gift of the Holy Spirit; empower us by that same Spirit. Grant the courage of the first disciples to proclaim your life giving love to all. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THIS WEEK

Monday 24 May 9.30am Baby Sensory & **Mainly Music**; 4pm Ak Girls Choir
 Tuesday 25 May 9.30am Communicare; **2.00pm Funeral for Colyn Devereux**
 6pm Remuera Lions
 Wednesday 26 May 10.00am **Holy Communion (BCP 1928)**, Kinder Chapel
Followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre.
 1.00pm Ina Yoon - Harpist
 Thursday 27 May 10am Yoga in the Lounge; 5.30 Girl Guides
 Friday 28 May 5.30pm Remuera Jr Chess Club
NEXT SUNDAY 30 May 8.00 am Said Eucharist
 (Trinity) 9.30am Choral Eucharist

FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 13 June 12.00pm Patronal Lunch in the Parish Centre. We have a new caterer this year who has been providing excellent dinners for Lions' Social events recently. The cost to the parish for the hearty main and dessert is \$36. Entry will be ticketed and is by donation. Please call or email Diana in the office to arrange a ticket before 28 May.

Donations towards Organ Console Refurbishment

The target is drawing closer by the day. Thank you to all who have given to this campaign, to Sylvia Rosevear who has led it so ably, and to Trevor Brooker who has put in a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes on the technical side of things. If you would like to contribute to this legacy project, please see Sylvia Rosevear or contact Diana in the office.

The account to deposit your gift into is **03 0104 0109908 02**. Please use 'donation' for the reference and 'organ' as the particulars. Also, if you are not on our Parish Roll, please email Diana in the Parish Office (office@stmarks.org.nz) with your contact details so we can properly thank you and send you a tax-receipt.



Parish Directory

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The Anglican Parish of Saint Mark, Remuera

A Community of Faith for 173 years

23 May 2021 - Pentecost

8.00am Said Eucharist

9.30am Choral Eucharist

Many Happy Returns!

Today we celebrate the Church's Birthday – the day that the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles in Jerusalem, enabling them to continue Christ's mission on earth; to be the Body of Christ in the absence of the physical presence of Jesus after his ascension into heaven. The colour in the sanctuary changes this Sunday from the white that we have used throughout Eastertide to red – red to symbolise the Holy Spirit which rested as divided tongues of fire (Acts 2:3) on the heads of the disciples on the first Pentecost after Jesus' death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit allowed the disciples not only to continue the work which Jesus had pioneered during his public ministry but to accelerate the expansion of God's mission, first amongst Jews and then out into the entire world. That rate-increase was enabled by the Holy Spirit but it relied on the receptivity of Jesus' disciples, whose hearts were prepared by years of listening to Jesus, in person, and later, in prayer. We gather around our Lord's Table every Sunday to be strengthened by the meal he told the disciples to continue in his memory, to hear the Word of God speak to us through the scriptures, and to pray for ourselves and others, that the mission begun in Christ before the world began and quickened through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, continues to blossom and grow.

Tony Surman

