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Beloved Brothers and Sisters everywhere

Warm greetings here from the people living in the deep south. Winter seems to have finally arrived and so we recommend that socks, warm clothes and early evenings are the way to go.

As we now start looking towards the celebration of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven as our new High Priest it is at time good to have basic recollection of the importance of this day. Apostle Flor points out (2016):

#### Beloved Brethren in Office, Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Once again by the Grace of Christ, we are drawn together to continue to give thanks, praise and honour to a loving Father for His unending love to us. Jude 21, "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." Our Lord at the beginning of His mission, had told the Jews – John 7:33, "Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto him that sent me."

They had no idea that He was foretelling of His ascension. He confirmed this to His apostles, who were confused and saddened by what He had told would happen to Himself



1886 Apostle HF Niemeyer



1912 Apostle Willy Niemeyer

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and to them after He was gone. John 16-5, "But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, whether goest thou? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send him unto you."

After Christ's resurrection He was able to teach His apostles for 40 days, of the mysteries of the future and the coming kingdom, as foretold in the scriptures concerning Him. Psalm 68:18-19, "Thou hast ascended on high, thou has led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men, yea for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them. Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation."

They then understood that our Lord had to be given new powers and rights, to be able to bring to completion God's plan to offer redemption for all mankind. John 3:17, "For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world: but that the world through him might be saved." When we use the word ascension, we tend to think only of our Lord being drawn up to heaven, as witnessed in Luke 24:51, "And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them and carried up into heaven." If we look at the meaning of ascend in the dictionary, we find a much more profound meaning. We find it means to increase in power or influence, to be elevated to a higher position.

We now see why the visible ascension of Christ was the necessary sequel and seal of His resurrection and the appropriate connection between His humiliation shown on earth and the coming glory He was about to receive in His place of dominance. His parting words to the eleven apostles now for the first time, shifted His praise from His Father and instructed them what their mission must be and who they must follow.



1929 Apostle Emil Zielke



1961 Apostle Arnold E. Zielke

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Matthew 28:18-20, "And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Although His body and being is passed into the heavens for His investiture, His spirit is always near at hand for all who call on Him. We can only visualise the great joy and praise given our Lord by the realms of heaven on His journey to His Father, for the investiture into these higher roles. Psalm 24:7-8, "Lift up your heads, o ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle."

Our Lord was able to show His wounds, but declare that the greatest enemies of His Father, those of sin, hell and death had now been conquered and a way could now be provided that all humble believers on the earth could now also be victorious through this King of glory. The Father could now fulfil His word and install Christ as the head of the Church now to be prepared. Psalm 110:1-3, "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy mouth."

For there to be access to God, necessitated the investiture of a High Priest who would stand as the intercessor at all times, during the life of the church until it too, could follow Christ on the same journey. Psalm 110:4, "The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent. Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." Because the Lord lived His life sinless, in a sinful



1961 Apostle Arnan Riemeyer



1977 Apostle Mervyn Zischke

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world of temptations, He was now the perfect one to be ordained to this office for the benefit of all believers. We remember Christ's final instruction to the apostles at His ascension – Luke 24:47, "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Without an intercessor or High Priest, this preaching would be in vain, but as found in Hebrews 4:14-16, "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities: but was in all points tempted like as we are, but without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

We should be so thankful we now have a loving gift giver in the throne of God, who sent us the Holy Ghost and sends us daily, Grace and all good gifts. The ascension of our Lord contained a promise to the church that when He returns, we too, whether living or dead in Christ, will also make that ascension journey with Him to be presented before the Father for a special blessing.

John 14:3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." This requires absolute faith in Christ and an effort – Revelation 3:21, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in his throne."

We the Apostles, wish all a peaceful festival, with greetings from Apostle Dargusch and myself, Your brother and Apostle for Christ,



1990 Apostle Clif Flor

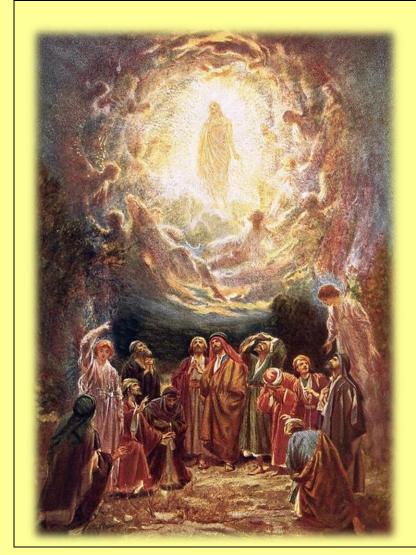


1990 Apostle Ken Dargusch

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2010 District-Evangelist

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A large and attentive audience assembled at the City Hall last evening to hear the first of two addresses delivered by Mr Ernest Tucker, an evangelist of the Catholic Apostolic Church, on the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The subject for the evening was "The Lord's work of mercy and restoration by apostles in these last days for preparing the church in one body for His appearing." Mr Tucker said he was there to do no less than deliver a message from the Lord Jesus Christ that the day of His coming was near at hand, and that He has again sent forth apostles in the same power of the Spirit as in the beginning to prepare His way before Him. This might be, he said, considered a remarkable testimony to bear to men in these days, but it was the same Gospel as was preached by the first apostles. The second advent of our Lord and the establishment of His Kingdom was the end of all God's dealings with men aud of the work of the Lord Jesus Christ for us. It was also the one hope set before the church. During the present day of grace in this dispensation God's purpose was to gather and perfect the church that she might be presented to Christ as His bride, and reign with Him in His kingdom. For this purpose He sent down the Holy Ghost at Pentecost and endowed the church with precious gifts and ministries-apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastors By these means He sought to preserve her in the unity of the Spirit, and of the one faith, and to fit her for her high destiny. She soon lost the hope that was set before her, and the fourfold ministry, with those manifestatious of the Spirit which were seen while she remained faithful, and now the one company of the bartised, divided into many sects, the very idea of unity lost, and spiritual life ebbing away in consequence, was manifestly unfit to meet the Lord. Nothing less than a renewal of the Pentecostal endowment of gifts and ministries could remedy this sad condition. It was these which had been restored in these last days, and the God of Love called upon all Christian people to rejoice in the fact, to receive His grace through His restored apostleship, and, coming behind in no gift, to wait in hope for the instant coming of the Land Jesus Chrise.

Some Historical Newspaper Clippings of the Catholic Apostolic Church here in NZ at the end of the 1800s and start of the 1900s

SOLEMN TESTIMONY
Concerning the

COMING JUDGMENTS OF GOD
And His

PROMISES OF GRACE AND MERCY
Will be Delivered in the
CITY HALL,
Dowling street, Dunedin, on
SUNDAY EVENINGS, MARCH 10 and 17,
At 8 o'clock.

By the REV. E. C. LEAL, an Evangelist of the Catholic Apostolic Church.

Note.—The name "Catholic Apostolic" is not assumed as a title of separation from our brethren in Christ, but as one testifying to our union with them in that One Church to which all the faithful in Christ belong.

FREE ADMISSION.



Elder P Vorster (2015-Present)

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#### **Sunday Divine Service:**

• Hamilton – First Sunday of the Month-Saint James-82 Nixon Street, Hamilton-East: Time: 6:00PM:

• Auckland – Saint Joseph's-1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna, North Shore, Auckland: Time: 2:00PM

• Christchurch – Saint Ninian's- 9 Puriri street: 6:00PM

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#### **Weekly Community Bible Study Evenings**

Every Tuesday evening in Auckland and Wednesday evening in Hamilton there is a Bible and Prayer meeting at the homes of the Officers. Contact any of us if you wish to attend.

Our community's services include the dispensing of the following Holy Sacraments:

- Holy Baptism
- Holy Communion
- Holy Sealing

Other services include confirmation, prayers, weekly Divine Services, monthly Church Newsletter and Quarterly, Blessing and officiating of marriage, Church Magazine, Understanding Our Faith Books and Catechisms.

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Morning Devotion focus for 2017. "Lord by Thy grace guide me to give more earnest head to Thy Words, lest at any time I should let them slip." Apostle Flor 2017

January 2017	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday						
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
Apostle Pastoral	New Year's Day (observed)					
8	9	10	11 <mark>Ev.</mark>	12	13	14Ordainment
New Year's Day			Christchurch			of Br Johan
15	16	17Ev Return	18 Family	19	20	21 UACNZ Trust
New Year's Day		CC	Evening			Meeting Auckland
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Sunday
New Year's Day						Service Hamilton
29	30	31 School starts				
New Year's Day						

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Apostle Flor teaches that without Christ's victory, our efforts would be as shown Isaiah 64:6 "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags: and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind have taken us away."

February 2017	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday						
Teaching			1	2	3	4
Date and Month						
5 Church 7	6 Waitangi day	7	8	9	10	11
years						
12	13	14	15 Family	16	17	18
14 Feb. 2016			Evening			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
14 Feb. 2016						
26	27	28				
14 Feb. 2016						

The Apostle Flor's teaching shows that we must realise that if the temptation is overcome then sin does not follow. Once we have sinned, whether in thought, word or deed, we are dependant then on the grace and righteousness of Christ to have it taken away. John 1:29 "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." We give special thanks during this period, that our Lord was victorious after enduring forty days and nights of constant temptations from Satan – Matthew 4:11 "Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him."

March 2017	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday						
2016/ 2017 Lent Pastoral		Shrove Tuesday	1 Start of Lent	2	3	4
Pastoral		Pancakes Day	Ash Wednesday			
<b>5</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	6	7	8	9	10	11
2016/ 2017 Lent Pastoral						
<b>12</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of	13	14	15	16	17	18
Lent 2016/ 2017 Lent Pastoral						
<b>19</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of	20	21	22	23	24	25
Lent 2016/ 2017 Lent Pastoral						
<b>26</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of	27	28	29	30	31	
Lent 2016/ 2017 Lent						
Pastoral						

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Matthew 27:45-46 "Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice saying Eli, Eli, lama sabach thani? That is to say, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Our Lord had to suffer the penalties prescribed by the law, as an innocent person, so that God could withdraw the penalties so a new way of Grace could begin. Isaiah 53:5 "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." The bible tells of the betrayal, taken by force, false witnesses, accused of blasphemy, spat upon, buffeted, smote, bound, put in prison, stripped, crown of thorns, beaten and whipped and the most painful act of scourging. Through all of this our Lord did not retaliate as He knew that He had to show righteousness so that the

April 2017 Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent 2016/2017 Lent	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Start of Holy week/Palm Sunday	10	11	12 Good Friday Pastoral 2016/2017	13 Holy Thursday	14Good Friday	15
<b>16</b> Resurrection  Easter Sunday Pastoral	17 Easter Monday	18	19 Family Evening	20	21	22
<b>23</b> Easter Sunday Pastoral 2016/2017	24	25 ANZAC Day	26	27	28	29
<b>30</b> Easter Sunday Pastoral 2016/2017						

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John 20:17 "Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended, to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father, and to my God, and your God." Mankind after all those years, again has the right to access God and a loving Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. We read in Luke 24:36-39 of the witness of His apostles "And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have." This peace proclaimed should be with us all again today. Greetings

May 2017	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Term 2 School starts	2	3	4	5	6
<b>7</b> Ascension Pastoral 2016/2017	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Ascension Pastoral 2016/2017	15	16	17 Family Evening	18	19	20
21 Ascension  Confirmation	22	23	24	25 Ascension Day	26	27
28 Pentecost Pastoral 2016/2017	29	30	31			

By the labour of the Holy Ghost we can be prepared for the coming Kingdom of God. Ezekiel 36:27 "And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgements and do them." Sadly this blessing was lost to the world. Genesis 6:3 "And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." The bible records of the many times God sent the Holy Ghost to show the power, but had to withdraw it again,

June 2017 Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Pentecost Pastoral 2016/2017	5	6	7	8	9	10
11Teaching of 5 June 2016	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Teaching of 5 June 2016	19	20	21 Family Evening	22	23	24
25 Teaching of 5 June 2016	26	27	28	29	30	

Genesis 8:20-22 "And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord: and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake: for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living as I have done. While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." We see the great blessing given the world as a result of the thanks offering of Noah and family. (Apostle Flor)

July 2017 Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Junuay						1
2 Teaching of 17 July 2016	3	4	5	6	7 School Closes Term	8
9 Teaching of 17 July 2016	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Teaching of 17 July 2016	17	18	19 Family Evening	20	<b>4</b>	22 <mark>UACNZ Trust</mark> Meeting
23 Teaching of 17 July 2016	24 Term 3 Starts	25	26	27	28	29
30 Teaching of 17 July 2016	31					

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The Lord's temple must be built and completed so that our Lord can walk and dwell therein. As stated, the Lord's temple is built of living stones, these must be found and grooved and placed and shaped to fit therein, so that it is pleasing in the sight of God. It was our Saviour's wish and His design, that His Church should grow and spread, it should stretch forth its boughs and spread its branches wider over the earth, garnering in souls and shielding them from the temptations of the evil one, and giving them spiritual nourishment, the saving fruit of the Gospel truth. The Lord God gives His blessing to the labour of His servants that blessing given at His ascension will be with His servants to the end of the world. These words written in May 1944 by the Late Apostle E Zielke North Queensland.

August 2017 Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Teaching of 14 August 2016	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Teaching of 14 August 2016	14	15	16 Family Evening	17	18	19
20 Teaching of 14 August 2016	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Teaching of 14 August 2016	28	29	30	31		

We are waiting for Christ's return and for the completion of the New Heaven and New Earth. Only then will the sighing of the creature end. May the precious promises for the future be a comfort to us, but not put us off. In this time of Advent let us be let away from complaints and accusations through the Word and be fastened into the living hope: God is faithful and what He promises He certainly will keep. Apostle Mathias Knuth. Germany

September 2017					1	2
Sunday						
3Mission Sunday Teaching 3 September 2016	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Thanksgiving Sunday Teaching 4 September 2016	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Teaching 4 September 2016	18	19	20 Family Evening	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

What a Beautiful example of Humbleness, by the wise and extremely successful King Solomon. He divulges his "Secret to Success". Eccl. 10:7 "I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth. "No one has ever fallen so low to never rise again... getting up from the fall, you shall without a doubt, "only be wiser." Apostle Philip Erasmus South Africa.

October 2017 Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Teaching 2 October 2016	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Teaching 2 October 2016	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Teaching 2 October 2016	16 Term 4 starts	17	18 Family Evening	19	20	21
22 Teaching 2 October 2016	23 Labour Day- Public Holiday	24	25	26	27	28
29 Teaching 2 October 2016	30	31				

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Once again by the Grace of Christ, we end another Christian Church year and move into a year where we will relive the life and mission of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to strengthen our faith and trust in what that mission means for us. Hebrews 13:9 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and for ever." Advent means arrival and is celebrated four weeks before Christmas, a period of contemplation and preparation, to celebrate the greatest gift from God for mankind, His Son! Apostle Flor

November 2017 Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Teaching 8 November 2015			1	2	3	4
5 Teaching 8 November 2015	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Teaching 8 November 2015	13	14	15 Family Evening	16	17	18
19 Teaching 8 November 2015	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Teaching 8 November 2015	27	28	29	30		

This special birth took place in all humbleness, as recorded and was heralded firstly to the shepherds, by the angel and heavenly hosts – Luke 2:10-12 "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger." The heavenly hosts then joined with the angel to tell what the mission of this Son of God would have to be – Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

December 2017 Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Start of AdventAdvent	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>10</b> Advent Pastoral 2016/2017	11	12 Term 4 Ends	13	14	15	16
<b>17</b> Advent Pastoral 2016/2017	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 End of Advent/Christmas	<b>25</b> Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
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