

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

13-20 May 2018

The resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were adapted for Aotearoa New Zealand from those prepared by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches.

The resources for use in New Zealand parishes and dioceses are:

Order of Service

Two options are provided, for use at either a parish or diocesan celebration. Both can be adapted eg inviting participants to come to the font to bless themselves during the singing of 'Baptized in Water'.

Liturgy Leader's Guide

This is provided for use by those who prepare the Order of Service.

8-days of Prayer

Two scripture readings are included, one from the resource prepared by the Pontifical Council and the WCC, the other being the scriptures for the week between Ascension and Pentecost ("Today's reading"). The prayers can be used in a variety of ways:

- As a prayer after Communion
- As a resource for prayer of the faithful
- As a take-away prayer sheet for use at home

Message for parish newsletters

Parishes are asked to use the message from Cardinal John Dew on behalf of the bishops and the Committee for Ecumenism in their newsletter for Ascension Sunday.

Prayer for Christian Unity

The single Prayer for Christian Unity provides another option for use during Mass or in parish groups during the week between Ascension and Pentecost.