
## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

##

**Fit For Mission**

**Takatū Ki Te Mau I Te Rongo Pai**

**Joyful is the Gospel**

*(Sung to the tune of Ode to Joy*)

Joyful, joyful is the Gospel, bringing news of happiness,

God in time is born among us, Jesus Christ the Word made flesh

Son of God he gifts the Spirit, freeing hearts held down by fear

Opening doors to new horizons, speaking love for all to hear.

See the love of God around us in the beauty of each day

Let our hearts be filled with gladness, giving thanks along the way

Winter times of pain and sorrow melt in the glow of love’s clear light

Celebrate our gratefulness with caring hands and faces bright.

Every life is rich with blessings, everyone has gifts to share

Peace and justice are the fruits of giving self in generous care

Goodness always tends to grow, reaching across each boundary

Mercy gives the strongest witness crowning our humanity.

Joyful, joyful is the Gospel, gifting us with life anew

Offering all a new beginning, young and old, and strangers too.

Live this message, bring it to others,

Smile the joy our faith proclaims,

Hand in hand walk on together, Christian both in deed and Name

*James Lyons Ode to The Joy of the Gospel, Welcom March 2014*