

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 16 Elizabeth Cronin
Lucy Zimmerman
- 17 Rex Smale Fraser (Father of Ann Cottle)
- 18 Frank Aarts
- 19 Kelvin Ruddell
Sheila Robertson
- 20 Edward Ryan
Sue Playle in Malta (cousin of Sarah Giles)
- 21 Noeline Dobbs
- 21 Roanld Robertson
- 22 Brother Matthews Cody
- 24 Edward O'Connor
John Dunn (husband of Kath)
Charlie Potter (husband of May)
Dulce Donaldson
- 25 Ewen Donaldson
Ina Margaret McGuire
Sister Verda Courtney
Brother Robert Williams
- 26 Allan Clark Littlewood
Dorothy Gilbert
- 27 Eugene Patrick de Roeck
- 29 Father John Dooley
- 30 Steven Perry (grandson of
Dora Van Den Bogaart)
- 31 Edward Green (brother of Connie Brown)

*May God Grant them
Eternal Rest*

This Week in Liturgy Sunday, cycle A, weekday cycle 1.

Monday, 17th of July: -

Tuesday, 18th of July: -

Wednesday, 19th of July: -

Thursday, 20th of July: - St Apolinaris

Friday, 21th of July: - Day of Penance, , St Lawrence of Brindisi.

Saturday, 22th July: - St Mary Magdalene

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church

Sunday, 16th July 2023
Fifteenth in Ordinary Time year A



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Sat. Vigil 5.00 pm

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Wed & Fri 11.00 am

Reconciliation:
Sat 4.00-4.45 pm or
by appointment

Anointing: First Friday
after 11am Mass and
First Saturday at 4.30pm

Introduction:

Sowing the seeds of God's Word.

God's word always has its effect. Although some may reject it, no one can fail to hear it. Have we accepted it as fully as we might? Are we willing to bring that word to others?

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading:-Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Responsorial Psalm: - Ps 64:10-14

R/. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest

2nd Reading - Romans 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow.

Help needed!

A parishioner living in Buckland needs a regular lift to the Saturday Mass at 5.00pm
If you can help, please ring 238 7351

Christianity is about giving! A basket is at the back of the church to receive donations for local families in need.
Please give generously. Clothing, food, etc.



Scripture note :-

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

From the Finance Committee—Urgent.

The Diocesan has recently advised that we have had to change our Parish bank account numbers. This change will come into effect from today, 1st July 2023. This was necessary to comply with the latest banking regulations.

Our new account number is:

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If you currently have automatic payment donations set up, you do not need to make any changes to your account details. The BNZ will update to reflect the new account number, and any existing automatic payments will be automatically routed to the new bank account number.

However if you are making payments in branch, by telephone banking or internet banking separately each time, you will need to update the bank account to the new number above. Likewise if you would like to start a new automatic payment, please use the above account number. If you have any questions on this, please contact :-

Karen Betty: 0274 303385. Thank you.

Parking

It is a requirement that there is a clear path through the church grounds between both entrances for emergency vehicles -eg-Ambulance or Fire Appliances.

When you park at the church, do please ensure that you leave room for these large vehicles to pass through—someone's life may depend on it.

*Scripture Readings for Sunday, 23th July,
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time.*

Theme:- A God who is good and forgiving/

First Reading:-Wisdom 12:13.16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

Responsorial Psalm: – Ps 85

R/. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

2nd Reading – Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 13:24-43

Let them grow together until the harvest.

First Communion Class will be commencing very soon.

Please give names to Fr Matthew or Clare. Your child or children will need to have Baptismal Certificates. If this is a problem, see Fr Matthew.

Ecumenical Service

This month has five Sundays, therefore there will be an Ecumenical Service (not including Communion) on the fifth Sunday, at St John at the Latin Gate Anglican church on the 30th July at 9.30am. You are urged to participate if possible.



Please email items for the newsletter or Memorial book to hodson2d@gmail.com or text to 022 694 9772.– Derek

One Liner

“Is a female member of the masons a maisonette?”

Editor

Formation and Training for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary ministers of holy communion.

This will take place in the church on 22 July from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Do please try to be there, both if you are already active in one of these important ministries, or particularly, if you aren't but would like to be!

We need more people to fulfil these ministries .

Church Life Survey 2023 - St. Andrew's Parish, Tuakau

Have your say:

The 2023 Church Life Survey NZ is a nationwide survey of church attendees. It is an initiative of NZCBC supported by Bishop Steve. We invite all parishioners who are 15 years or over to participate in a 10 to 15 minute survey on demographics, church life, community, faith, and leadership. Your survey responses are anonymous, and you are NOT to be asked to provide any personal contact details.

It is a confidential opportunity for you to have your say on the life of our church and be heard by our leaders! Can you take 10-15 minutes to fill it out by Saturday, 29 July? Use the link for digital participation.

<https://clsnz.org/>