

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 19 Florence McGahan
Virgilio Silva (brother of Eva Armitage)
- 20 Father William Dore
Julie Priest
Gertrude Batey
- 21 James Terence McGahan
- 22 Catherine Mary Lawrence
- 23 Norman Nixon
Mary Dromgool
Ellen Geraghty
- 24 Brother Columba FMS (McKiernan)
- 25 Katie McGuire
Michael Philip Amies
Cecil Montague Lange 2020 La Paz Mexico aged 95
(Father of Fr Brian Lange)
- 26 Kevin William Beals
- 28 William James Pender (Brother Cyril)
- 29 Dale Ellen Collins
(Sister of Ann Cottle)
- 1 Elizabeth Wright
- 3 Colin Cottle
Lena Fraser
Rose McNaughton
John Leon McGuire
Cecilia Maria Ruiter,
(sister of John Van Der Gulik)

May God Grant them Eternal Rest

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

Monday, 21st of August: - St Pius X, Pope

Tuesday, 22nd of August: - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, 23rd of August: - St Rose of Lima, Virgin

*Thursday, 24th of August: - St Bartholomew, Apostle
Friday, 25th of August: - St Joseph Calasanz, priest
and St Louis*

Saturday, 26th August: - The Blessed Virgin Mary

First Communion Class will be commencing very soon. Please give names to Clare:-

clarewilliams.cw@gmail.com

Your child or children will need to have Baptismal Certificates. If this is a problem, see

Fr Matthew.

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church

Sunday, 20th August 2023
20th in Ordinary time year A



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Mass Times:

Sat. Vigil 5.00 pm

Weekdays:

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:

God shows his mercy to everyone.

In his mercy God calls people of every race, colour and nation. This universal invitation is to join his family, to serve him with gladness and to be joyful in his house of prayer. Those whom God has called he does not neglect.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading:-Isaiah 56:1.6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Responsorial Psalm: - Ps 66

R/. O God, let all the nations praise you!

2nd Reading - Romans 11:13-15.29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28

Woman you have great faith..



The Church Life Survey 2023 - St. Andrew's Parish, Tuakau has been extended to the end of August.

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.

Use the QR code opposite or collect a paper copy of the survey from the church.

Scripture note :-

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about [Jesus walking on the water](#) and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

Liturgy Ministries:

If anyone who would like to take up any of the Liturgy Ministries - Leaders, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers. Please contact Litia Lockington on 02108329971 or email: litia.lockington@gmail.com



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.

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One Hundred Years of Catholic Education in Pukekohe!

Celebrations taking place
September 8th & 9th, 2023.
Registrations are now open.

Visit www.stjosephscentenary.co.nz
or email: 100years@stjosephs.co.nz

Scripture Readings for Sunday, 27th August, Twenty-First in Ordinary Time year A

Commentator and prayers: Clare Williams

Theme:- The Keys of God's Kingdom.

First Reading (Desiree Arnott)

Isaiah 22:19-23

God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138:1-3,6,8

God's kindness is forever.

Second Reading (Von Cassidy)

Romans 11:33-36

Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

One-liner

"You can't have everything, where would you put it?"

Living waters, no.30

Becoming a Catholic—RCA 2023 and 'Catholics Returning Home.'

Weekly classes will begin shortly leading to the celebration of the Sacrament of Initiation on Easter Vigil 2024.

Invite your family members or friends who would be interested in becoming a Catholic or anyone who left the Catholic community and wants to 'return home.'

Contact Fr Mathew:-
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Or text to:- 09 235 9633

Synodality and Women | World Women's Observatory (worldwomensobservatory.org), is organizing 3 webinars focused on showing the results of the work carried out throughout the Synodal process with the experiences of women members at diocesan, national and continental level in all regions of the world, highlighting some of their testimonies and, at the same time, listening and enabling dialogue with women with leading roles at the synodal process.

Both men and women are invited to participate, since all of us, as baptized persons, are equally involved in the synodal process. We count on you to spread this invitation among your contacts:

The dates are:

- September 13th: 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM (Rome time) 4-5.30am NZ Time
- September 14th: 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM (Rome time) 7-8.30pm NZ Time
- September 14th: 2.30 PM to 4:00 PM (Rome time) 12.30-2.00am NZ Time

We will send the additional information and the ZOOM link later, save the date. To register interest please and receive the zoom link contact pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

Annual Liturgy Resources are in!

In order that the liturgy may possess its full effectiveness, we must be fully aware of what we are doing in the rite, actively engaged in it, and openly enriched by it (*cf Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #11*). It is now time to order Annual Resources for Liturgical Year B 2023/24 so we can do this well. Some books and calendars are available right now so be an early bird before they sell out using the form below:

<https://form.jotform.co/93346356565870> Or you can use the resource catalogue order form instead: <https://form.jotform.com/220655497381867>

Please email items for the newsletter or Memorial book to nimmibaksu@gmail.com or text to **0274308557**.– Nimmi Abraham