

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 17 Denis Cronin
Joseph Fleming
- 18 Joseph Finn (father of Marilyn Masemann)
- 19 Muriel Cronin
Joan Marguerite Howard
- 20 Russell Lynsky
Michael Denton (father of Dawn Murphy)
- 21 Lawrence Ryan
- 23 Eva Mary Gibb
Michael Denton (grand-nephew of Irene Dromgool)
- 24 Crispin Silva (father of Eva Armitage)
Mercedes Jayme (aunt of Eva Armitage)
- 25 David Payne
- 26 June Thomson
- 28 Norma Hinfelaar (sister of Kath Dunn)
- 29 Bernard Munro
Maida McGee (mother of Edna Peters and grandmother of Carmel Jennings)
Claude O'Leary
Philip James Grace
- 30 Joseph David Peters (husband of Edna Peters and father of Carmel Jennings)
May Caroline Donovan

May God Grant them Eternal Rest

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

Monday, 18th of Sept:- 24th week in Ordinary Time.

Tuesday, 19th of Sept:- Saint Januarius, bishop and martyr.

Wednesday, 20th of Sept:- Saint Andrew Kim Taegön, priest, Saint Paul Chông Hasang and companions, martyrs.

Thursday, 21st of Sept:- Saint Matthew, apostle and evangelist.

Friday, 22nd of Sept:- 24th week in Ordinary Time.

A message from the CDA Justice & Peace Commission:

In this Season of Creation we pray: that we “heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice.” **Pope Francis**

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church

Sunday, 17th September 2023

24th in Ordinary time year A



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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:

We have been forgiven in Christ's own blood. We did not earn his forgiveness — it is God's free gift to us. We must forgive in the same way—not with strings attached, not once only, but unconditionally, freely and always.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading:- Ecclesiasticus 27:30—28:9

Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 102:1-4,9-12

R/- The Lord is king and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Second Reading:- Romans 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:- John 13:34

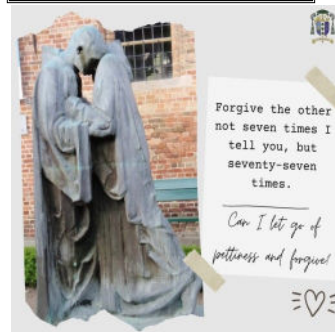
Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:- Matthew 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.



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Scripture note :-

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

The Ethnic Chaplaincies Annual Festival is back! It's all happening at Sancta Maria School and St Luke Church, Flatbush, **Sat 7th – Sun 8th October 2023**. The Ethnic faith communities will once again Rise Up and Shine showcasing their “riches of nations” in Food, Sport, Cultural Show, and celebration of the Mass in the diverse colour, language and peoples. Book this date! Get involved in your ethnic communities! Participate in the beautiful message of Isaiah 60 | Rise and Shine! It is the Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival Time! See you there! If you want to be involved in the organising/volunteer email louisar@cda.org.nz.

A liturgy of Repentance and Reconciliation

For fifty-five years the Methodist and Catholic Churches have been in ecumenical dialogue.

The New Zealand Catholic Methodist Dialogue Committee invite you to join a liturgy of repentance and reconciliation. Preacher | Bishop Steve Lowe

God in Christ Reconciling
Unity and Communion

Wednesday | 25 October
7.30 pm
Methodist Church,
427 Lake Road, Takapuna

**The Mass is not a spectator sport!
Get involved!**

There are opportunities for getting involved as Ministers of Word or Eucharist, as altar servers, arranging flowers, caring for the church, operating the data projector, greeters, musicians and singers. The more you put into it, the more you get out of it! Support and training is provided. Please contact Father Mathew, Clare Williams on 0211780667 or clarewilliams.cw@gmail.com

Scripture Readings for Sunday, 24th September, Twenty-fifth in Ordinary Time year A
Commentator and prayers: need a volunteer
Theme:- My ways are not your ways
First Reading:- Isaiah 55:6-9 (Regina Camacho)

God's ways are far beyond the ways of human beings.

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 144:2-3,8-9,17-18

R/-God is near to those who call upon him.

Second Reading:- Philippians 1:20-24,27 (Hector Camacho)

Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:- Acts 16:14

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:- Matthew 20:1-16

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

9th November, Thursday, April 7.30pm, 30 New Street, St Mary's Bay

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One-Liner

“When you turn your worries into worship, God will turn your battles into blessings”- Friendwishes.com

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

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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The Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, St Mary's Bay is a service hub for the diocese. And a mystery to many. On the **9th November from 4.00-7.30pm** you are invited to an **Open Home** at the Centre. It will be an opportunity to engage with staff, explore some of the archival treasure, enjoy a snack, purchases liturgical resources and more.

G.I.F.T (Grow In Faith Together) is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. 2023 marks 50 years since Sr Jean Sinclair's dream to provide for the needs of those with intellectual disabilities to learn about the Sacraments was implemented. Bishop Steve and the GIFT family invite you to join in celebrating this important milestone. **Sunday 17 September, 11 am** Mass at Good Shepherd Parish, Telford Ave, Balmoral followed by a light lunch in the parish hall. RSVP by 11 /09 to mylene@giftcentre.org.nz

St Joseph's Catholic School, Onehunga. If you are a Past Pupil, Staff member or BoT member - we would love to hear from you. We are celebrating our **175th Anniversary, Fri 27, Sat 28 and Sun 29 October 2023.** Contact Melanie Duarte @mduarte@sjs.school.nz to register your interest.