

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 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
- 1 Frank McKean
Dr Lita Domingo (sister of Dulce Donaldson)
Molly Gibb
Anna Maria Henrica van den Bogaart (mother of Trudi Moulden)
- 2 Bernice Margaret Drummond
- 3 Herman Van Gessel (father of Chris Van Gessel)
- 4 Alfred Moulden (father in law of Trudy Moulden)
- 6 Jess Irwin
- 7 Laures Mann(sister of Pauline Geraghty)
Maria Gertruda McHardy nee Vogels (Niece of Dora van Bogart)

May God Grant them Eternal Rest

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

Monday, 25th of Sept:- 25th week in Ordinary Time.

Tuesday, 26th of Sept:- Saint Cosmas and Saint Damian, martyrs

Wednesday, 27th of Sept:- Saint Vincent de Paul, priest

*Thursday, 28th of Sept:- Saint Lawrence Ruiz and companions, martyrs;
Saint Wenceslaus, martyr*

Friday, 29th of Sept:- Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, archangels

Saturday, 23rd of Sept:- Saint Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church

A message from the CDA Justice & Peace Commission:

In this Season of Creation, we pray: "that we grow as people, to harmonize our own rhythms of life with those of creation, which gives us life." **Pope Francis**

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church

Sunday, 24th September 2023

25th 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:

We cannot fully understand the mind of God. He sees goodness where we see none; he showers blessings where none seem to be deserved. Yet even with our limited vision we can be sure that he is near us whenever we call him.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading:- Isaiah 55:6-9

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. (or)

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading:- Philippians 1:20-24,27

Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:- Acts 16:14

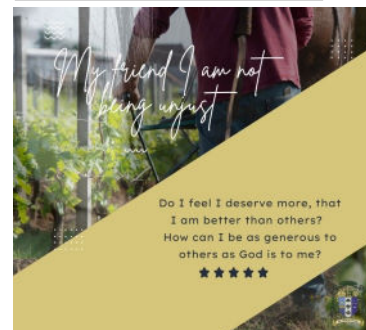
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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.



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Scripture note :-

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

* **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**. If you want to be involved in the organising/volunteer email louisar@cda.org.nz.

* **Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the Synod Assembly** starting in Rome on 4 October, has invited all the faithful to participate in **prayer for the Synod** from today **Sunday 24 September** with Prayers for Intercession. A Vatican News article about Cardinal Grech's letters to the bishops asking for everyone to join in the prayers is here: www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-09/cardinal-mario-grech-invitation-episcopate-priests-prayer-synod.html



A liturgy of Repentance and Reconciliation

God in Christ Reconciling
Unity and Communion

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

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

Liturgy Ministers Training:
If anyone who would like to take up any of the Liturgy Ministries – Leaders, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers. A training has been scheduled for **Saturday 30th of September 2023** from 2pm – 4pm at St Andrew Church, Tuakau. The training will be facilitated by Fr Mathew.

URGENT NEED: Boy or girl wanted, 15 years and above, to help with small jobs. You will learn new skills. Please phone Bob @ 0272840746 or 2368907

*Scripture Readings for Sunday, 1st October.
Twenty-sixth in Ordinary Time year A
Commentator and prayers: Nimmi Abraham
Theme:- **The Lord shows the path to those who stray***

First Reading:- Ezekiel 18:25-28 (Desiree Arnott)

It is possible to turn from sin and preserve one's life.

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 25:4-9
R/- Remember your mercies, O Lord

Second Reading:- Philippians 2:1-11 or (Philippians 2:1-5) (Clare Williams)
Be like Christ who humbled himself and was exalted by God.

Gospel Acclamation:- Acts 16:14
Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:- Matthew 21:28-32
Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

One-Liner

"The leading rule for a man of every calling is diligence; never put off until tomorrow what you can do today"
-Abraham Lincoln

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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Or text to:- 0212090210

CHORAL EVENSONG WITH ST MARY'S SINGERS

5pm Sunday 1 October
Holy Trinity Cathedral, 446 Parnell Road
Holy Trinity Cathedral joins in prayer to the global initiative 'Together - Gathering of the People of God', at the invitation of Pope Francis, Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople and Archbishop Justin Welby (Anglican Communion), who will join for the prayer vigil at St Peter's Square, with the leaders and representatives of many Churches, entrusting to the Holy Spirit the works of the first session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (October 2023) of the Roman Catholic Church. Everyone is invited.

We warmly invite you to join us for the service of Choral Evensong, in the Anglican Cathedral tradition, as our prayerful support to our ecumenical Catholic family on such an important occasion.

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"The Justice and Peace Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland has put together this leaflet to consider some election issues in the light of our faith. The Gospels and Catholic Social Teaching point to a care and concern for our neighbours especially the poor and vulnerable. This is what should inform our vote."
- Bishop Steve Lowe

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.

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