

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 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)
- 9 Kate Woods
Brother Felix Bentley
John Russell Casey
- 12 Frederick Claude Tyson (father of Maurice Tyson)
Tessa Keily
- 13 Akenese Sapa'u (sister of Flo Sapa'u)
George Fitzgerald
- 15 Gwen Giles (mother of Roger Giles)

May God Grant them Eternal Rest

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

Monday, 2nd of Oct:- The Holy Guardian Angels

Tuesday, 3rd of Oct:- 26th week in Ordinary Time.

Wednesday, 4th of Oct:- Saint Francis of Assisi, religious

Thursday, 5th of Oct:- Saint Faustina Kowalska, virgin

Friday, 6th of Oct:- Saint Bruno, priest

Saturday, 7th of Oct:- Our Lady of the Rosary

The revised and expanded version of **Te Kahu o te Ora – A Consistent Ethic of Life** reminds us that all life is a gift of God. It can be downloaded from the NZCBC website <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Consistent-Ethic-of-Life-booklet-26-September-2023.pdf>

Everyone is welcome to join in on an afternoon ritual to honour **Fr Julian Tenison Woods** the co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph. At Mary MacKillop Chapel Mission Bay on **Saturday 7 October at 2.30pm.**

Taize Prayer Evening Please note change of evening for this month. Taizé Prayer will be **Thursday 12 October at 7pm** at Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay.

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church

Sunday, 1st October, 2023
26th in Ordinary time year A



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Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil, 5:00 pm
Wed & Fri, 11:00 am

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 pm or
by appointment

Anointing of the sick:

First Friday, during Mass at
11:00 am

Introduction:

Sometimes we may be tempted to think that all is well between ourselves and God, when in fact we are doing no more than paying lip-service to him. We must follow God's paths, however difficult, with the total commitment of Jesus our Lord.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading:- Ezekiel 18:25-28

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 (2:1-5)

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.

This barcode when scanned with your phone camera will directly take you to our parish **St Andrew's Catholic Church official Facebook page**. Please like, promote and follow this page.



The **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be administered during the **11:00 am Mass on Friday, 6th October**. We request family members to bring the sick and elderly to celebrate God's mercy, forgiveness and healing. The priest is available to visit your home should anyone be not able to come to Church.

Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College has a dedicated and qualified faculty of theologians, and access to a wealth of resources, the program will empower you to critically analyse complex theological issues, foster spiritual growth, and prepare you for a meaningful career in ministry, education, or other fields where a profound understanding of theology is invaluable. To learn more, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes.

Scripture note :-

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

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.

Vacancy Convent Security Office Baradene College, Remuera- Convent home of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart. This special role requires the night Security Officer to live onsite. Accommodation in lieu of salary is included in the 2 year contract. Work hours are 7pm-7am including weekends, with the busiest tasks in the early stage of the shift. Flexibility is in place for agreed leave and other absences. This special position requires an entrusted person to align with Catholic faith teachings, the Sisters' values and their privacy. For full details please visit the CDA Website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>. Closing date: **20 October 2023**

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](mailto:mduarte@sjs.school.nz) to register your interest.

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.

Hāto Petera Hui-a-Whānau Saturday 11 November from 3.00pm to 5.00pm at Te Kamaka Marae. For those who wish to stay there will be Miha Māori at 6.00pm.

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, 8th October. Twenty-seventh in Ordinary Time year A
Commentator and prayers: *Litia Lockington*
Theme:- **We are the vineyard of the Lord**
First Reading:- Isaiah 5:1-7 (Derek Hodson)
The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard.

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 79:9,12-16,19-20

R/. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second Reading:- Philippians 4:6-9 (Von Cassidy)

Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.

Gospel Acclamation:- Acts 16:14

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:- Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

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.

The **Sisters of Mercy** invited all those pondering religious life to **'Prayer and Meal' Evening**. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Chris Skinner. **Wednesday 4th October 2023** at Hou Mana Wai – Mercy Well-springs 104 The Drive, Epsom Time: **6.30pm** All are welcome! Contact phone: 021 0360781

Caritas Aotearoa NZ has a **vacancy for a Communications, Marketing & Engagement Manager**. This is a permanent full-time senior leadership position, managing a competent and committed team. It is based in Thorndon Quay, Wellington. For details and to apply, go here: <https://mclaren.co.nz/vacancies/?ja-job=4151885>

One-Liner

“Always pray. It's the most powerful tool against worry, doubt, and fear.”

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

Volunteers required Our Diocesan Archives protect records and artefacts dating back to the earliest days of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa NZ is moving from a paper-based catalogue to digital. We need volunteers to transcribe our lists into spreadsheets to be loaded into the new system. You will be familiar working with spreadsheets, an accurate typist with a keen eye for detail, and able to commit a half day each week. Though not a paid role, there is parking on site, we offer full training, including in care and handling of items, and if you have a passion for history there will be plenty to interest you. The role is based at the Pompallier Centre in Ponsonby. As part of diocesan policy, candidates need to be willing to undergo criminal conviction and reference checks. If you are interested, please contact Keith on 09 360 3064 or keiths@cda.org.nz



Music from Parishes, Schools & Ethnic Chaplaincies across the Diocese. **25th November, 3pm - 6pm Saturday**. Sir Woolf Fisher Arena (770 Great South Road, Manukau 2104) For All Ages | Donation / **Entry by Koha** | Free Parking Available Caring Foundation Christmas Appeal.