

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 21 Dan Fitzgerald
22 Eileen Johnson
Ethel Rebecca Holz
26 Eva Young
Desmond Cole
27 Cornelius Otto van der Poel (husband of Ethel van de Poel)
Dorothy Hodson d2017 (mother of Stephen and Felicity)
Dr N V Abraham (father of Nimmi Abraham)
28 John Griffen
Patricia Isobel Tyson
29 Leoni Engi
Ricardo Taland Sr
Stephen Hodson d1975 (son of Derek & Dorothy Hodson)
30 David Craig
31 Eric Laurence O'Brien
Eileen Comer
Bernard Joseph Adams
2 William Kelly
John Riley
George Washer
3 Aveen Dromgool (aunt of John Dromgool)
Mary McKean
Savelio Sapa'u (father of Flo Sapa'u)

May God Grant them Eternal Rest

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

Monday, 23rd of Oct:- Saint John of Capistrano, priest

Tuesday, 24th of Oct:- Saint Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

Wednesday, 25th of Oct to Friday 27th of Oct:- 29th week in Ordinary Time.

Saturday, 28th of Oct:- Saint Simon and Saint Jude, apostles

Marriage and Family Life Administration Assistant We are seeking a methodical, cheerful, dedicated, and efficient person with a passion for marriage and family to share the work of marriage preparation. The role involves liaison with Marriage Educator couples and engaged couples, administration, preparation of course material, and some hosting at courses. This is a part time role of 16 hours per week, with occasional evening and weekend work. For full details and requirements please visit the Diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff vacancies.

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church

Sunday, 22nd October, 2023
29th 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:

Our Almighty God holds power over all earthly rulers. While we serve the needs of our own society and country we must allow nothing to compromise our commitment to love and serve God above all else.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading:- Isaiah 45:1,4-6

The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 96:1,3-10

R/. Give the Lord glory and honor

Second Reading:- 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.

Gospel Acclamation:-

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:- Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

Pilgrimage to Holy Rosary Church, Matakawau: We are happy to invite parishioners and devotees of Our Blessed Mother in this month of the Holy Rosary to make a pilgrimage to Holy Rosary Church, Matakawau on **Sunday, 29 October. Rosary at 11:30 am and Mass at 12:00 pm.** Should any parish groups be interested in using the facility of the Church in this Jubilee Year of Matakawau Church, please contact Fr. Mathew.



This is the QR code for St Andrew's Catholic Church official Facebook page.

For your diary:- Ecumenical service of prayer and worship. (not a Mass) **Sunday, 29th October at 9.30am** followed by shared lunch. This service will not now be held in our church. It will be held instead at a local Tuakau church to be decided. Do try to keep this time free and attend with a plate of finger food, and make our fellow members of the Tuakau Christian community welcome.

Scripture note :-

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?

Safeguarding workshop at St. Patrick's Church, Pukekohe: The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is organizing two workshops on **Wednesday 8th November 2023**. The first begins with a light lunch at 12.30pm and the second begins with a light supper at 6.30pm. All our volunteers who minister with children, youth and vulnerable adults and have not yet attended a Safeguarding Workshop previously are warmly recommended to attend one of the workshops. It is a decision of the NZ Bishops Conference that we be trained adequately on safeguarding principles while reaching out in any form of ministry.

The Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, St Mary's Bay is a service hub for the diocese. 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, purchase liturgical resources and more.

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.

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

Scripture Readings for Sunday, 29th October.

Thirtieth in Ordinary Time year A

Commentator and prayers: **Hector Camacho**

Theme:- **Love your neighbour as yourself**

First Reading:- Exodus 22:20-26 (Derek Hodson)

The Lord teaches that compassion ought to be shown to the alien and to the poor.

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 17:2-4, 47, 51

R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading:- 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

(Von Cassidy)

Paul tells the Thessalonians that their conversion to the Lord has been an example to all believers.

Gospel Acclamation:- John 14:23

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:- Matthew 22:34-40

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Elections to the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC): Date: **Saturday, 18 November 2023** Venue: St. Andrew's Church, Tuakau Time: **2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**. The AGM is the annual gathering of parishioners who can offer constructive suggestions for the vitality of parish life and mission, and bring matters of pastoral concern to the attention of the PPC. Serving on the PPC and on the Standing Committees and groups in the parish and beyond is one of the ways in which you can use your Baptismal gifts. I encourage you to get yourself nominated or nominate others for PPC membership, to work in collaboration with your priest. **The last date for submitting the duly filled-in PPC nomination form is Saturday, 4th November 2023.**

Parish Feast Day Celebrations Committee - Members needed: Our parish is requesting parishioners to join the Parish Feast Day Celebrations Committee to plan and to organize the feast day of the parish. Carmel Stewart has kindly agreed to chair the Celebrations Committee. Date: **Saturday, 25 November 2023**. Venue for Mass: St. Andrew Church Tuakau. Venue for the social celebrations: TBC

One-Liner

"A lady took a family bible to the Post Shop to send to her brother. Is there anything breakable inside?" asked the clerk "Only the ten commandments!" the lady replied. (Anon)"

RUTH MILLER SCHOLARSHIP for studying Bachelor of Theology in 2024 at TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE announced by Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland. For further information and application form, please email: scholarships@cda.org.nz. The closing date is **18 NOVEMBER 2023**

Requiem Mass for the Faithfully Departed - All Souls, **7 pm Thursday, 2 November**, at St Patrick's Cathedral, 43 Wyndham Street. The Book of Remembrance will be available to sign in the front of the Cathedral by Our Lady's Chapel for the month of November. Please feel free to write down the names of your loved ones who have died. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car park on Durham Lane (\$3). Parking with a discounted rate (\$4.50) is available at the Hobson Street (Farmers) Car Park using the ParkMate App only. Please download the App, register your details and be sure to use the Code: STPATS to access this discount.

Counties Catholic Mens' Fellowship will next meet at St Patrick's, Pukekohe on **Wednesday 18 October**, starting with Mass at 7pm. Fr James Walsh, who has a special interest in Medjugorje and has been there as a chaplain on pilgrimages, will be our guest celebrant and speaker.

Gaudete advent & Christmas carols: 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.