

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 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)
- 16 Sung Ok Lee (father-in-law of Helen Lee)
- 17 Gerarda Vogels d2022 (Aunt of Trudi Moulden)
- 18 Leo Bean
Henry van den Bogart (brother of Trudy Moulden)
- 20 Mary Markham
- 21 Dan Fitzgerald
- 22 Eileen Johnson
Ethel Rebecca Holz

May God Grant them Eternal Rest

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

Monday, 9th of Oct:- Saint Louis Bertrand, priest

Tuesday, 10th of Oct:- 27th week in Ordinary Time.

Wednesday, 11th of Oct:- Saint John XXIII, pope

Thursday, 12th of Oct & Friday, 13th of Oct:- 27th week in Ordinary Time.

Saturday, 14th of Oct:- Saint Callistus I, pope and martyr; The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

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>

Vacancy Convent night Security Office at Baradene College, Remuera- Convent home of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart. For full details please visit the CDA Website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>. Closing date: **20 October 2023**

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church

Sunday, 8th October, 2023
27th 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:

God is the master-builder who has made us his most cherished possession– his own chosen people. We must not take such a privilege for granted but make use of it, producing the fruit of good works to the glory of our Father.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading:- Isaiah 5:1-7

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

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.

For your diary:- Ecumenical service of prayer and worship. (not a Mass) **Sunday, 29th October at 11.30 am** followed by shared lunch at around midday. Here, at St Andrew's church! This will be in addition to our regular Saturday Mass. Please, could as many of you as possible try to attend with a plate of finger food, and make our fellow members of the Tuakau Christian community welcome? Thank you.

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.



Scripture note :-

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist. In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son. After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent. In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question. Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences. However, in Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

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, purchases liturgical resources and more.

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.

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, 15th October.
Twenty-eighth in Ordinary Time year A
Commentator and prayers: Hector Camacho
Theme:- You have prepared a banquet for me.*

First Reading:-Isaiah 25:6-10a (Sashini Mahe)

The Lord will provide richly for his people.

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 22

R/. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading:- Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 (Desiree Arnott)

Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

Gospel Acclamation:- Ephesians 1: 17,18
Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:-Matthew 22:1-14 (22:1-10)
Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

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

"Inflation hasn't affected the price of salvation"

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

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. New members welcome. Contact Michael 021 1258814, Richard 029 5335370, or Tim 027 2436211

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.