

*The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time*

- 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  
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)

**May God Grant them Eternal Rest**

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

**Monday, 16th of Oct:-** Saint Hedwig, religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

**Tuesday, 17th of Oct:-** Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr

**Wednesday, 18th of Oct:-** Saint Luke, evangelist

**Thursday, 19th of Oct:-** Saint John de Brébeuf, Saint Isaac Jogues, priests, and companions, martyrs, Saint Paul of the Cross, priest

**Friday, 20th of Oct:-** 28th week in Ordinary Time.

**Saturday, 21st of Oct:-** Saint Laura Montoya, virgin; The Blessed Virgin Mary

**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**

**The Upper Room' Young Adults Evening of fellowship and formation, Thursday 19 October, 7pm,** at Good George Mission Bay. Our guest speaker is Brendan Malone, who will be speaking on 'The Courage to Be Counter-Cultural.' Tickets are \$10 and you can find all the details at [www.facebook.com/AKCYM](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM)

# Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church

Sunday, 15th October, 2023  
28th 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:

The Scriptures often compare the joys of heaven to a sumptuous banquet which God offers to his friends. As we take part in the Mass today, we pray that we may be found worthy to take our place at God's eternal banquet.

### Readings from Sacred Scripture:

**First Reading:-** Isaiah 25:6-10a

*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

*Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.*

**Gospel Acclamation:-** Ephesians 1: 17,18

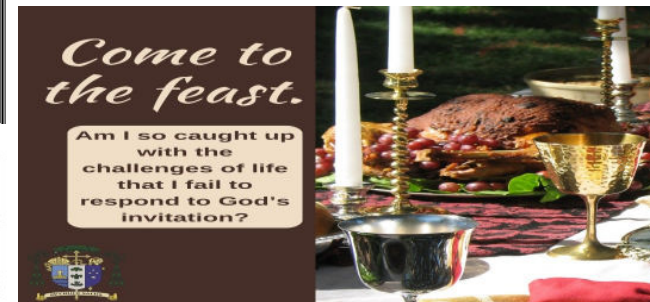
*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*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.*



For your diary:- Ecumenical service of prayer and worship. (not a Mass) **Sunday, 29th October at 3 pm** followed by shared afternoon tea. 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 is the QR code for St Andrew's Catholic Church official Facebook page.

## Scripture note :-

Today's Gospel, Jesus tells another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins. Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

**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.

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, 22nd October. Twenty-ninth in Ordinary Time year A*  
**Commentator and prayers: volunteer needed**  
**Theme:- Give to God what belongs to God**  
**First Reading:-** *Isaiah 45:1,4-6 (Nimmi Abraham)*  
*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 honour**  
**Second Reading:-** *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 (Sashini Mahe)*  
*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.*

**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

“Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever”

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

**Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre Awareness Living: the Power of Thought to Nourish Life. Saturday 28 October 9.30am – 1pm** facilitated by Katrina Brill rsj Registrations by 24 October  
**Card Crafting Workshop Saturday 4 November 10am – 3pm** Facilitated by Meg Hills rsj Registrations by 1 November All registrations to Jill McLoughlin rsj MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au Ph: 0210710277

**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](mailto:scholarships@cda.org.nz). The closing date is **18 NOVEMBER 2023**

**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.