

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 11 Jack Skinner (father of Jess Irwin)
12 Francis Henry Holz
Wilhelmus Hendrikus van den Bogaart (father of Trudy Moulden)
13 Harry Denton (father of Irene Dromgool)
James Bull
15 Robert Gibb
Margaret Dorothy Ryan (mother of Mary Holz)
Joe Green (brother of Connie Brown)
16 Julia Rose Deane
17 John Langton (brother of Clare Williams)
18 James Smith
19 James Darroch
20 Adele George (aunt of Carmel Jennings)
Maurits Cornille
Alex van den Bogaart age 19 (Niece of Trudy Moulden)
22 Gordon Clotworthy
Launsie McGuire
23 Peter Jackson
24 James Karaitiana

May God Grant them Eternal Rest

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

Monday, 13th of Nov & Tuesday, 14th of Nov :-32nd week in Ordinary Time.

Wednesday, 15th of Nov:- Saint Albert the Great, bishop and doctor of the Church

Thursday, 16th of Nov:-Saint Gertrude, virgin; Saint Margaret of Scotland

Friday 17th of Nov:- Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

Advent Retreat Saturday 2 December 8am-2pm, St Michael's Parish, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera. Discover the mysteries of Advent with the insightful guidance of Dr Robert Loretz. Join us as we interpret the deeper mysteries of the incarnation using the 'Four Senses of Sacred Scripture'. Light lunch provided. Entry by Koha. See our website for more information [Advent Retreat](#)

Between 8 to 23 October, 5,791 people have lost their lives in Gaza. A humanitarian crisis is looming. 7,000 + patients in Gaza hospitals are at risk of death as fuel supplies, electricity for kidney dialysis, intensive care support, and oxygen supply begin to run out. 12 hospitals & 32 Health Centres are already out of service. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is calling for a ceasefire and for sufficient humanitarian supplies to be allowed into Gaza to help vulnerable people caught up in the conflict. Prayers have been published on the Caritas Facebook page and website. **Caritas is also receiving donations through its website: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/where-we-work/holy-land>**

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church

Sunday, 12th November, 2023

32nd 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

Mass at Pokeno:

(Venue): St Mary on the Hill
Anglican Church, at 5pm,
3rd Sunday every month

Introduction:

Be Alert!

The next three Sundays conclude the church's year. Today we are advised to seek the gift of divine wisdom to grow in Christ, so that when he comes like a bridegroom at the appointed time we may be ready to meet him with all his saints.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading:- *Wisdom 6:12-16*

Wisdom will come to those who seek it.

Responsorial Psalm:- *Psalm 62:2,3-4,5-6,7-8*

R/- My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading:- *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

God will raise all those who have died.

Gospel Acclamation:- *Matthew 24: 42.44*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:- *Matthew 25:1-13*

Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM): 18th November 2023 at St Andrew's Church, Tuakau from 2.00 pm to 4.00pm. 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 Parish Leadership. Let us come together as the Body of Christ for the benefit of the whole parish community.

Parish Feast Day Celebrations - Saturday, 25 November. We are happy to celebrate and give thanks to God through the intercession of St. Andrew, our patron saint, as we come together to celebrate the feast of our parish. **The highlights of the day:** 4:00 pm - Adoration & Reconciliation. 4:45 pm - Benediction. 5:00 pm - Feast Day Mass. 6:00 pm - Potluck Dinner & Entertainment Night at Tuakau Town Hall Supper Room. Kindly RSVP Philip Mahe (022 468 9479) or Carmel Stewart (027 283 8817) as soon as possible for the Potluck Dinner. Be ready to show your gifts and talents to entertain and make people happy as we nurture and appreciate the gift of each other to our parish family. Invite your family and friends of our parish to the celebrations.

Scripture note :-

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

Catholic Diocese of Auckland positions available:

Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time **University Ministry Coordinator** or a full-time Youth Ministry Officer. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland.

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.

Mt Eden Corrections Facility - Catholic Prison Chaplaincy We are seeking to employ a suitably qualified person to work as a member of Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa Chaplaincy Team, which delivers Ecumenical Chaplaincy services to men in prison at the Mt Eden Corrections Facility. The position is a permanent part-time position of 32 hours per week – Monday to Thursday with the expectation of some Sundays per month for Sunday Services. **Applications close 17 November 2023.** To learn more about these positions, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Carmel College Christmas Market by the Lake - Saturday 18 November - 10am-3pm - 108 Shakespeare Road, Milford. Come along and wander around over 65 stalls, get some Christmas shopping started and help one of Auckland's Catholic schools fundraise. Indulge in great food and enjoy live performances throughout the day. There will be plenty of chances to win amazing prizes up for grabs in the raffle and a Christmas Tree Decorating Contest to view.

Scripture Readings for Sunday, 19th November, Thirty Third in Ordinary Time year A
Commentator and prayers: Litia Lockington
Eucharistic Minister: Natoba Lockington
Theme:- The Day of the Lord is Coming
First Reading:- Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 (Regina Camacho)

The virtues of a good wife are extolled.

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 127:1-5

R/- Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading:- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 (Hector Camacho)

Paul warns the Thessalonians to stay alert because the day of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Gospel Acclamation:- John 15: 4.5

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:- Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

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**

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.

Catholic Hospitality in New Zealand and Australia, payment per night is \$50 for one guest and \$30 for each additional guest, e.g. a couple would pay \$80 per. night for bed and continental breakfast. This is a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics . To purchase a book of details of hosts , contact Marie Anderson, 03 3595541 or email me at marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

End-of-year Youth Ministry Celebration Mass 2nd December 4:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. This special event marks the end of our year-long journey with the young leaders of the Diocese of Auckland. At this mass, we are excited to present the Tu Kahikatea Awards, recognising young people outstanding contribution in the Diocese. Bishop Steve Lowe will celebrate the mass, present the Awards, and give a special blessing to all our youth and young adult ministry leaders. Young leaders, make sure you don't miss it! All are welcome at this celebration! Bring your whānau, your friends, and your wider faith community as we mark the conclusion of an amazing year of ministry.

Life Teen Aotearoa Summer Camp 16-20 January 2024, for your teens. Throughout the week we aim to support parishes to walk alongside their young people and get to know them on a deeper level. Every year we deliver more mess, more fun and more amazing opportunities to connect with Jesus in a personal way. We do this through thought provoking keynote sessions, small group discussion times and lots of opportunities to just have fun with your teens. Registrations are closing! So if you are ready to help lead your teens closer to Christ and have the #bestsummerever then go to www.lifeteen.nz to register your group or to apply as a Summer Missionary. Contact samuelb@cda.org.nz for queries

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