

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 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
26 Lewis Loheni (grandson of Flo Sapa'u)
27 Matthew Clarke
28 Xavier Dromgool (husband of Irene Dromgool)
1 Peg Darroch (auntie of Irene Dromgool)
6 Gregory John Dunn (son of Kath & John Dunn)
6 Claire Smith (cousin of Irene Dromgool)
Felicity Hodson 1977 (daughter of Derek & Dorothy)

May God Grant them Eternal Rest

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

Monday, 20th of Nov :- 33rd week in Ordinary Time.

Tuesday, 21st of Nov :- The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, 22nd of Nov:- Saint Cecilia, virgin and martyr

Thursday, 23rd of Nov:-Saint Clement I, pope and martyr, Saint Columban, abbot

Friday 24th of Nov:- Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs

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

Witnesses of Faith Event – Thursday, 30 November, 7 – 9 pm. Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, Auckland. As part of the "Witnesses of Faith Tour" across Australia and New Zealand, we will hear from 3 international guest speakers who will share their own personal testimonies of faith in the face of religious persecution. The evening will include a time to raise our hearts in prayer and solidarity with the more than 200,000,000 Christians globally, who today suffer for their faith. A light supper will be served afterwards where you can meet the speakers. **More info and to register :** www.aidtochurch.org/witnesses or email info@aidtochurch.org

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church

Sunday, 19th November, 2023

33rd 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: 19th Nov

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

Introduction:

The Day of the Lord is Coming

The sense of urgency increases. God has given each of us a particular talent: a special skill or quality to use for his glory. In this way we are to produce a harvest of fruitful growth if we are to hear his "well done!" On the Last Day.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading:- Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

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

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.

7th Annual World Day of the Poor 2023: Sunday, 19

November, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with those in need. Pope Francis has instructed us this year, "Do not turn your face away from those who are poor" (Tob 4:7). Find out more about World Day of the Poor and the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand! **Caritas Website:** caritas.org.nz **Caritas Facebook page:** facebook.com/caritasaotearoa **Caritas Instagram:** @caritasaotearoanz

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 :-

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

Catholic Diocese of Auckland positions available:

Youth Ministry Officer – Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who wants to make a meaningful positive impact in the lives of young people? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our 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.

Marriage & Family - Are you passionate about the Sacrament of marriage? Would you be interested in training to become Marriage Educators through the Marriage and Family Life Ministry at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland? We are looking for couples who have been married for 5 plus years and have about 2 - 6 hours a week free to guide couples through a Catholic marriage preparation course

Approved Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course:

Are you getting married? Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation course here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/> Please book 1 year (if getting married in NZ) or 18months (if getting married overseas) in advance of your wedding date. The 3-part course takes about 32 hours to complete and is usually spread over 3 months. For more information email: marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz or call Gerry on M:021 02247442.

Scripture Readings for Sunday, 26th November. Thirty fourth in Ordinary Time year A
Commentator and prayers: Nimmi Abraham
Eucharistic Minister: John Poto
Theme:- Jesus Christ, Shepherd and King
First Reading:- Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17
(Desiree Arnott)
God himself will shepherd the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 23:1-2,2-3,5-6
R/- The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading:- Corinthians 15:20-26,28
(Von Cassidy)
Because Christ has been raised from the dead, all those who have died will also be raised.

Gospel Acclamation:- John 15: 4.5
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:-Matthew 25:31-46
Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

One-Liner

"Wifi went down for 5 minutes, so I had to talk to my family. They seem like nice people."

Practice the pause. When in doubt, pause. When angry, pause. When tired, pause. When stressed, pause. And when you pause, **Pray.**

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

Gaudete advent & Christmas carols:

Music from Parishes, Schools & Ethnic Chaplaincies across the Diocese. **25th**

November, 3pm - 6pm Saturday. Sir

Wolf Fisher Arena (770 Great South Road, Manukau 2104) For All Ages | Donation / **Entry by Koha** | Free Parking Available Caring Foundation Christmas Appeal. For more information Contact: (09) 360 3061 | liturgycentre@cda.org.nz

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