

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 4 Dominic Rogers
5 Tom Langton (father of Clare Williams)
6 John McKiernan
7 Richard Cuddihy
8 Hilary Murphy (father of Pat Murphy)
10 Barry Stewart 2022 (father of Hugh, Mary, Margaret, Helen, Carmel, Vincent & Clare.)
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

May God Grant them Eternal Rest

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

Monday, 6th of Nov to Wednesday, 8th of Nov:- 31st week in Ordinary Time.

Thursday, 9th of Nov:-The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Friday 10th of Nov:- Saint Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church

Saturday, 11th of Nov:- Saint Martin of Tours, bishop

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](#)

You are warmly welcomed to join us for our final Auckland Divine Renovation event for the year. We will be watching the recorded session of **Revival and Renewal – Watch Party** This promises to be excellent with speakers including Fr James Mallon, Hannah Vaughan-Spruce and Bishop Andrew Cozzens. **6pm at 30 New St – Ponsonby Monday 4th November. Dinner provided.** Please register at [Divinerenovation/events](#). For more information, please contact Cheryl Surry on Cheryl.surrey@divinerenovation.org or Stephenf@cda.org.nz

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church

*Sunday, 5th November, 2023
31st 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:

Anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.

Today's readings criticise religious leaders for attracting more attention to themselves than to the message they preach. To follow Christ is not to demand honour, status and respect, but to serve him humbly, giving the glory to the Father alone.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading:- Malachi 1:14—2:2,8-10

Through the prophet Malachi, God judges the priests of Israel and calls them to be more faithful to the Covenant.

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 131:1-3

R/- In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading:- 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Paul gives thanks to God for the way in which the Thessalonians received the word of God.

Gospel Acclamation:- Matthew 23: 9.10

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:- Matthew 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

Mass at Pokeno: Following on from the recent Hui held in Pokeno in order to listen to each other and to reach out to the Pokeno community we are celebrating Mass on the 3rd Sundays: Date: **Sunday 19th November 2023; Time: 5pm;** Venue: Anglican St Mary on the hill Anglican Church; Address: Avon Road, Pokeno. We request you to participate in the celebration as a family and invite our brothers and sisters in and around Pokeno to join you. Enquiries please contact Natoba Lockington on Mob:021992452

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 fundraiser. 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 note :-

Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son." Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees. The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church. Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. Phylacteries are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. Tassels refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

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/

URGENT NEED: Is there anyone who would help with doing flowers in the church? Our faithful Colleen is unable to continue doing the flowers due to illness. **Please phone May Potter for information on 09236823**

Scripture Readings for Sunday, 12th November, Thirty Second in Ordinary Time year A
Commentator and prayers: Regina Camacho
Eucharistic Minister: Beverly Perez
Theme:- Be Alert!

First Reading:- Wisdom 6:12-16 (Von Cassidy)

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 (Sherwin Perez)

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.

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) 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: parishioners are invited 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

"It is true you may fool all of the people some of the time; you can even fool some of the people all of the time; but you can't fool all of the people all of the time."

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**

Safeguarding workshop at St. Patrick's Church, Pukekohe: The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is organizing two workshops on **Wednesday 8th November 2023.** The 1st begins with a light lunch at 12.30pm and the 2nd 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.

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.