

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 25 George Robert Donovan
- 26 Father John Pierce
Catherine Hill (mother of Kath Dunn)
Margaret Easton
- 28 Paterna Domingo (mother of Dulce Donaldson)
Rex William Tyson
Sylvia O'Sullivan
- 31 Francis Joseph (Frank) Jago

May God Grant them Eternal Rest

Saints of the week, cycle C.

Monday, 26th of May:- Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Tuesday, 27th of May:- Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Wednesday, 28th of May:- Saint Germanus of Paris, Bishop

Thursday, 29th of May:- Saints Sisinnius, Alexander, Martyrius, Protomartyrs of Trent

Friday, 30th of May:- Saint Joan of Arc, Virgin

Saturday, 31st of May:- Saint Petronilla, Martyr

Sunday, 1st of Jun:- Saint Justin, Martyr

Are you a catechist or volunteer in your parish?

All catechists, volunteers, and those who serve in their parish are welcomed to share in a day of refreshing with Dianna Fouhy and Dcn Steve Fraser as your retreat hosts. Two retreats to choose from. One for parishes North of the bridge and one for parishes south of the bridge. \$25.00 per person. 10am to 3:30pm
All details and registration for **Northern** region **June 7 @ 10:00am - 3:30pm** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/be-refreshed-1-day-retreat-north/> Details and registration for **Southern** region **July 5 @ 10:00am - 3:30pm** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/be-refreshed-1-day-retreat-south/>
Registrations essential. For further information please contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz

Join us to celebrate together as Churches during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 1-8 June 2025:

The Ecumenical Day of prayer for Christian Unity - Sunday 1 June 2025 | 7:00PM at the Anglican St Lukes Church in Mt Albert. Refreshments afterwards. We are called to a greater participation at this years' service - nearby Catholic parishes come, bring your priest along.

Engaged / Planning a wedding? Catholic Diocese of Auckland – Approved Marriage Preparation Course

Book your Marriage Preparation Course early 1 year for NZ and 18 months for overseas weddings. Register & Book here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/> For more information contact: Gerry at gerrys@cda.org.nz M: 021 02247442

Easter to Pentecost, a time for prayer, for pondering, for being present in the church's journey with Jesus after His Resurrection. Here are some opportunities for you to be on The Way with a few others from your home, on Zoom. Please contact Dianna Fouhy diannaf@cda.org.nz for more details.

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church

6th Sunday of Easter, 25th May, 2025

Cycle C



Introduction:

My own peace I give you

Peace was Jesus' farewell gift to his Church –not a static peace but an active peacemaking through his Spirit in the hearts of all his people. It was he who said: “Blessed are the peacemakers.”

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29

The early Church community determines, with the help of the Holy Spirit, not to impose the requirement of circumcision on Gentile Christians.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8

R/. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14,22-23

The vision of the splendor of the heavenly Jerusalem is described.

Gospel Acclamation:- John 14: 23

Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

St Andrew Church cleaning schedule for next **Saturday 31st of May** from **9am -10.30am**. Needing volunteers please. Enquiries, please contact Litia Lockington on 02108329971.

Current of Grace, Auckland (CHARIS) is having its annual Pentecost celebration on **8 June from 1:30pm to 4:00pm** at St Luke's Church. 260 Chapel Rd, Flat Bush, Auckland.

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Fr. Andrew Matthew

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

Thursday 29 May 6.30pm, St Francis Xavier Church, Park Ave, Whangarei. Suggested Koha \$10.00 per person. Link for registration: [An Evening with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#) **Friday 30 May 6.30pm**, Pompallier Diocesan Centre \$20.00. Link for registration: [A Conversation with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#) **Saturday 31 May 1.30 - 4.00pm**, Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St. Koha. link for registration: [Retreat Workshop with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#) **Saturday 31 May 6.30pm**, Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St., \$10.00 per person. Link for registration: [A Concert with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#).

Scripture note :-

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

State kills 612 vulnerable patients in 2024! Media Release 21 May 2025

In response to an Official Information Act request from Right to Life dated 5th May, the NZ Ministry of Health advised that a total of 612 vulnerable patients in New Zealand had been given a lethal injection or assisted in suicide in the year ending 31 March 2025.

This was an increase of nearly 78% from the 344 patients killed in 2024. On average, this is nearly 12 patients being killed each week in New Zealand.

The Ministry advised that since the introduction of the End of Life Choice Act on 7th November 2021 and up to 31 March 2025, a total of 1213 vulnerable patients have been killed, 898 in their home, 84 in a hospital, 195 in a retirement home and 36 in a hospice.

The community should be concerned that an insidious culture of death is increasingly threatening the most vulnerable patients in our community.

Join us to celebrate together as Churches during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 1–8 June 2025 in these 3 ways.

1. **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity prayer resources are prepared for you.** Download them from our diocesan [website here](#). Gather members of your church groups (youth, Legion of Mary, schools, invite other church communities around you) and families at home. Use/adapt these resources to suit, whether as opening or closing prayers.
2. **The Ecumenical Day of prayer for Christian Unity.** On Sunday 1June2025|5PM at the Anglican St Lukes Church in Mt Albert. Refreshments afterwards. We are called to a greater participation at this years' service - nearby Catholic parishes come, bring your priest along.
3. **Webinar ZOOM Lecture** on 'What is Ecumenism, Its history and relevance today', by Rev Dr Ray Williamson, pastor from Sydney Anglican Church | Tues. 20th May 2025 | 7PM NZT | A must for all Catholics. Email to louisar@cda.org.nz to register for the webinar. For ZOOM meeting visit: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82580866130> ID: 82580866130.

Scripture Readings for the Ascension of the Lord, 1st June, Cycle C

Theme:- God goes up with shouts of joy

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the Apostles.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47:2-3,6-9

R/. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-

23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Acclamation:- Matthew 28:19.20

Alleluia, Alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:46-53

Jesus is taken to heaven and the disciples remain in Jerusalem awaiting his sending of the Spirit.

Please email items for the newsletter or Memorial book to

nimmibaksu@gmail.com or text to **0274308557** – Nimmi Abraham

Jubilee Bursary Semester 2, 2025 For Theology and RE courses. Applications close **Thursday, 5 June 2025** please contact: michellej@cda.org.nz

SAINT TERESA'S SCHOOL

BLUFF is to celebrate 125 years Jubilee. **Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th October 2025.** We would love to see you and do let your friends / relations know.

Enquiries to Sonz125@hotmail.com

VACANCY – DIRECTOR, CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE: For over 60 years, the Catholic Enquiry Centre has helped thousands of people explore the Catholic faith and, in many cases, become Catholic. An agency of the Bishops Conference, the Centre is the first point of contact for enquirers seeking information about the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand, and supports Church communities in their mission of evangelisation. The Centre is seeking a new Director to lead a small team in continuing this important work. A personal commitment to the Catholic Church along with a proven history of sharing the faith and of leading a team will be necessary. Please send expressions of interest to secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz by **June 6**. The role could be filled sooner for the right candidate, so please contact the Bishops Conference promptly.

Hope and Renewal Summit – RACE Awapuni, 67 Racecourse Road, **Palmerston North**, In this Jubilee Year of Hope, the Summit calls parish leaders, clergy, and volunteers to dream boldly and step confidently into a future where parishes thrive in mission and discipleship. This 3-day gathering will equip you with practical tools, Spirit-led inspiration, and a renewed vision for lasting parish renewal. In partnership with Divine Renovation and the Diocese of Palmerston North, the summit builds on New Zealand's growing renewal movement—now is the time to fan the flame into a nationwide transformation. **October 2** - Clergy Only Day: A day of spiritual renewal and leadership formation for priests. **October 3- 4** - Open to everyone Inspiring keynotes from renewal leaders Hands-on workshops Spirit-led prayer. From small rural parishes to large urban communities, this summit offers the vision, tools, and encouragement to embrace mission, inspire hope, and transform parish culture. The time is now. The call is clear. Are you ready to set your parish on fire for mission? Please visit the following link for details and registration: [Home - Hope and Renewal Summit | Parish Renewal Conference](#)