

*The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time*

- 21 Noeline Dobbs  
21 Roanld Robertson  
22 Brother Matthews Cody  
24 Edward O'Connor  
John Dunn (husband of Kath Dunn)  
Charlie Potter (husband of May Potter)  
Dulce Donaldson  
25 Ewen Donaldson  
Ina Margaret McGuire  
Sister Verda Courtney  
Brother Robert Williams  
26 Allan Clark Littlewood  
Dorothy Gilbert

**Saints of the week, cycle C.**

**Monday, 21st of Jul:- Saint Daniel**

**Tuesday, 22nd of Jul:- Saint Mary Magdalen**

**Wednesday, 23rd of Jul:- Saint Bridget of Sweden**

**Thursday, 24th of Jul:- Saint Christina of Bolsena**

**Friday, 25th of Jul:- Saint James the Greater, Saint Christopher**

**Saturday, 26th of Jul:- Saints Anne and Joachim**

**Sunday, 27th of Jul:- Saint Pantaleon**

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

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

# Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Tuakau

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 20th July, 2025, Cycle C



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**Mass Times:**

Saturday Vigil, 5:00 pm  
Wed & Fri, 11:00 am

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 4:30 to 4:45 pm  
or by appointment

**Anointing of the sick:**

First Friday, during Mass at  
11:00 am

**Introduction:**

**Welcoming God into Our Midst**

*We are called to both work and pray-and it is sometimes difficult to strike the right balance, as Martha discovered. May we always be willing to do the work of the Lord without forgetting the Lord of all work.*

**Readings from Sacred Scripture:**

**First Reading:** Genesis 18:1-10a

Abraham entertains three strangers and is promised a son.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 15:2-5

*R/. The just will live in the presence of the Lord*

**Second Reading:** Colossians 1:24-28

The mystery hidden from ages past has now been revealed in Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation:-** Acts 16:14 Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!*

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 10:38-42

Jesus visits the house of Martha and Mary.

**CATHOLIC NEWS IN YOUR INBOX:** What's happening in the Catholic Church in New Zealand? What is Pope Leo doing and saying? What are the big stories affecting people of faith in our country? Get Catholic headlines delivered to your inbox each Tuesday and Friday. Sign up today at: <https://cathnewsnz.com/>

**WEEKLY INSPIRATION – HOPE**

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you... plans to give you hope and a future.*

Jeremiah 29:11



Hold on to this truth: God is not done with you yet. Let His promises renew your strength as you step into the days ahead.

### **Scripture note :-**

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins chapter 10—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.

**Te Ara o te Tūmanako - The Way of Hope - 29th September 2025 to 19th October 2025** Every 25 years the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God's people. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope." On the way we will meet pilgrims of the past, who we now know as saints, but were once pilgrims of the past who have influenced our local and the universal Church and who will inspire us in hope as journey to the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome. For further information and bookings please contact Harvest Journeys NZ Call free 0800 819 156 - [harvestjourneys.com/pv2566](http://harvestjourneys.com/pv2566) or [info@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:info@harvestjourneys.com)

**St Marys College Auckland 175th Jubilee Celebrations.** Labour Weekend (Friday 24th - Sunday 26th October) 2025 marks 175 years since the Sisters of Mercy arrived in NZ and founded St Mary's College. Past pupils, teachers and friends are invited to a weekend of celebrations, including a cocktail function, school tours and displays, and a family picnic and Mass at the school. On Saturday 25th October, the Gala Jubilee Dinner will be held at the RNZ Yacht Squadron. For more information about the Jubilee events please contact [pastpupilsstmarys@gmail.com](mailto:pastpupilsstmarys@gmail.com)

### **Literacy Aotearoa (RYALT) seeking a tutor**

- Training is provided online and is free.
- Face-to-Face coaching takes place in a public place like the Library, or maybe a Hub if the community has one. Some of our students don't have devices to use to be online.
- Coaching sessions are one on one - no groups or classes.
- It's up to the coach and student to come to an agreement on how often they meet and for how long.
- The average session lasts about an hour.
- We don't have a curriculum - instead we focus on what the student feels they need to work on. It could be filling in forms, trying to pass a drivers licence, learning to read (some of our students are beginners), becoming more confident with writing especially in spelling.

**For more information please contact**

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### **Scripture Readings for 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 27th July, Cycle C**

**Theme:- Lord Teach us to Pray**

**First Reading:** *Genesis 18:20-32*

Abraham pleads with God to save the innocent people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 15:2-5*

**R/. On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

**Second Reading:** *Colossians 2:12-14*

*You were buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with him.*

**Gospel Acclamation:-** *Acts 16:14*

*Alleluia, Alleluia! The word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!*

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 11:1-13*

Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

Please email items for the newsletter or Memorial book to [minu\\_mathew@hotmail.com](mailto:minu_mathew@hotmail.com) or text to 021 926 935 – Minu Mathew

**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](mailto:Sonz125@hotmail.com)

**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](#)

**Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women** is moving to small parish-based groups called Dovecotes, where women may experience the warmth of fellowship, the power of prayer and the joy of worship. If you feel a need for a Dovecote in your area, please contact Gloria: [dovenational.leader@gmail.com](mailto:dovenational.leader@gmail.com) or Ph 0272456742. Or see our website: [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz)

**World Youth Day Auckland 2025: Signs of Hope | Saturday 2nd August 10am – 8:30pm** Calling all young people aged 13–35 (and their awesome youth leaders)! Join over 1,500 young Catholics at Victory Convention Centre for World Youth Day Auckland 2025 - a massive, joy-filled day of faith, community, and HOPE. Get ready for dynamic speakers, uplifting praise and worship, powerful prayer experiences, delicious (free) kai, Mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, and a huge celebration of our Catholic faith. Follow the link for more details and to register: <https://events.humanitix.com/wydak25>