

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 21 Father John Dooley
30 Steven Perry (grandson of Dora Van Den Bogaart)
31 Edward Green (brother of Connie Brown)
3 William Cronin
Sarah Cairns
4 Francis Patrick Geraghty

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Saints of the week, cycle C.

Monday, 28th of Jul:- Saint Nazarius and Celsus

Tuesday, 29th of Jul:- Saint Martha

Wednesday, 30th of Jul:- Saint Abdon and Sennen

Thursday, 31st of Jul:- Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Friday, 1st of Aug:- Saint Alphonsus de' Liguori

Saturday, 2nd of Aug:-Saints Stephen I

Sunday, 3rd of Aug:- Saint Nicodemus

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Church Notices

Church Cleaning – Saturday, 2nd August

Join us for church cleaning on **Saturday, 2nd August from 9:30am to 11:00am.**

We are also looking for volunteers to assist as **Ministers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers.**

If you're able to help, please contact:

Litia Lockington – 021 0832 9971

Clare Williams – 021 178 0667

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Tuakau

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 27th 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:

Lord, Teach Us to Pray

Prayer Thought: Jesus came to reveal how close we are to God our Father, and to Jesus as our brother. We must therefore never be afraid to ask our loving father for all our needs, knowing that he will grant all this is good for us.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

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!

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WEEKLY INSPIRATION – PRAYER



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

— Philippians 4:6

Prayer isn't just about asking for things—it's about building a relationship with God. It's in stillness and honesty that we draw closer to Him, and even when we don't have the words, He hears the cries of our hearts.

Scripture note :-

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word Holy Spirit. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

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 or 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

Scripture Readings for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 27th July, Cycle C

Theme:- Look for the Things of Heaven

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15:2-5

R/. Oh Lord, You have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

There is neither Greek nor Jew, but Christ is all in all.

Gospel Acclamation:- Acts 16:14

Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21

A person's life does not consist of possessions.

Please email items for the newsletter or Memorial book to 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

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](#)

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