

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 4 Francis Patrick Geraghty
5 Itiria Karaitiana
6 Kathleen O'Brien (stepmother of Pat Tyson)
7 Henry Lawrence Bean (father of Leo Bean)
Irene Mary Dromgool
Catherine Glennon
9 Mary Helen Drayson
Terence John O'Sullivan
Walter Donald McGahan
Sua Fuifuomato Fiu John Daniel Smith (relation of Peter Loheni)
Peter Hodson (brother of Derek)
10 Aukusitino Sapa'u (brother of Flo Sapa'u)
Norman Hill (father of Kath Dunn)
Rona May Lange (née Grimmer) mother of Fr. Brian Lange

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, 4th of Aug:- Saint John Vianney

Tuesday, 5th of Aug:- Dedication of the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore

Wednesday, 6th of Aug:- Transfiguration of the Lord

Thursday, 7th of Aug:- Saint Cajetan

Friday, 8th of Aug:- Saint Dominic

Saturday, 9th of Aug:- Saints Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Sunday, 10th of Aug:- Saint Laurence

Church Notices

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

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Your support is greatly appreciated!

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Tuakau

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 3rd August 2025, Cycle C



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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:

Look for the things of Heaven.

Prayer Thought: There is nothing intrinsically wrong with the world: God made it and it is good. But we must look beyond it to its creator if we are to appreciate the kingdom to which God has called us.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

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.

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WEEKLY INSPIRATION – HEAVENWARD



Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

— Colossians 3:2

Life can easily pull our attention in a hundred directions, but God invites us to lift our gaze. When we turn our hearts heavenward, we're reminded that our true identity and hope are found in Him. The more we focus on the eternal, the more peace and clarity we find in the present.

Scripture note :-

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

Mothers Group: All mothers and their children under the age of 5 are invited to "St Gianna's Mothers and Children Group". The morning starts with an element of formation and group discussions while your children enjoy a safe area to play, followed by Mass and lunch (provided). Join us on the **second and fourth Tuesdays** of the month from **10am - 1pm**. This group is run by Family Life International at their 'St Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies' in Pukekohe Auckland. First session will be on Tuesday 29th of April.

Contact Amie for the address: 027 350 8227; werthenextgen@gmail.com

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 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 10th August, Cycle C

Theme:- Our soul is waiting on the Lord.

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

The Hebrew people awaited the salvation of the just.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:1,12,18-22
R/ Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Gospel Acclamation:- Acts 16:14

Alleluia, Alleluia! Stay awake and be ready because you do not know the hour when the son of man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-48

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

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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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 M: 021 02247442

Please contact Father Robert as soon as possible in planning your marriage.

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: doventational.leader@gmail.com or Ph 0272456742. Or see our website: www.dove.org.nz

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.

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