

*The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time*

- 12 Joan Miriam Petrie (mother of Sarah Giles)  
13 Brett James Miller  
George Foote  
14 David Martin Peters (brother of Carmel Jennings)  
Foster Jury  
Grace Cosh  
15 Niel McLeod  
16 Terr Tolich  
16 Desmond Brown (husband of Connie)  
17 Patrick Harnett  
Kathleen Blackmore  
Mary Little  
Tony Denton (nephew of Irene Dromgool)

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, 11th of Aug:-** Saint Clare of Assisi  
**Tuesday, 12th of Aug:-** Saint Jane Frances de Chantal  
**Wednesday, 13th of Aug:-** Saint Hippolytus  
**Thursday, 15th of Aug:-** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Friday, 16th of Aug:-** Saint Stephen of Hungary, Saint Roch  
**Saturday, 17th of Aug:-** Saint Clare of Montefalco  
**Sunday, 18th of Aug:-** Saint Helen

**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

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 10th August 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:**

***Our soul is waiting on the Lord.***

*Prayer Thought: Today we are warned against complacency. It is all too easy to think that we are 'all right'. But we need to be ready to answer his call when ever it may come.*

**Readings from Sacred Scripture:**

***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.

**WEEKLY INSPIRATION – WATCHFUL LIVING**



**“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet.”**

— Luke 12:35–36

It's easy to slip into routine or complacency, thinking there's always more time. But Jesus calls us to live with purpose, always alert and ready. True watchfulness isn't passive—it's generous, faithful, and rooted in obedience. When we live each day as if the Master might return at any moment, our priorities shift. We give more, love more, and stay focused on what truly matters—eternity.

### Scripture note :-

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.

**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](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)

### Scripture Readings for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 17th August, Cycle C

**Theme:- I am here to Bring Division**

**First Reading** Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

*Jeremiah is punished for criticizing the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 39:2-4.18

**R/. Lord, come to my aid!**

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:1-4

*Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.*

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

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

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 12:49-53

Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

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### **CATHOLIC NEWS IN YOUR IN-BOX:**

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**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](#)

### **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

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: [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)