

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 1 Elizabeth Wright
- 3 Colin Cottle
Lena Fraser
Rose McNaughton
John Leon McGuire
Cecilia Maria Ruiters, (sister of John Van Der Gulik)
Valerie Winfred Grey (cousin of Colleen Youngs)
- 4 Benjamin McMahon
Annette Johnson
- 6 Edward Russell Gaines (the first Bishop of Hamilton)
Basil Francis Olsen
Myrtle Ivy Tyson
Ellen Frances Adams
- 7 Martin Van Vught

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, 1st of Sept:- Saint Giles
Tuesday, 2nd of Sept:- Saint Elpidius
Wednesday, 3rd of Sept:- Saint Gregory the Great
Thursday, 4th of Sept:- Saint Rosalia
Friday, 5th of Sept:- The Lorenzo of Giustiniani
Saturday, 6th of Sept:- Saint Zechariah
Sunday, 7th of Sept:- Saint Gratus of Aosta

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

Liturgy Committee meeting

The St. Andrew Church Liturgy Committee meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, 13 September, at 3:30 PM** in the church."

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Tuakau

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, 31st 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:

The Greatness of Humility

Prayer Thought: True humility is not false modesty– it means that we acknowledge that all our talents come from God. Christ himself was humble even to accepting death.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favor with God

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116

R/. In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation:- Acts 16:14

Alleluia, Alleluia! If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1,7-14

When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled,

WEEKLY INSPIRATION – DISCIPLESHIP



"Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

— Luke 14:27

Following Jesus comes at a cost. True discipleship means putting Him above family, possessions, and even our own desires. Jesus calls us to count the cost, carry our cross, and commit fully to the Kingdom. Though the path is demanding, it leads to true life and lasting joy in Him.

Scripture note :-

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to loving them more than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

Counties Catholic Mens' Fellowship will meet on **Wednesday 3rd September**, at the chapel at St Ignatius College in Drury, starting with mass at 7:00pm, and then a meeting afterwards. New members welcome, come and join in our prayers for priests, for vocations, and for each other.
Contact Richard 029 5335370, Michael 021 1258814 or Tim 027 2436211

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

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

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 or Ph 0272456742. website: www.dove.org.nz

Scripture Readings for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 7th September, Cycle C

Theme:- Grant Wisdom to guide us

First Reading Wisdom 9:13-18b

Knowledge alone has limits. We also need wisdom to understand the ways of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90:3-4,5-6,12-13,14-17

R/. O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:- Acts 16:14

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your decrees. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.

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.

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Please email items for the newsletter or Memorial book to minu_mathew@hotmail.com or text to 021 926 935 – Minu Mathew

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