

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 15 Fernanda Mina (grandmother of Eva Armitage)
- 17 Denis Cronin
Joseph Fleming
- 18 Joseph Finn (father of Marilyn Masemann)
- 19 Muriel Cronin
Joan Marguerite Howard
- 20 Russell Lynsky
Michael Denton (father of Dawn Murphy)
- 21 Lawrence Ryan

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, 15th of Sept:- Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday, 16th of Sept:- Saints Cornelius Pope and Cyprian Bishop
Wednesday, 17th of Sept:- Saint Hildegard of Bingen
Thursday, 18th of Sept:- Saint Joseph of Copertino
Friday, 19th of Sept:- Saint Januarius
Saturday, 20th of Sept:- Martyrs of Korea, Saint Eustace
Sunday, 21st of Sept:- Saint Matthew

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

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

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Tuakau

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 14th September 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:

Christ Jesus came to save Sinners.

Prayer Thought: Jesus invited sinners to talk and eat with him. We too have been invited to take part in this Mass. If we are willing to accept his invitation he is waiting to welcome us with open arms.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading Numbers 21:4b-9

Moses made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he or she was healed

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: Philippians 2:6-11

Jesus Christ, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as a thing to be grasped.

Gospel Acclamation:- Acts 16:14

Alleluia,

Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

WEEKLY INSPIRATION – ETERNAL LIFE



“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

— John 3:14-15

The cross is not defeat but victory. In Jesus, eternal life begins now—life in God's presence, filled with healing and hope. Each day we are invited to believe, to accept His gift, and to live in the freedom of His love.

Scripture note :-

In John's Gospel, Jesus' death on the cross as well as his resurrection and return to the Father are one event. For him, the cross is a sign of exaltation. The serpent that Moses lifted up in the desert to offer healing to those injured by snake bites prefigures Jesus' being lifted up on the cross, bringing salvation.

The eternal life God offers through Jesus is not life without end but life lived in the unending presence of God. That is why it can begin now in this life. The world to which God sends the Son is not a place but those people who are at odds with Jesus and God. Jesus is sent to this world as a gift. Only believers accept the gift.

Finally, God's judgment on the world is not a future cosmic event but a present reality. God sent the Son out of love for the world. However, the world has to decide to accept him. Those who accept him have eternal life at the moment of the decision. Those who reject him don't.

Walk through the Mass Discovering the meanings behind the words, actions & rituals of the Catholic Mass. Presenter: Judith Courtney / St Patrick's Church Pukekohe / Sunday **21 September / 1 pm - 3 pm** / Refreshments provided. Registrations to the office - office@pukekohecatholic.org.nz

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 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C, 21st September

Theme:- God or Money

First Reading Amos 8:4-7

Unfair business practices and injustice to the poor will be judged by God.

Responsorial Psalm:- Ps 112:1-2,4-8

R/. Praise the Lord, Who raises the poor.

Second Reading: Psalm 113: 1-2,4-6,7-8

Praise be to God, who raises up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation:- Acts 16:14

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money.

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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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 18 months 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.