

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 20 Mary Markham
21 Dan Fitzgerald
22 Eileen Johnson
Ethel Rebecca Holz
26 Eva Young
Desmond Cole

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.

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

Saints of the week, cycle C.

Monday, 20th of Oct:- Saint Cornelius
Tuesday, 21st of Oct:- Saint Ursula
Wednesday, 22nd of Oct:- Saint Mary Salome
Thursday, 23rd of Oct:- Saint John of Capestrano
Friday, 24th of Oct:- Saints Anthony Mary Claret
Saturday, 25th of Oct:- Saint Crispin
Sunday, 26th of Oct:- Saint Evaristus

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

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 19, 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 Virtue of Perseverance

Prayer Thought: There is something very human about Moses and the widow in today's readings. It is easy to become discouraged in prayer, but God always has an answer to it, even if it is one we least expect

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading Exodus 17:8-13

Joshua and the Israelites defeat Amalek with the help of God and his servant, Moses.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 120

R/. Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2

Paul exhorts Timothy to continue to preach the word Timothy received from his teachers.

Gospel Acclamation:- Ephesians 1:17.18 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: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers. returns to give thanks.

WEEKLY INSPIRATION

PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER



“Pray always without becoming weary.”
— Luke 18:1

Jesus teaches us through the parable of the persistent widow to never give up in prayer. God is not like the unjust judge — He listens with love and answers in His perfect time. Let us keep praying with faith and perseverance, trusting that God always hears us.

Scripture note :-

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

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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.

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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C, 19th October

Theme:- Be Merciful to me, a Sinner.

First Reading *Sirach 35:12-14,16-18*
God hears the prayer of the poor.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 120*

R/. This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18*
Paul perseveres in faith, confident that God will rescue him.

Gospel Acclamation:- *Ephesians 1:17.18*
Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:9-14*
Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.

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- Face-to-Face coaching takes place in a public place like the Library, or maybe a Hub if the community has one. Some of our students don't have devices to use to be online.
- Coaching sessions are one on one - no groups or classes.
- It's up to the coach and student to come to an agreement on how often they meet and for how long.
- The average session lasts about an hour.
- We don't have a curriculum - instead we focus on what the student feels they need to work on. It could be filling in forms, trying to pass a drivers licence, learning to read (some of our students are beginners), becoming more confident with writing especially in spelling.

For more information please contact
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