

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 27 Cornelius Otto van der Poel (husband of Ethel van de Poel)
Dorothy Hodson (mother of Stephen and Felicity)
Dr N V Abraham (father of Nimmi Abraham)
- 28 John Griffen
Patricia Isobel Tyson
- 29 Leoni Engi
Ricardo Taland Sr
Stephen Hodson (son of Derek & Dorothy Hodson)
- 30 David Craig
- 31 Eric Laurence O'Brien
Eileen Comer
Bernard Joseph Adams
- 2 William Kelly
John Riley
George Washer

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, 27th of Oct:- Saint Frumentius

Tuesday, 28th of Oct:- Saint Simon, Saint Jude

Wednesday, 29th of Oct:- Saint Narcissus of Jerusalem

Thursday, 30th of Oct:- Blessed Angelo of Acri

Friday, 31st of Oct:- Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez

Saturday, 1st Nov- All Saints' Day

Sunday, 2nd Nov:- All Souls' Day

Church Notices

Altar Flower Donations

A donation box for the **Church Altar flowers** will be placed at the back of the church and collected after each weekend Mass. Your generous contributions help keep our altar beautiful and welcoming.

Any donations and assistance are deeply appreciated — thank you for your continued support.

Volunteers

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

Clare Williams – 021 178 0667

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Welcome to
St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Tuakau
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 26th, 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:

Be Merciful to me, a Sinner.

Prayer Thought: There is no point in pretending before God: he sees us exactly as we are. If we place ourselves honestly and humbly in his presence then our prayer will be answered.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

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.

“For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” – Luke 18:14



Lord, teach me to come before You with a humble heart.
Empty me of pride so that Your grace may fill every part of me.

In the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus reminds us that true prayer isn't about showing how good we are — it's about **acknowledging how much we need God**. The Pharisee trusted in his own righteousness, while the tax collector came before God with humility and honesty. God listens most closely to the heart that bows low, not the voice that boasts high.

Scripture note :-

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

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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.

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

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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.

Scripture Readings All Souls' Day 2nd November 2025

Theme:- God Wants us to be Saved.

First Reading Wisdom 3:1-9 or Wisdom 4:7-15 or Isaiah 25:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2,8-11,13-14
R/. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second Reading: Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 5:17-21 or Romans 6:3-9 or Romans 8:14-23 or Romans 8:31b-35,37-39 or Romans 14:7-9,10c-12 or 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 or 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 or 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1 or 2 Corinthians 5:1,6-10 or Philippians 3:20-21 or 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel Acclamation:- John 3:16 Alleluia, Alleluia! *God loved the world so much that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him has eternal life.* Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12a or Matthew 11:25-30 or Matthew 25:31-46

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Literacy Aotearoa (RYALT) seeking a tutor

- Training is provided online and is free.
- 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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