

*The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time*

- 17 John Langton (brother of Clare Williams)  
18 James Smith  
19 James Darroch  
20 Adele George (aunt of Carmel Jennings)  
Maurits Cornille  
Alex van den Bogaart (Niece of Trudy Moulden)  
22 Gordon Clotworthy  
Launsie McGuire  
23 Peter Jackson

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, 17th of Nov:-** Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

**Tuesday, 18th of Nov:-** Saint Frediano of Lucca

**Wednesday, 19th of Nov:-** Saint Obadiah

**Thursday, 20th of Nov:-** Saint Benignus

**Friday, 21st of Nov:-** Saint Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Saturday, 22nd of Nov:-** Saint Cecilia

**Sunday, 23rd of Nov:-** Saint Clement I

**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

*Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, , Cycle C, Nov 16th, 2025*



**Introduction:**

*Your Endurance will win you your lives.*

*There has always been those who preach the end of the world. We are not to be worried. Our steadfastness to our faith through all hardships will bring us closer to Lord and his Kingdom.*

**Readings from Sacred Scripture:**

**First Reading** Malachi 3:19-20

*The day of justice is coming, says the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 97:5-9

*R/. The Lord comes to rule the people with fairness.*

**Second Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

*Paul urges the community to follow his example and to earn their keep.*

**Gospel Acclamation:-** Luke 21:36 Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Stay awake praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the son of Man. Alleluia!*

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 21:5-19

*Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time*

**WEEKLY INSPIRATION –STEADFAST TRUST**



**“By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” – Luke 21:19**

This week's Gospel reminds us that even in times of difficulty, God is with us. Jesus tells His followers that challenges and uncertainties are not signs of abandonment but opportunities to show faith. Luke encourages patience and trust, assuring us that perseverance reveals God's wisdom and leads us closer to salvation. May we face each day with courage, knowing God walks with us through every trial.

### **Scripture note :-**

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

**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

**OneLicense** exciting Update. Are you struggling to have musicians to play at each Mass? OneLicense has launched a new Recorded Audio License. With this add-on you can legally play master recordings and self-produced recordings in worship services, embed them into slides, and more! For more information please see <https://www.onelicense.net/how-it-works#recorded-audio> If you wish to add one on to your current license, please email your Auckland Diocese Group Manager Tina Coll on [tinac@cda.org.nz](mailto:tinac@cda.org.nz)

### **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.

### **Scripture Readings: 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C, 23rd November**

**Theme:-** *You will be with me in Paradise*

**First Reading** 2 Samuel 5:1-3

*David is anointed king.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 121:1-5

***R/. I rejoiced when I heard them say 'Let us go to God's house.'***

**Second Reading:** Colossians 1:12-20

*Hymn to Jesus as the first-born of all creation.*

**Gospel Acclamation:-** Mark 11:9-10 Alleluia, Alleluia! ***Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David. Alleluia!***

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 23:35-43

*Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.*

Please email items for the newsletter or Memorial book to [minu\\_mathew@hotmail.com](mailto:minu_mathew@hotmail.com) or text to 021 926 935 – Minu Mathew

### **CATHOLIC NEWS IN YOUR INBOX:**

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**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. website: [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz)

### **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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