

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 1 Peg Darroch (auntie of Irene Dromgool)
- 6 Gregory John Dunn (son of Kath & John Dunn)
- 6 Claire Smith (cousin of Irene Dromgool)
- Felicity Hodson 1977 (daughter of Derek & Dorothy)
- 7 Reva Marie Bravo

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

Monday, 1st of Dec:- Saint Eligius
Tuesday, 2nd of Dec:- Saint Bibiana
Wednesday, 3rd of Dec:- Saint Francis Xavier
Thursday, 4th of Dec:- Saint John Damascene
Saint Barbara
Friday, 5th of Dec:- Saint Dalmatius of Pavia



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

Come join us for a church clean-up on Saturday, **6th December from 9am–11am!** We'll be freshening up both inside and outside. Your helping hands will make a huge difference!

Reconciliation Times during Advent with the below dates will start at 4pm.

Saturday 6th December 2025

Saturday 13th December 2025

Saturday 20th December 2025

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Tuakau

First Sunday of Advent, Cycle A, Nov 30th, 2025



Introduction:

Stay Awake

Prayer Thought: The time has come, the time to be vigilant for the coming of our God. This is not only a matter for the mind: it calls for conversion of heart and renewal of life as we prepare this Advent to meet our saviour.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

Isaiah describes his vision in which all nations are gathered together by God in peace.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5,6-7,8-9

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

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Be prepared, salvation is near.

Gospel Acclamation:- Mark 11:9-10 Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

WEEKLY INSPIRATION –WATCHFULNESS



“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.” — Matthew 24:42

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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

Stay awake to the presence of God in your everyday life.
Let your heart be ready, not distracted or anxious.
Live today with the hope and expectation that Christ is near.

Scripture note :-

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

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

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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.

Second Sunday of Advent, Cycle A 7th December

Theme:- Repent for the Kingdom of God is Close

First Reading: *Isaiah 11:1-10*
A descendent of Jesse will usher in a time of peace.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 71:1-2.7-8.12-13.17*

R/. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

Second Reading: *Romans 15:4-9*
Both Jews and Gentiles glorify God for the salvation found in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:- *Mark 11:9-10 Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see salvation of God. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 3:1-12*
John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance.

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

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 Rowena Bonne <krmbonne@gmail.com> 021 1789 508

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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