

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 29 Stanley Cronin
31 Jane Darragh
Rose Anne Pryor
William Campbell
Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI (b1927 resigned Papacy 28/02/13)
1 Bernard McKiernan
Daniel Hartwell
Charles O'Leary
3 George Jowsey (cousin of May Potter)
John Murphy
Mark Liefing
Maui Tate (father of Maui Tate)
Hernando Silva
(brother of Eva Armitage)
4 Clara Walsh
Pauline Margaret Geraghty

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.

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

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



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Cycle A, Dec 28th 2025

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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:

A Home for God's Love.

Prayer Thought: The Family of the Trinity— Father, Son and Holy Spirit—has revealed itself to us in love. Today we celebrate the model of home life shown by the Holy Family at Nazareth; we pray that we many grow in respect and for all our brothers and sisters in the worldwide family of humanity.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-7,12-14

Honor to one's parents will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 127:1-5

R/. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Do all things in the name of Jesus and give thanks to God.

Gospel Acclamation:- Mark 11:9-10 Alleluia, Alleluia!
May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod.

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“Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and departed for Egypt.”

— Matthew 2:14

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that faith often requires courage, trust, and quiet obedience. Joseph's willingness to listen to God and act without hesitation protected Jesus and Mary, even in the face of danger and uncertainty. His example teaches us that God's guidance may lead us through difficult paths, but He never abandons those who trust Him. As we reflect on the Holy Family, may we learn to place our faith in God's plan, even when it calls for sacrifice, patience, and strength beyond our

Scripture note :-

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

It should also be noted that today's reading omits the verses that recount Herod's order of the massacre of the infant boys in and around Bethlehem. We mark this event on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28.

These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.

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.

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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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Donation envelopes

We have discovered a small mix-up with our current gifting envelopes. If you are using envelope numbers 55 or 58, please see **Clare Williams** after Mass or contact **Karen Betty – 0274 303 385** so we can record your details for receipt purposes and for next year's envelopes.

If you would like a new set of envelopes, we also have a few spare numbers available. Please speak with Clare or Karen, and we will assign a set for the January 2026 distribution.

Notices & Remembrances Please email items for the newsletter or Memorial book to minu_mathew@hotmail.com or text to **021 926 935** – Minu Mathew

Saints of the week

Monday, 29th of Dec:- Saint Thomas Becket

Tuesday, 30th of Dec:- Saint Felix I

Wednesday, 31st of Dec:- Saint Sylvester I

Thursday, 1st of Jan:- The Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God

Friday, 2nd of Jan:- Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Saturday, 3rd of Jan- Saint Daniel of Padua, Most Holy name of Jesus

Sunday, 4th of Dec:- Blessed Angela of Foligno

