

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 12 Jose Mathew (Father of Dony Jose)
13 Kenneth O'Brien
Robert Karels
Michael Walsh
P.J. Mathew (Father of Minu Mathew)
16 Brendina Tichuis
Peter Joseph Howard 1988 (brother of Robyn Dowling)
17 Peregrine Narzo

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, 12th of Jan:- Saint Bernard of Corleone

Tuesday, 13th of Jan:- Saint Hilary of Poitiers

Wednesday, 14th of Jan:- Blessed Odo of Novara

Thursday, 15th of Jan:- Saint Maurus
Saint Paul the Hermit

Friday, 16th of Jan:- Saint Titian

Saturday, 17th of Jan:- Saint Anthony

Sunday, 18th of Jan:- Saint Margaret of Hungary



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.

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

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 Baptism of the Lord, Cycle A, Jan 11 2026



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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:

Jesus Christ, Lord of all Humanity

Prayer Thought: Jesus is baptized in the Jordan and receives the power of the spirit to begin his ministry.

Through our own baptism we have received that same spirit to be the driving force of our Christian life and work.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

The servant of the Lord shall bring justice to all.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 28:1-4,9-10

R/. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation:- Mark 9:7

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice

resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

The Spirit of God comes upon Jesus as he is baptized by John.

WEEKLY INSPIRATION –TRUST



“And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”

— Matthew 3:17

Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of His mission—a powerful reminder that embracing our purpose often starts with a moment of commitment and identity. Just as Jesus accepted His calling, we too are called to step forward in faith and live out the mission God has given us. Every new beginning, like baptism, is an invitation to transform and serve with courage and love.

Scripture note :-

The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew's presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, "This is my beloved son . . ." In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: "You are my beloved son . . ."

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: "I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission.

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

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 in Ordinary Time, Cycle C **18th January 2026**

Theme:- Your Land Will Have Its Wedding

First Reading: *Isaiah 62:1-5*
God delights in Israel and will rejoice as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 95:1-3.7-10*
R/. Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the people.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*
All spiritual gifts originate from the same Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation:- *John 6:63.68 Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading: *John 2:1-11*
Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.

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

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