

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

17 Carville Munro (uncle of Carmel & Ross Jennings)

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, 16th of Feb:- Saint Juliana of Nicomedia

Tuesday, 17th of Feb:- Saint Seven Servite Founders

Wednesday, 19th of Feb:- Beato Giovanni Fra Angelico

Thursday, 19th of Feb:- Saint Mansuetus

Friday, 20th of Feb:- Saint Eleutherius

Saturday, 21st of Feb- Saint Peter Damian

Saint Valentine

Sunday, 22nd of Feb:- The Chair of Saint Peter



First Holy Communion & Confirmation

St Andrew Parish will be running sacramental programmes for **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** starting next month. Dates will be advised shortly.

If you would like your child or children to participate, please complete a form or collect one from the back of the church. For any enquiries, please contact **Clare Williams** on **021 178 0667** or **Litia Lockington** on **021 083 29971**.

Ash Wednesday - 18/02/2026

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent — a sacred season of prayer, fasting, and reflection as we prepare our hearts for Easter. We invite everyone to join us for Mass and the distribution of ashes as we begin this meaningful journey together. Let this be a time to renew our faith, seek forgiveness, and grow closer to God.

Regular Mass is at 11:00am. Father will advise if there are any changes.

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A 15th February 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:

They are Happy who Follow God's Law

Prayer Thought: Law usually tells you what you must not do. But God's law is different, it is a charter for freedom and the path to life in its fullness.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading: Sirach 15:15–20
The eyes of God see all he has made.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2
R/. They are happy who follow God's law.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6–10
God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation:- John 8:12 Alleluia, Alleluia!
Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:17–37
I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them. salt of the earth and the light of the world.

WEEKLY INSPIRATION –FULFILLMENT



“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”
— Matthew 5:17 .”

Today's Gospel reminds us that faith isn't about doing the bare minimum — it's about becoming better from the inside out.

Don't settle for just “not doing wrong.”

Let your heart be transformed. Choose patience over anger, purity over impulse, love over pride.

That's how the Kingdom begins — quietly, within you

Scripture note :-

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

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

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 M: 021 02247442 Please contact Father Robert as soon as possible in planning your marriage.

First Sunday of Lent, Cycle A, 22nd February 2026

Theme:- Bow Down in the Sight of God

First Reading: *Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7*
Eve and Adam eat from the tree that was forbidden to them by God.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 118:1-2*
R/. Be with me, O Lord, in my distress

Second Reading: *Romans 5:12-19*
Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation:- *John 8:12 Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 4:1-11*
Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

Notices & Remembrances 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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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.

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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