

*The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time*

- 18 Daniel O'Sullivan (father of Lorraine Blundell)  
20 Gordon Lane  
Andrew Miller  
Andrew van den Bogaart (Brother of Trudy Moulden)  
21 Rosa Maria Theresa Dromgool

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 March** Saint Agapitus of Ravenna  
**Tuesday, 17th of March** :- Saint Patrick  
**Wednesday, 18th of March** :- Saint Cyril of Jerusalem  
**Thursday, 19th of March** :- Saint Joseph  
**Friday, 20th of March** :- Saint John Nepomucene  
**Saturday, 21st of March** – Saint Guistiniano of Vercelli  
**Sunday, 22nd of March** :- Saint Lea of Rome



**First Holy Communion & Confirmation—Sacramental Programme 2026**

Reconciliation—3:30 pm to 4:15pm Weekly before Vigil mass

February 28th	Week 1
March 7th	Week 2
March 14th	Week 3
March 21st	Week 4

For any enquiries, please contact **Clare Williams** on 021 178 0667 or **Litia Lockington** on 021 083 29971.

**Volunteers Needed for Chrism Mass – St Patrick's Cathedral :**

Volunteers are needed to attend the Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in Auckland City and assist with collecting the three blessed oils for St Andrew's Parish.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday, 31 March at 7:00 pm** at St Patrick's Cathedral. Anyone who is available to represent St Andrew's Parish and help collect the oils after the Mass is kindly asked to volunteer. If you are able to assist, please contact **021 0832 9981**.

**Support for Families**

If any family in our community needs help or support, please feel free to contact

**Litia Lockington** – 021 0832 9971 or **Clare Williams** – 021 178 0667

# Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Tuakau

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Cycle A, 15th March 2026



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Fr Joseph Doan

**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: This Man Welcomes Sinners**

*Prayer Thought: If we acknowledge our faults and turn to God, he will welcome us home with outstretched arms and embrace us lovingly. Throughout Lent he is waiting for us: we have only to take the first small step.*

**Readings from Sacred Scripture:**

**First Reading:** Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a  
*Samuel is sent to anoint David as king.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 33:2-7

*R/. Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14

*The Ephesians are told to live as children of light.*

**Gospel Acclamation:-** Luke 15:18 Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father I have sinned against heaven and against you.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Alleluia!*

**Gospel Reading:** John 9:1-41

*Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.*

**WEEKLY INSPIRATION –MERCY**



*"One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see." – John 9:25*

Jesus reminds us that true sight is not just seeing with our eyes, but recognizing God's presence in our lives. When we open our hearts to Him, He leads us from darkness into light. Sometimes we think we see clearly, yet our hearts remain closed. Jesus calls us to humility, so that His light can guide us and help us truly see.

## Scripture note :-

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

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**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](mailto:werthenextgen@gmail.com)

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent, Cycle A,  
15th March 2026**

**Theme:- All I want is to know Christ**

**First Reading:** *Ezekiel 37:12-14*  
*God will open the graves and restore the people of Israel.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 125*  
*R/. What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.*

**Second Reading:** *Romans 8:8-11*  
*The Spirit of God dwells in you.*

**Gospel Acclamation:-** *Luke 15:18 Alleluia,  
Alleluia! Praise to you, O Christ, King of  
eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so  
that you may live, and that the Lord God of  
hosts may really be with you. Praise to you,  
O Christ, king of eternal glory Alleluia!*

**Gospel Reading:** *John 11:1-45*  
*Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead*

**Notices & Remembrances** 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

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Please contact Father Robert as soon as possible in planning your marriage.

## **Altar Flower Donations**

We sincerely thank everyone for their generous donations towards the altar flowers. Your support is truly appreciated!

A donation box for Church altar flowers will be available at the back of the church and collected after each weekend Mass. Your contributions help keep our altar beautiful and welcoming. Any donations or assistance are deeply valued—thank you for your continued support.

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## **ROSTER FOR 21/03/2026**

### **Introduction:**

- Hector Camacho

### **Ministers of word:**

- 1st Reader : Marian De Souza
- 2nd Reader: Shelly Zinampan

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

- Joe McClunie

### **Altar Servers:**

- Nicholas
- Grace

