

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 25 Edna Peters (mother of Carmel Jennings)
Ross Jennings (husband of Carmel Jennings)
- 27 Rose Frances Denton
George Abraham McGuire
- 28 Anne Yeo (mother of Sharon Lam)

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, 23rd of March Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

Tuesday, 24th of March :- Blessed Diego Joseph of Cadiz

Wednesday, 25th of March :- The Annunciation of the Lord

Thursday, 26th of March :- Saint Lucia Filippini

Friday, 27th of March :- Saint Rupert

Saturday, 28th of March – Saint Conon

Sunday, 29th of March :- Saint Secundus



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

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

We kindly invite those who are able to donate to our **food basket this Lent** as a simple act of sacrifice and care for families in need. Your generosity can bring comfort and support to those who may be struggling.

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:

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Your support is greatly appreciated!

Welcome to St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, Tuakau

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Cycle A, 22nd March 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: Whoever believes in me will never die

Prayer Thought: By raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his mastery over death. To all the baptised he offers eternal life: if we remain with Jesus in his suffering and death, we may look forward to eternal union with him.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

God will open the graves and restore the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 125

R/. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit of God dwells in you.

Gospel Acclamation:- John 11:25.26 *Glory and*

Praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and life

says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.

Glory and Praise to you, O Christ

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

WEEKLY INSPIRATION –FAITH



“Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” - John 11:40

Faith means trusting Jesus even when we don’t understand His timing. Just as Martha believed despite her sorrow, we are called to hold onto hope, knowing that Jesus is the Resurrection and the life. With faith, even the darkest moments can lead to new life and God’s glory.

Scripture note :-

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Cycle A, 29th March 2026

Theme:- *The King who comes in the Name of the Lord.*

First Reading: *Isaiah 50:4-7*
The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 21:8-9,17-20,23-24*
R/. My God, my God, Why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading: *Philippians 2:6-11*
Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.

Gospel Acclamation:- *Philippians 2:8-9*
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory Alleluia!

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

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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.

ROSTER FOR 21/03/2026

Introduction:

- Milly/Melissa Marriner

Ministers of word:

- 1st Reader : Derek Hodson
- 2nd Reader: Clare Williams

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Earnesh Cruz

Altar Servers:

- Liam
- Grace



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