

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 11 Father John Temm
Jacobus Johannes
Nancy Moulden (mother in law of Trudy Moulden)
- 12 Peter William Connolly (husband of Marlene Connolly)

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.

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Saints of the week

Monday, 6th of April Saint Celestine I

Tuesday, 7th of April :- John Baptist de La Salle

Wednesday, 8th of April :- Saint Julian of Toledo

Thursday, 9th of April :- Saint Casilda of Toledo

Friday, 10th of April :- Saint Ezekiel, Saint Terence

Saturday, 11th of April – Saint Stanislaus

Sunday, 12th of April :- Saint Zeno



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 contribute to our food basket as a simple act of generosity and care for families in need. Your kindness 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

Easter Vigil, Cycle A, April 4, 2026



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Mass Times:

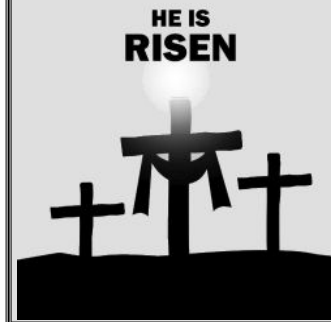
Saturday Vigil, 5:00 pm
Wed & Fri, 11:00 am

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 has Risen Triumphant

Prayer Thought: Tonight's vigil is the Feast of Feasts. This is the blessed night when Christ, our morning star, has come back from the dead.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading: Genesis 1:1–2:2

God creates the heavens and the earth.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 104:1–2,5–6,10,12–14,24,35

R/. A song of praise to God, the Creator

Second Reading: Genesis 22:1–18

God puts Abraham to the test.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 16:5,8–11

R/. The Lord shows us the path of life.

Third Reading Exodus 14:15–15:1

The Israelites pass through the Red Sea.

Responsorial Psalm Exodus 15:1–6,17–18

R/. The song of praise that the Israelites sang after crossing the Red Sea

Fourth Reading Isaiah 54:5–14

The Lord promises to redeem Israel.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 30:2,4–6,11–13

R/. A prayer of thanksgiving for redemption

Fifth Reading Isaiah 55:1–11

A call to return to the Lord who is merciful

Responsorial Psalm Isaiah 12:2–6

R/. The Lord sends his Salvation.

Sixth Reading Baruch 3:9–15,32–4:4

Israel is told to follow the way of God's commandments.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 19:8–11

R/. A prayer of praise for God's commandments

Seventh Reading Ezekiel 36:16–17a,18–28

The Lord will cleanse Israel for the sake of his holy name.

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 42:3,5; 53:3–4

R/. A prayer of praise for God who saves us

Epistle Romans 6:3–11

Those who have been baptized have died with Christ.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118:1–2,16–17,22–23

God's mercy endures forever.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1–10

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, who carry the message that Jesus has risen and will meet his disciples in Galilee.

SCRIPTURE NOTE

All four Gospels have an account of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Although the accounts differ depending on the point each Evangelist wishes to make, two points of the Resurrection testimony are common to all four Gospels: 1) The tomb of Jesus was found empty and 2) The risen Christ appeared to certain persons. Matthew tells us that, as Mary Magdalene and the other Mary approached the tomb, there was a great earthquake, and “an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it.” The guards stationed at the tomb were terrified and “became like dead men.” The angel then assured the women that Jesus “has been raised just as he said.” The women, “fearful yet overjoyed,” left the tomb as the angel instructed to tell the disciples. On their way, Jesus met and greeted the women who “embraced his feet and did him homage.” Jesus himself then sends the women to “tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

The mention of a great earthquake is peculiar to Matthew’s account of the Resurrection. Metaphorically, it indicates the coming of a new and final age brought about through the life, teaching, ministry, and particularly through the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Notable also is the fact that Jesus’ first appearance is to women, the women who came to minister to him. Finally, not to be overlooked, is Jesus’ use of the word “brothers” to refer to his disciples. It seems to be indicative of a new and different relationship that Jesus has with them. The disciples are now entrusted with the message and mission of the risen Jesus Christ.

WEEKLY INSPIRATION –HOPE



“Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.” — Matthew 28:10

Holy Week reminds us of the depth of Jesus’ love and obedience to the Father. Even in suffering, He chose sacrifice so that humanity could receive forgiveness and hope. As we journey with Christ this week, we are invited to reflect on our own faith, trust God’s will, and respond to His love with gratitude and devotion.

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

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.

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.

Second Sunday of Easter, Cycle A 12th April 2026

Theme:- Happy are those who have not seen yet believe

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47
The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

Responsorial Psalm:Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
R/. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
We have new hope because of Jesus’ Resurrection.

Gospel Acclamation:- John 20:1-9 Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus said: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31
Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

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

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

ROSTER FOR 11/04/2026

Introduction:

Marian De Souza

Ministers of word:

1st Reader : Hector Camacho

2nd Reader: Shelly Zimampan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joe McClunie

Altar Servers:

Liam

Grace



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