

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 25 George Robert Donovan
26 Father John Pierce
Catherine Hill (mother of Kath Dunn)
Margaret Easton
28 Paterna Domingo (mother of Dulce Donaldson)
Rex William Tyson

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, 24th of May :- Saint Amelia

Tuesday, 25th of May :- Saint Bede the Venerable

Wednesday, 26th of May :- Saint Philip Neri

Thursday, 27th of May :- Saint Augustine of Canterbury

Friday, 28th of May :- Saint Germanus of Paris

*Saturday, 29th of May :- Saints Sisinnius, Alexander, and
Martyrius*

Sunday, 30th of May :- Saint Joan of Arc



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:

Litia Lockington – 021 0832 9971

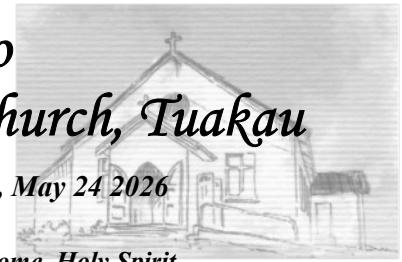
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Your support is greatly appreciated!



Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Tuakau

Pentecost Sunday, Cycle A, May 24 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

Facebook:

StAndrewsCatholicChurch-
Tuakau

Introduction: Come, Holy Spirit

Entrance Antiphon Romans 5:5;8:11

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts
by his Spirit living in us, alleluia*

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

*The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered
in Jerusalem.*

Responsorial Psalm: 104:1,24,29-31,34

*R/. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the
face of the earth.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:- John 10:14 Alleluia, Alleluia!
*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

*Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift
of the Holy Spirit.*

WEEKLY INSPIRATION – HOLY SPIRIT



*"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in
other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."*

Acts 2:4

The Holy Spirit brings peace, strength, and courage even in uncertain moments. Just as the disciples were sent with purpose, you too are guided and empowered for what lies

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SCRIPTURE NOTE

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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.

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

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Cycle A 31st May 2026

**Theme:- Three Persons Equal in Majesty,
Yet One God.**

First Reading: *Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9*
Moses pleads for God's mercy on Mt. Sinai.

Responsorial Psalm: *Daniel 3:52-56*
R/. To you Glory and Praise for evermore.

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 13:11-13*
Paul urges the Corinthians to live in peace with one another and with God.

Gospel Acclamation:- *John 10:14 Alleluia,
Alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son and to the Holy Spirit, The God who is,
Who was and who is to come. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading: *John 3:16-18*
God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

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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