

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 8 Joseph Mathew Smith (grandson of Maurice & Pat Tyson)
Ho Lee Lam (friend of Sharon Lam)
- 9 Barbara Calvert (sister of Kath Dunn)
Valerie Harnett
Jacobus McSweeney
Leonard Cosh
- 10 Michael Foley
Joseph Bertelsen
Elizabeth Dawn Foote
- 13 Rex Martin
Patrick George Colgan

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, 8th of June :- Saint Medrad
Tuesday, 9th of June :- Saint Ephrem
Wednesday, 10th of June :- Saint Getulius
Thursday, 11th of June :- Saint Barnabas
Friday, 12th of June :- Saint Onuphrius
Saturday, 13th of June :- Saint Anthony of Padua
Sunday, 14th of June :- Saint Elisha



Mass

Please note that there will be **no Morning Mass on Friday, 12th June**. There will be Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion.

Church Notices

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

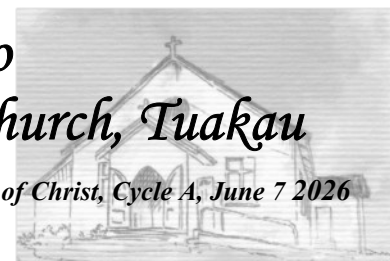
Clare Williams – 021 178 0667

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped with the cleaning of the church last Saturday. Your time, generosity, support, and willingness to help are truly appreciated. Thank you for serving our church community.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Tuakau

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Cycle A, June 7 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: Communion in Christ

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord fed his people with the finest wheat and honey; their hunger was satisfied.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Moses tells the people to remember how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20

R/. O Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Though many, we are one body when we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:- John 6:51 Alleluia, Alleluia! *I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says he Lord.*

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

Jesus says, "I am the living bread."

WEEKLY INSPIRATION –PROMISE



"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever." John 3:16

The Eucharist reminds us that we are never alone — Christ remains with us and within us. Just as bread nourishes the body, God's presence strengthens our hearts with peace, hope, and eternal life. When we receive Him, we are called to become His love and light in the world.

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SCRIPTURE NOTE

This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called Corpus Christi, which is Latin for “Body of Christ.” In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today’s Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus’ multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John’s Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as “signs” through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John’s Gospel, Jesus’ multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God’s saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today’s Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus’ words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus’ Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ’s Body in the world.

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

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A, 14th June 2026

Theme:- We are His People, the Sheep of His Flock

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6a
God tells Moses that the Israelites will be his special people.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 99:1-3.5
R/. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11
Christ died for us while we were still sinners and reconciled us to God.

Gospel Acclamation:- John 6:51 Alleluia,
Alleluia! The sheep that belongs to me listen my voice, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:36-10:8
Jesus sends the twelve apostles to proclaim the kingdom of heaven.

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

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.

Notices & Remembrances Please email items for the newsletter or Memorial book to minu_mathew@hotmail.com or text to **021 926 935** – Minu Mathew