

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 22 Ron Holyoake (brother in law of Dorothy Hodson)
24 Eileen Bean
25 Josephine Mary Oppelt (mother of Elizabeth Van Gessel)
26 Mary Van Lieshout

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.

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.

Saints of the week

Monday, 22nd of June :- Saint Thomas More
Tuesday, 23rd of June :- Saint Joseph Cafasso
Wednesday, 24th of June :- The Birthday of Saint John the Baptist
Thursday, 25th of June :- Saint Prosper of Reggio
Friday, 26th of June :- Saint Vigilus
Saturday, 27th of June :- Saint Cyril of Alexandria
Sunday, 28th of June :- Saint Irenaeus of Lyons



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.

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Tuakau

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A, June 21 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

Facebook:

StAndrewsCatholicChurch-

Introduction: Do not be afraid

Entrance Antiphon

*God is the strength of his people. In him, we his
chosen live in Safety. Save us, Lord, who share in
your life, and give us your blessing; be our
shepherd forever.*

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

*Jeremiah expresses confidence that the Lord will
protect him.*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 68:8-10.14.17.33-35

R/. In your great love, answer me, O God. .

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

*Sin came into the world through one person; so sal-
vation came through one person for many.*

Gospel Acclamation:- John 1:14:12 Alleluia, Allelu-
ia! *The word was made flesh and lived among us; to
all who did accept him he gave power to become
children of God. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.

WEEKLY INSPIRATION –GOD'S CARE



*"So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows —
Matthew 10:31*

When challenges, criticism, or uncertainty come our way, we can take comfort in knowing that God sees us, values us, and cares deeply for us. Stay faithful to what is right, trusting that God's opinion matters more than the approval of others.

CATHOLIC NEWS IN YOUR INBOX:

What's happening in the Catholic Church in New Zealand? What is Pope Leo doing and saying? What are the big stories affecting people of faith in our country? Get Catholic headlines delivered to your inbox each Tuesday and Friday. Sign up today at: <https://cathnewsnz.com/>

SCRIPTURE NOTE

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

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

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

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

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A, 28th June 2026

Anyone who welcomes you Welcomes me

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a
Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded. .

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 88:2-3,16-19
R/. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4,8-11
Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

Gospel Acclamation:- John 1:14:12 Alleluia, Alleluia! *Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:37-42
Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

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

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

Your support is greatly appreciated!

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

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