

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

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| <p>13 Arthur Feslier
David Jackson
Ena Rogers
Sel Easton</p> <p>14 Beatrice Fitzgerald
Peter Owen
Brother Gerald Fitzpatrick
Gaylene Dawn Lange sister of Fr. Brian Lange</p> <p>16 Elizabeth Cronin
Lucy Zimmerman</p> <p>17 Rex Smale Fraser (Father of Ann Cottle)</p> <p>18 Frank Aarts</p> <p>19 Kelvin Ruddell
Sheila Robertson</p> | <p>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.</p> |
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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.

Saints of the week

Monday, 13th of July :- Saint Henry II
Tuesday, 14th of July :- Saint Camillus de Lellis
Wednesday, 15th of July :- Saint Bonaventure
Thursday, 16th of July :- Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel
Friday, 17th of July :- Saint Alexis
Saturday, 18th of July :- Saint Maternus of Milan
Sunday, 19th of July :- Blessed Pietro Cresci of Foligno



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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A, July 12 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-

Sowing the Seeds of God's Word

Entrance Antiphon

In my justice I shall see your face, O Lord; When your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose .

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65:10-14

R/. Some seeds fell into rich soil, and produced its crop Alleluia

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel Acclamation:- Matthew 11:25 *Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Speak, Lord your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. . Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

WEEKLY INSPIRATION –GOOD SOIL



"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundredfold." — Matthew 13:23

God's Word bears fruit in a heart that is open, patient, and willing to listen. Let us remove the distractions, doubts, and worries that keep us from growing, and allow Christ to transform us into "good soil" that reflects His love through our words and actions every day.

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

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

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

ALPHA

Meet new people & explore faith together

Every Tuesday, starting on 21 July 2026, & continuing for 10 weeks

at St Patrick's Church, 133 Seddon St, Pukekohe

Visit: pukekohecatholic.org.nz/alpha/

Email: stpatpukekohealpha@gmail.com

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.

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A, 19th July 2026

A God who is Good and Forgiving

First Reading: *Wisdom 12:13,16-19*

God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16*
R/. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading: *Romans 8:26-27*

The Spirit intercedes for us with God.

Gospel Acclamation:- *Matthew 11:25 Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:24-43*
(shorter form: Matthew 13:24-30)

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

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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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.

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

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:

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Your support is greatly appreci-