

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 20 Edward Ryan
Sue Playle in Malta (cousin of Sarah Giles)
- 21 Noeline Dobbs
- 21 Roanld Robertson
- 22 Brother Matthews Cody
- 24 Edward O'Connor
John Dunn (husband of Kath Dunn)
Charlie Potter (husband of May Potter)
Dulce Donaldson
- 25 Ewen Donaldson
Ina Margaret McGuire
Sister Verda Courtney
Brother Robert Williams
- 26 Allan Clark Littlewood
Dorothy Gilbert

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, 20th of July :- Saint Apollinaris
Tuesday, 21st of July :- Saint Daniel
Wednesday, 22nd of July :- Saint Mary Magdalen
Thursday, 23rd of July :- Saint Bridget of Sweden
Friday, 24th of July :- Saint Christina of Bolsena
Saturday, 25th of July :- Saint James the Greater
Saint Christopher
Sunday, 26th of July :- Saint Anne and Joachim



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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A, July 19 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-

A God who is Good and Forgiving

Entrance Antiphon

God himself is my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will offer you a willing sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

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

WEEKLY INSPIRATION –TRUST GOD'S GROWTH



“The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed... though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants.” — Matthew 13:31–32

Never underestimate the small seeds of faith, kindness, and love that you plant each day. God is at work even when you cannot yet see the results. Be patient, remain faithful, and trust that in His perfect time, He will bring abundant fruit from your smallest acts of obedience.

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the “weeds” prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

ALPHA

Meet new people & explore faith together

Every Tuesday, starting on 21 July 2026, 6.15 pm & continuing for 10 weeks

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

Visit: pukekohecatholic.org.nz/alpha/

Email: stpatspukekohealpha@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.

Contact Amie for the address: 027 350 8227; werthenextgen@gmail.com

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A, 26th July 2026

A Heart that is wise and Shrewd

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16 *R/. Lord, How I love your law!*

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel Acclamation:- Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-52 (shorter form: Matthew 13:44-46)

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

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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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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Clare Williams – 021 178 0667

Your support is greatly appreci-