

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 27 Eugene Patrick de Roeck
29 Father John Dooley
30 Steven Perry (grandson of Dora Van Den Bogaart)
31 Edward Green (brother of Connie Brown)

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



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!

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A, July 26 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 Heart that is wise and Shrewd

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the lonely, he gives power and strength to his people.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

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.

WEEKLY INSPIRATION –GOD'S KINGDOM



"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "

— Matthew 6:33

When Christ becomes our greatest treasure, every sacrifice becomes worthwhile, every challenge has purpose, and every step brings us closer to the eternal Kingdom.

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 concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

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.

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

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A, 2nd August 2026

A Heart that is wise and Shrewd

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

The Lord will renew his covenant with the descendents of David.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:8-9,15-18

R/. You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35,37-39

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Gospel Acclamation:- Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Alleluia!

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

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

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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