

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 3 William Cronin
Sarah Cairns
- 4 Francis Patrick Geraghty
- 5 Itiria Karaitiana
- 6 Kathleen O'Brien (stepmother of Pat Tyson)
- 7 Henry Lawrence Bean (father of Leo Bean)
Irene Mary Dromgool
Catherine Glennon
- 9 Mary Helen Drayson
Terence John O'Sullivan
Walter Donald McGahan
Sua Fuifuimato Fiu John Daniel Smith (relation of Peter Loheni)
Peter Hodson (brother of Derek)

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, 3rd of August :-Saint Nicodemus

Tuesday, 4th of August :- Saint John Vianney

Wednesday, 5th of August :- Dedication of the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore

Thursday, 6th of August :- Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday, 7th of August :- Saint Cajetan

Saturday, 8th of August :- Saint Dominic

Sunday, 9th of August :- Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross



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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A, August 2 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

God Gives Us Bread from Heaven

Entrance Antiphon

God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance. You are the one who helps me and sets me free: Lord, do not be long in coming.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

The Lord will renew his covenant with the descendants 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 14:13-21

Jesus feeds the crowd with five loaves and two fish.

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WEEKLY INSPIRATION –ABUNDANCE



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

— Matthew 6:33

God doesn't ask us to have everything we need before He can work through us. He simply asks us to place what we have in His hands. What seems small, insufficient, or insignificant to us can become more than enough when blessed by God. Like the five loaves and two fish, our gifts, time, talents, and acts of kindness can have an impact far beyond what we imagine. Trust God with what you have, and He will provide abundantly for every need.

SCRIPTURE NOTE

Today we jump ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel to Chapter 14. Last week we heard Jesus conclude his discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. Today's Gospel reading begins at this point.

Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagerness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.

Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

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

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A, 9th August 2026

A voice that speaks of Calmness

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a
The Lord appears to Elijah in a whisper.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:9-14
R/. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5
Paul speaks of the blessings that have come to the Israelites.

Gospel Acclamation:- Luke 19:38;2:14
Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on water, and the disciples

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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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