

*The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time*

- 10 Aukusitino Sapa'u (brother of Flo Sapa'u)  
Norman Hill (father of Kath Dunn)  
Rona May Lange (née Grimmer) mother of Fr. Brian Lange
- 12 Joan Miriam Petrie (mother of Sarah Giles)
- 13 Brett James Miller  
George Foote
- 14 David Martin Peters (brother of Carmel Jennings)  
Foster Jury  
Grace Cosh
- 15 Niel McLeod
- 16 Terr Tolich
- 16 Desmond Brown (husband 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**

**10th of Aug** – Saint Laurence  
**11th of Aug** – Saint Clare of Assisi  
**12th of Aug** – Saint Jane Frances de Chantal  
**13th of Aug** – Saint Hippolytus  
**14th of Aug** – Saint Maximilian Kolbe  
**15th of Aug** – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**16th of Aug** – Saint Stephen of Hungary; Saint Roch



**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

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A, August 9 2026*



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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

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**A voice that speaks of Calmness**

**Entrance Antiphon**

*Lord, Be true to your covenant, forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Rise up, O God, and defend your cause; do not ignore the shouts of your enemies.*

**Readings from Sacred Scripture:**

**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*

**WEEKLY INSPIRATION –FAITH**



***“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”***  
— Matthew 14:27

When we keep our eyes on Jesus, faith gives us the courage to face life's storms. Like Peter, we may stumble when fear takes over, but Jesus is always ready to reach out His hand and lift us up. Trust in Him, and let your faith be stronger than your fears.

## SCRIPTURE NOTE

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

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**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](mailto:werthenextgen@gmail.com)

### **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 15th August 2026**

**First Reading:** Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

*The sign of God's salvation will be a woman clothed with the sun.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 44:10-12.16

*R/. On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

*Christ has redeemed Adam's sin.*

**Gospel Acclamation:-** Luke 19:38; 2:14

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!*

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 1:39-56

*Mary greets Elizabeth and sings God's praise.*

**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](mailto:dovenational.leader@gmail.com) or Ph 0272456742. website: [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz)

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### **Assumption of Our Lady Celebration**

#### **Assumption of Our Lady, Patron of New Zealand.**

**Date:** Friday, 14 August 2026

**Time:** 7:00pm – 8:15pm

**Venue:** St Patrick's Church, Pukekohe

Hosted by the **HOPE Praise & Worship Team**, the evening will include a short period of Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship music, thanksgiving and intercessory prayers, and prayer ministry for those seeking personal prayer. A cup of tea and fellowship will follow in the foyer.

**Notices & Remembrances** Please email items for the newsletter or Memorial book to [minu\\_mathew@hotmail.com](mailto:minu_mathew@hotmail.com) or text to **021 926 935** – Minu

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