

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 17 Patrick Harnett
Kathleen Blackmore
Mary Little
Tony Denton (nephew of Irene Dromgool)
- 18 Dorothy Agnes Ryan
- 19 Florence McGahan
Virgilio Silva (brother of Eva Armitage)
- 20 Father William Dore
Julie Priest
Gertrude Batey
- 21 James Terence McGahan
- 22 Catherine Mary Lawrence
- 23 Norman Nixon
Mary Dromgool
Ellen Geraghty

**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

17th of Aug – Saint Clare of Montefalco
18th of Aug – Saint Helen
19th of Aug – Saint Louis of Anjou
20th of Aug – Saint Bernard
21st of Aug – Saint Pius X
22nd of Aug – Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
23rd of Aug – Saint Rose of Lima



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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 16th August 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

*A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed
with the sun, the moon beneath her feet, and a
crown of twelve stars on her head.*

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

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 heav-
en; all the choirs of angels are
rejoicing. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-56

Mary greets Elizabeth and sings God's praise.

WEEKLY INSPIRATION –FAITH



*“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your
womb!”*

— Luke 1:42

Mary's faith teaches us to **trust God even when we cannot see the whole plan.**
When we remain open and say “yes” to God, He can work through our lives in ways
greater than we imagine.

SCRIPTURE NOTE

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the United States. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

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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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A 23 August 2026

First Reading: *Isaiah 22:19-23*
God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 138:1-3,6,8*
R/. Oh that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: *Romans 11:33-36*
Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Acclamation:- *Luke 19:38;2:14*
Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, Consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16:13-20*

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

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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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