

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 24 Brother Columba FMS (McKiernan)
- 25 Katie McGuire
Michael Philip Amies
Cecil Montague Lange (Father of Fr Brian Lange)
- 26 Kevin William Beals
- 28 William James Pender (Brother Cyril)
- 29 Dale Ellen Collins (Sister of Ann Cottle)

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.

Counties Catholic Men's Fellowship will meet again this **Thursday 27 August**. Due to unforeseen circumstances, our guest celebrant and speaker has changed, and will now be Fr Jean-Paul Abou Naoum. After the mass at **7pm at St Patrick's Pukekohe**, Fr Jean-Paul will tell us more about the Byzantine rite within the Catholic Church. Contact Richard 029 5335370

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.

Church Cleaning – Saturday, 29 August

A reminder that our **church cleaning will take place on Saturday, 29 August, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.**

We warmly welcome and appreciate everyone who is able to join us and help keep our church clean and welcoming. Your time and support are greatly appreciated.

Saints of the week

- 24th of Aug** – Saint Bartholomew
- 25th of Aug** – Saint Louis of France
- 26th of Aug** – Saint Alexander of Bergamo
- 27th of Aug** – Saint Monica
- 28th of Aug** – Saint Augustine
- 29th of Aug** – Passion of Saint John the Baptist
- 30th of Aug** – Blessed Ildefonso Schuster



Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Tuakau

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

Your love is Better than Life

Entrance Antiphon

I will call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord. You are good and forgiving, full of love for all who call to you.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

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.

WEEKLY INSPIRATION –FAITH



“You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.”
— Matthew 16:18

Peter recognised who Jesus truly was and boldly declared his faith. Even though Peter would later struggle, Jesus still entrusted him with an important mission.

God doesn't ask us to be perfect—He asks us to have faith and trust Him. When we put our faith in Jesus, He can use us, even with our weaknesses, to do something greater than we could imagine.

SCRIPTURE NOTE

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term church in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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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

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

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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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