

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 1 Elizabeth Wright
3 Colin Cottle
Lena Fraser
Rose McNaughton
John Leon McGuire
Cecilia Maria Ruiter,(sister of John Van Der Gulik)
4 Benjamin McMahon
Annette Johnson
6 Edward Russell Gaines

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.

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.

Saints of the week

31st of Aug – Saint Abundius of Como
1st of Sep – Saint Giles
2nd of Sep – Saint Elpidius
3rd of Sep – Saint Gregory the Great
4th of Sep – Saint Rosalia
5th of Sep – Saint Lorenzo Giustiniani
6th of Sep – Saint Zechariah



Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Tuakau

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A 30 August 2026



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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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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: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Jeremiah laments but cannot fail to speak in God's name.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63:2-6,8-9

R/. For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Paul encourages the Romans to stay faithful to God.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

WEEKLY INSPIRATION –TAKE UP YOUR CROSS



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."
— Matthew 16:24

Following Jesus is not always the easiest path, but it is always a meaningful one. We are called to put aside our own comfort and serve others with love and humility. Every sacrifice made with love brings us closer to Christ. Let us carry our crosses with faith, trusting that God is walking with us every step of the way.

SCRIPTURE NOTE

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

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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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A 6 September 2026

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2,6-9

*R/. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

The Law is summarized in the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

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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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