

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 7 Martin Van Vught
8 Owen Cooney
Zelda Mary Vincent
10 Ronald James Wright
Catherine McGahan
11 Florence Ivy O'Brien (mother of Pat Tyson)
13 Kathleen Foote
Thomas Patrick (Tom) Laffey (father of Sam)

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

- 7th of Sep – Saint Gratus of Aosta
8th of Sep – The Birthday of Our Lady
9th of Sep – Saint Peter Claver
10th of Sep – Saint Nicholas of Tolentino
11th of Sep – Blessed Ludwig IV
12th of Sep – The Holy Name of Mary
13th of Sep – Saint John Chrysostom



Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Tuakau

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

Facebook:

StAndrewsCatholicChurch-Tuakau

Am I my Brother's Keeper?

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: 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! Hard-en 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.

WEEKLY INSPIRATION –UNITY



“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

— Matthew 18:20

Jesus reminds us that we are never alone when we gather in His name. Even in times of disagreement, misunderstanding or conflict, we are called to approach one another with love, patience and forgiveness. Instead of allowing differences to divide us, let us seek peace and reconciliation, trusting that God will guide our words and decisions. When we pray together and keep Christ at the centre of our relationships, His presence gives us the strength to forgive, heal and move forward together.

SCRIPTURE NOTE

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word church in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

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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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A 13 September 2026

First Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:9
Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-4,9-12
R/. The lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9
We belong to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:- Luke 19:38;2:14
Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

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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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