

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 15 Fernanda Mina (grandmother of Eva Armitage)
17 Denis Cronin
Joseph Fleming
18 Joseph Finn (father of Marilyn Masemann)
19 Muriel Cronin
Joan Marguerite Howard
20 Russell Lynsky
Michael Denton (father of Dawn Murphy)

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.

Word & Eucharist Liturgical Ministry Workshop:

A Word & Eucharistic Liturgical Ministry Workshop will be held on Saturday, 26 September 2026, at St Mary's Church, Papakura.

The workshop will provide an opportunity for those involved in liturgical ministry to deepen their understanding, strengthen their skills, and grow in their service to the parish community.

- ☐ **Venue:** St Mary's Church, Papakura
- ☐ **Address:** 46 East Street, Papakura
- ☐ **Date:** Saturday, 26 September 2026
- ☐ **Time:** To be confirmed

Those interested in attending are asked to register in advance by contacting **Litia Lockington on 021 083 29971**.

All parishioners involved in, or interested in, Word and Eucharistic ministry are warmly encouraged to take part.

Saints of the week

- 14th of Sep** – Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15th of Sep – Our Lady of Sorrows
16th of Sep – Saints Cornelius and Cyprian
17th of Sep – Saint Hildegard of Bingen
18th of Sep – Saint Joseph of Copertino
19th of Sep – Saint Januarius
20th of Sep – Martyrs of Korea; Saint Eustace



Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Tuakau

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A 13 September 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:

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The Lord crowns you with Love and Compassion

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you, and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

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.

WEEKLY INSPIRATION –FORGIVENESS



"Not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

— Matthew 18:22

God's mercy toward us is greater than any mistake we can make. When we forgive others, we allow His mercy to transform our hearts. Don't count how many times you forgive—remember how many times God has forgiven you. Today, choose mercy over resentment and let forgiveness bring peace to your heart.

SCRIPTURE NOTE

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

Church Notices

We are also looking for volunteers to assist as **Ministers of the Word** and **Eucharistic Ministers**. If you're able to help, please contact:

Litia Lockington – 021 0832 9971

Clare Williams – 021 178 0667

Your support is greatly appreciated!

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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A 20 September 2026

First Reading: *Isaiah 55:6-9*

God's ways are far beyond the ways of human beings.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 103:1-4,9-12*

R/. The Lord is closer to all who call him.

Second Reading: *Philippians 1:20c-24,27a*

Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

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 20:1-16*

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy

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.

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.

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

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