

*The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time*

- 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)
- 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)
- 21 Lawrence Ryan
- 23 Eva Mary Gibb  
Michael Denton (grand-nephew of Irene Dromgool)
- 24 Crispin Silva (father of Eva Armitage)  
Mercedes Jayme (aunt of Eva Armitage)

*May God Grant them Eternal Rest*

***This Week in Liturgy, Sunday, cycle A, weekday cycle 1.***

*Monday, 11th of Sept:- 23rd week in Ordinary Time.*

*Tuesday, 12th of Sept:- The Most Holy Name of Mary*

*Wednesday, 13th of Sept:- Saint John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the Church*

*Thursday, 14th of Sept:- 23rd Week in Ordinary Time*

*Friday, 15th of Sept:- Our Lady of Sorrows*

*Saturday, 16th of Sept:- Saint Cornelius, pope, and Saint Cyprian, bishop, martyrs*

The ***Instrumentum Laboris*** is the official working document for the October gathering of the Synod on Synodality. All have been invited to engage with the document. The diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/> contains basic details of structure and purpose. It includes the following link to a short introductory video created by the Palmerston North diocese. <https://youtu.be/9gt3Uzgvwgo?si=345bIEkXGybWkLKx>

***A message from the CDA Justice & Peace Commission:*** In this Season of Creation, we pray that "justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures." **Pope Francis.**

# Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church

*Sunday, 10th, September 2023*

*23rd in Ordinary time year A*



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**Mass Times:**

Sat. Vigil 5.00 pm

**Weekdays:**

Wed & Fri 11.00 am

**Reconciliation:**

Sat 4.00-4.45 pm or  
by appointment

**Anointing: First Friday  
after 11am Mass and  
First Saturday at 4.30pm**

**Introduction:**

***Jesus instructs his disciples on relationships in the church. Through our baptism we are brothers and sisters in Christ. We have a responsibility towards each other: we cannot stand by idly and watch others harm themselves. Today Jesus spells out our Christian family duty.***

**Readings from Sacred Scripture:**

**First Reading:-** Ezekiel 33:7-9

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.*

**Responsorial Psalm:-** Psalm 94:1-2,6-9

*R/. Song of praise to God, our salvation!*

**Second Reading:-** Romans 13:8-10

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

**Gospel Acclamation:-** 2 Corinthians 5:19

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!*

**Gospel Reading:-** Matthew 18:15-20

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

**O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD  
LISTEN TO GOD'S VOICE.**

How do I live authentically as witness to what it means to be a person who forgives and is forgiven?



The Pastoral Services Group is greatly appreciative of all of you that promote the ministry of the Ministries to Young People which includes outreach to tertiary students. Please check out:-  
**Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry**

[www.facebook.com/ACCYM](http://www.facebook.com/ACCYM)

[www.instagram.com/acym2](http://www.instagram.com/acym2)

Contact Sam Brebner – [samb@cda.org.nz](mailto:samb@cda.org.nz)

**Catholic University Ministry**

[www.facebook.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy](http://www.facebook.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy)

[www.instagram.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy](http://www.instagram.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy)

**Pokeno Hui - Meeting:** Inviting Catholics in Pokeno to a meeting to discuss ways to reach out and evangelize our fellow brothers and sisters in our area. It will be held on **Saturday 16 September from 2.00 to 3.30pm** at the home of Von and Pat Casidy at 18 McNeish Place, Pokeno. This is also an opportunity for us to get to know each other. All are welcome.

## 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.

**Masterclass 16th September 3:30pm** Auckland Catholic Ministries to Young People is excited to bring you our third Masterclass of 2023. Masterclass is a quarterly event dedicated to equipping, empowering and energising young leaders for ministry. Get ready for keynote speakers, workshops, praise and worship, adoration, and plenty of opportunities to network with other leaders. Plus free coffee and some fantastic kai!

Keep an eye on our socials as we announce our awesome workshop presenters! If you're a youth or young adult leader, you NEED to be at Masterclass. Due to venue space, registrations are limited, so don't miss out on this fantastic formation opportunity. We can't wait to have you join us! Go to @AKCYM on Facebook to register, or contact [felicitym@cda.org.nz](mailto:felicitym@cda.org.nz) with any queries.

### Liturgy Ministers Training:

If anyone who would like to take up any of the Liturgy Ministries – Leaders, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers. A training has been scheduled for **Saturday 30th of September 2023** from 2pm – 4pm at St Andrew Church, Tuakau. The training will be facilitated by Fr Mathew.

**The Ethnic Chaplaincies Annual Festival** is back! It's all happening at Sancta Maria School and St Luke Church, Flatbush, **Sat 7th – Sun 8th October 2023**. If you want to be involved in the organising/volunteer email [louisar@cda.org.nz](mailto:louisar@cda.org.nz).

*Scripture Readings for Sunday, 17th September. Twenty-fourth in Ordinary Time year A*  
Commentator and prayers: Clare Williams  
Theme:- **The Lord Crowns you with Love and Compassion**

**First Reading:-** Ecclesiasticus 27:30—28:7  
(Nimmi Abraham)  
*Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.*

**Responsorial Psalm:-** Psalm 102:1-4,9-12  
*R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

**Second Reading:-** Romans 14:7-9 (Sashini Mahe)  
*We belong to the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation:-** John 13:34  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.*  
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Reading:-** Matthew 18:21-35  
*Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.*

### One-Liner

" God teaches us to love by putting some unlovely people around us. "  
- Rick Warren

Please email items for the newsletter or Memorial book to [nimmibaksu@gmail.com](mailto:nimmibaksu@gmail.com) or text to **0274308557** – Nimmi Abraham

### **Becoming a Catholic—RCA 2023 and 'Catholics Returning Home.'**

Weekly classes will begin shortly leading to the celebration of the Sacrament of Initiation on Easter Vigil 2024.

Invite your family members or friends who would be interested in becoming a Catholic or anyone who left the Catholic community and wants to 'return home.'

Contact Fr Mathew:-  
[Andrewanthonypriest@gmail.com](mailto:Andrewanthonypriest@gmail.com)

**Synodality and Women** | World Women's Observatory ([worldwomensobservatory.org](http://worldwomensobservatory.org)), is organizing 3 webinars focused on showing the results of the work carried out throughout the Synodal process with the experiences of women members at diocesan, national and continental level in all regions of the world, highlighting some of their testimonies and, at the same time, listening and enabling dialogue with women with leading roles at the synodal process. Both men and women are invited to participate, since all of us, as baptized persons, are equally involved in the synodal process. We count on you to spread this invitation among your contacts: The dates are: ● **September 13th:** 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM (Rome time) **4-5.30am** NZ Time ● **September 14 th:** 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM (Rome time) **7-8.30pm** NZ Time ● **September 14th:** 2.30 PM to 4:00 PM (Rome time) **12.30-2.00am** NZ Time. We will send the additional information and the ZOOM link later, save the date. To register interest please and receive the zoom link contact [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz)

2023 marks 50 years since Sr Jean Sinclair's dream to provide for the needs of those with intellectual disabilities to learn about the Sacraments was implemented. **G.I.F.T** (Grow In Faith Together) is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Bishop Steve and the GIFT family invite you to join in celebrating this important milestone. **Sunday 17 September, 11 am** Mass at Good Shepherd Parish, Telford Ave, Balmoral followed by a light lunch in the parish hall. RSVP by 11 /09 to [mylene@giftcentre.org.nz](mailto:mylene@giftcentre.org.nz)

### Invitation to all:

Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Bishop Michael Gielen will be presiding. Mass will be celebrated at **7pm on Monday, 11 September 2023** at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass. All are invited!

### A liturgy of Repentance and Reconciliation

For fifty-five years the Methodist and Catholic Churches have been in ecumenical dialogue.

The New Zealand Catholic Methodist Dialogue Committee invite you to join a liturgy of repentance and reconciliation. Preacher | Bishop Steve Lowe

Wednesday | 25 October  
7.30 pm  
Methodist Church,  
427 Lake Road, Takapuna

