

A short history of our Parish

Once upon a time, the centre of the North Shore was empty space, fields and streams. Then came the Harbour Bridge and Glenfield followed. First home buyers flooded into the area and the Catholics among them were part of the Northcote Parish. In 1971 a property on the corner of Wairau and Glenfield roads was purchased. In 1972 Fr Purcell from Northcote undertook a survey of the Glenfield area and as a result a parish was born and named St Thomas More. The first Mass was celebrated in the Glenfield Primary School Hall. In 1974 Fr Jude McCarthy was appointed the first parish priest. The Catholic population continued to grow. Fr Bruce Boland became parish priest in 1977. A parish committee and many community groups were established. The pastoral work was becoming overwhelming so in 1978 two Daughters of Charity nuns Srs Margaret and Barbara arrived and developed the Catholic Caring community which was active in helping to overcome the isolation facing many new families. By 1980 the population of Glenfield had grown from 2,000 (in 1970) to 30,000. In 1981 Fr Neville Browne became Parish Priest, a man of action - planning for a church got underway. Funds raised and in April 1982 the groundwork started for the church. Finally on 27 March 1983, the first Mass was celebrated in the new building. The parish church had a unifying influence and the Sunday mass count increased rapidly. In 1989 Fr Philip Sullivan arrived and was instrumental in establishing the Passionist Family Group movement. Because of all the activities within the parish, a parish centre had become a pressing need. The car park was finally sealed and extended and a new hall completed in July 1993. In 1998 Fr Philip moved on & Rosminian Fr John Bland became the parish priest with a new home being placed next to the original presbytery leaving the old house to become offices. In April 2009 Fr Benedict Francis became the parish priest. The Shine of Our Lady was built and the life size crucifix in the church was commissioned. Fr Alfredo Garcia became parish priest in 2015 and continues to minister to a very diverse community of age and nationalities who are united each week as we celebrate together being part of the Parish of St Thomas More.

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Love rules, without rules.

St Thomas More



WELCOME



St Thomas More Parish

336 Wairau Road,
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For new parishioners.

Please complete and detach this section and give it to Fr Alfredo after Mass or post to: STM Parish Office, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield, Auckland 0629

First name/s	
Surname/s:	
Street name:	
Suburb:	
Landline:	
Mobile:	
Email:	

If you would like to contribute financially to the running of the parish via the **Planned Giving Programme** please tick the system you prefer and we will contact you with more details. Both receive a tax advantage.

- Pledge envelopes
 Automatic payment via internet banking.

Kia Ora - Welcome - Talofa - Buon Giorno - Malo e Lelei - Selamat Datang - Shlama illakh Anyong hoseyo - Namaste - Mabuhay - Huānyíng - Groete Bienvenido - Marhaba - Willkommen

Celebration of Mass

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm
 Sunday - 8:00am & 10:00am

Children's Liturgy offered at 5.30pm & 10am Masses.

Chaldean Rite

Summer - 6:00pm Winter - 5:00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday to Saturday - 9:15am
 Thursday - 7:30pm
 1st Wednesday - 7:30pm
 1st Friday - 7:30pm
 4th Friday - Tongan Mass 7:00pm

Reconciliation

Thursday - 7:00pm
 Saturday - 9:45am

Devotions

Blessed Sacrament Adoration
 All day Thursday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 First Wednesday - 7:00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet - First Friday - 7:00pm

Rosary Devotion

1st Saturday after 9.15am Mass

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Twice a year - to be advised.
 On the 2nd Saturday at 9.15am Mass.



Baptism

Parents are welcome to have their children baptised if they live in the parish. We recommend a **Parent Preparation Programme**. These are held in the parish office, usually the first Sunday of the month, at 11.30am. Phone the parish office 444 8624 to book for the course or a baptism time.

Marriage

Please contact Fr Alfredo at least six months before marriage.

First Reconciliation

Confirmation & First Communion

Parents are assisted to prepare their children for these three sacraments.

Lay Ministry

There are opportunities for people to take part in assisting as Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, music, church cleaning, flowers and other services. Parishioners also share in the care of the elderly and sick.

Parish groups

There are many groups in the Parish to help you feel at home in our community.

- Legion of Mary
- Korean Legion of Mary
- Dove Women's Fellowship
- St Vincent de Paul
- Parish Seniors Group
- Iraqi Bible Study
- Iraqi Seniors Group
- Korean Bible Study
- Filipino community
- Indian community
- Iraqi community
- Korean community
- South African community
- Tongan community