



St Thomas More
Parish,
Glenfield

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time A

The WORD This Week

There is a very simple theme to this Sunday's readings: it is the principle of authority in the community of the Church: we are introduced to the idea that God gives authority to someone in the first reading, where Shebna is dismissed by God and replaced. This is a prelude to the Gospel story of Peter being given authority: not because he is powerful or wise in the world's sense, but because he was able to profess his faith in the one sent by the Father. This is the principle of all authority in the Church: it is to spring only from God and our faith in God, professed by our way of life and rooted only in Christ, for to him all authority, in heaven and on earth, has been given.

Today's Prayer

Who has known your mind, O God?
Who has been your
counselor?

All things are from you
and through you
and with you.

We are on earth
to glorify you
in the depths of your
riches and wisdom and knowledge!

Let us do that, please.

Anne Osdieck

SUNDAY GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Authority

"You are 'Rock,' and on this rock I will build my church, and the jaws of death shall not prevail against it." The Catholic Church has always looked up to today's Gospel as the cornerstone of the Petrine ministry, the special role played by the successor of Peter. Catholics believe that the Bishop of Rome exercises a special authority over the church. Authority within the context of the People of God is a special kind of authority. The reading from Isaiah is about removal from office for abuse of authority and replacement by someone who shall be a father. The purpose of authority in the church, authority at any level, is not to control the lives of others but rather to help us to seek the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world. Those with any authority in the church should reflect on their exercise of that authority, and those under authority should reflect on their attitude to the leaders of the church. All of us should join in praying that the Lord grant peace and unity to the Church. *Darring / liturgy.slu.edu*

QuoteMeal St Augustine of Hippo

If God seems slow in responding, it is because He is preparing a better gift. He will not deny us.

God withholds what you are not yet ready for.

He wants you to have a lively desire for His greatest gifts. All of which is to say, pray always and do not lose heart.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

If you know anyone who is interested in the Catholic faith and wishes to know more, please invite them to our RCIA sessions starting **Sun 6 September**. We meet each Sunday at **9.00am** for 45 minutes. For more information contact the Parish Priest - Fr Alfredo or the Parish Office.

Can you help distribute flyers to letterboxes?

Thank you to the volunteers who have offered to distribute anti-euthanasia flyers to letterboxes in the Glenfield area.

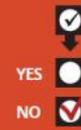
We need more volunteers!!

Please help educate voters before the election. If you could deliver flyers in your street (or even half or quarter of your street) please email Mary in the parish office st.thomas.more@xtra.co.nz and she will give you more information

STOP PRESS: Due to the postponement of the elections until 17 October we have been asked to hold off delivering these flyers until further notice. I will be in touch with those who have already volunteered and I would love to hear from anyone else who can help distribute these flyers in September.

QUESTION:

Do you support the
End of Life Choice Act
2019 coming into force?



In the October elections, voters will be asked to vote on two referendums. We have information about the referendums in the church foyer, please inform yourself

as these are important issues that will affect all New Zealanders for many years. Each week we will highlight a reason to **vote NO to Euthanasia** in 2020.

No clear line between Terminal & Chronic/Disabled

Supporters of the proposed law claim that it doesn't threaten people with disabilities. However, **many disabilities are life-limited and involve complications that can become life-threatening.** In Oregon, "death within six months" has been interpreted by the health authorities to include "death with six months if not receiving medical treatment". *[An appropriate safeguard was proposed, but MPs didn't even debate or vote on it].* **Vote NO!**

Due to Level 3 restrictions you will be aware that the church is closed and Masses are suspended until further notice. We will have to wait for the Government to give us further guidelines.

In the meantime check out our parish website www.glenfieldcatholic.org.nz or Fr's Facebook page or Diocese website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz for up to date information.

Stay at home,
stay safe
God Bless you all

Unite
against
COVID-19



PRAY MASS

SUNDAYS @ 2.00pm SHINE TV

Free-to-air TV Channel 25

SKY TV Channel 201

THE WORD OF GOD
21st Sunday Ordinary time

Sunday

Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

Monday

Apocalypse 21:9-14
John 1:45-51

St Bartholomew, apostle

Tuesday

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 14-17

Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18

Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Matthew 24:42-51

St Monica

Friday

1 Corinthians 1:17-25
Matthew 25:1-13

St Augustine

Saturday

Jeremiah 1:17-19
Mark 6:17-29

The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr

QUESTION:

Do you support the proposed Cannabis Legalisation and Control Bill?

YES

NO



In the October elections, voters will be asked to vote on two referendums. Each week we will highlight a reason to **vote NO to Cannabis**

Legalising cannabis while promoting health is hypocritical

Messages promoting marijuana use will dilute or negate the no-smoking and 'look after your mental health' messages. Telling people that smoking up to 30-40 joints a day is OK while at the same time aiming for 'Smokefree 2025'? Legalising marijuana - which is known to negatively impact mental health - while also trying to reduce suicide rates? The hypocrisy of those wanting to legalise cannabis is stunning.

Addiction is exactly what Big Marijuana wants

Important Note: "The Medicinal Cannabis Scheme, effective from 1 April 2020, aims to increase access to medicinal z cannabis products. **Medicinal cannabis is not included in the proposed law that will be voted on in the referendum**" - NZ Government referendums website.

Liturgy Conference 2020 Invitation is extended to every parishioner in the Auckland Diocese to attend the Liturgy Conference from the 1-3 of October at Baradene College. **Worshipping under Southern Skies, Weaving together Liturgy and Life.** It will be a great opportunity to grow in faith. Please visit the website wuss.org.nz Earlybird booking closes 31 August.

6 day residential silent individually guided retreat. In the dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola 25 October 10am - 30 October 4pm. St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Akld. Cost: \$770. Apply to: chair@ignatianspirituality.nz

WHAT TO DO IF YOU CAN'T GO TO SUNDAY MASS



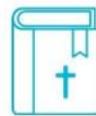
SING A HYMN

"Singing elevates the soul to listen to the Spirit" - Pope Francis

"Let us sing to the Lord a song of love" - St Augustine

SAY THE "I CONFESS PRAYER"

"I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God."



READ THE READINGS OF THE DAY

Check out <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/031920.cfm> for the daily Mass readings.

LISTEN/READ A REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Visit <https://livingtheword.org.nz/> or download the 'Pray As You Go' app.



PROFESS THE CREED AND SAY PRAYERS OF PETITION

This could be the Apostles or the Nicene Creed. This would also be a good time to pray for your personal intentions or those in need.

PRAY THE OUR FATHER

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen"



MAKE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



Here's a prayer to help:
"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen"

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Marching for Life



The latest version of NZ Catholic is being made available free of charge for you to read. The link to the free issue is below.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/3c9e92b5-0dd7-45ad-b33f-286618e52857>

Mary, the Mother of God
What do we know about Mary?

With Br Kieran Fenn fms
In this series of 6 parts, Br Kieran will give an overview on the understanding of Mary throughout history and church councils - starting from Scripture. Join us for these sessions with Br Kieran who has a wonderful way to bring Scripture alive. The sessions are connected but also stand alone.



Mondays, 7-8.30pm per ZOOM
24 Aug, 31 Aug, 07 Sep, 14 Sep, 21 Sep, 28 Sep 2020
Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$120 (NZD)/6 sessions
Special fees for groups of more than 2 persons.
For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED SUPPORT DURING THIS TIME, PLEASE CONTACT THE ACYM TEAM

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@acymz

Credits: Ascension Press & <https://edwardsri.com/2020/03/13/17088/>

St. Vincent Prayer Group Meets every 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the Month. 8pm @ St. Vincent de Paul Church, Milford **Everyone is Welcome.**

For Prayer Requests, please email our SVdPPG Intercessory Ministry: myprayergroup@yahoo.com

Please pray for our sick parishioners and their families
Peter Marshall, Tamar Mathews, Israel Nathan, Eloise McFadden, Cathy Sigley, Troy Angelo Madrigal and Tom Cotter.
Contact office for any name changes phone 444 8624



Engaged? or know of someone who is thinking of marriage? Did you know the Diocese of Auckland runs a superb pre-marriage course. Contact **Gerry Smith** phone 360 3025



Holy Cross Seminary www.holycross.org.nz