



## 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time A

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield  
30 August 2020

### The WORD This Week

A quick glance at last week's Gospel reveals the interesting development of the story: last week, we heard Peter proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah, and being given authority as a result. This week, Peter gets it wrong: he is rebuked by the Lord because he does not understand who the Messiah is. The Messiah is the one who will give everything for his people - even his own life.

To be a follower of Jesus demands an understanding and acceptance of this fact, and a willingness to take up the cross as Jesus did. Our introduction to this is the prophet Jeremiah - also persecuted for doing and saying what was right. Have a look at the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, where this twinning of Jeremiah and prophecy of persecution also appears.

## Today's Prayer

*"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."*

*Lord Jesus,  
out of love you gave up everything  
on behalf of us.  
Be with us now.  
Show us a way to carry our cross.  
Show us how to lose ourselves,  
and find ourselves in you, in love.*

Anne Osdieck

## SUNDAY GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

### My Ways Are Not Your Ways

Peter knew that Jesus was the messiah awaited by God's people, but he did not understand that Jesus would be a suffering messiah. God forbid that any such thing ever happen to you! But it did happen to Jesus, and it happens to those who follow him: "If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self (and) take up his cross." Jeremiah had foretold the suffering of those who work for the coming of the kingdom: "All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me...The word of the Lord has brought me derision and reproach all the day." It is not easy, this business of following Christ. You work for peace, and people accuse you of being unpatriotic. You stand up for the poor, and people write you off as a naive dreamer. You work for nonviolent change, like Martin Luther King, or Ita Ford, or Archbishop Oscar Romero, and they shoot you. Meanwhile, you calmly go about your life, praying that God fill our hearts with love and increase our faith. "Do not conform yourselves to this age," Paul wrote to the Romans. We pay a price for such an approach, but we do so willingly because of our faith in the "promise of salvation." *Darring / liturgy.slu.edu*

### QuoteMeal St Pope Gregory The Great

*"Hope fixes our hearts so steadfastly upon the joys of Heaven that we are insensible to the miseries of this life."*

*"Be not anxious about what you have, but about what you are."*

*"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist."*



## PRAY MASS

## SUNDAYS @ 2.00pm SHINE TV

Free-to-air TV Channel 25

SKY TV Channel 201

Auckland moves to Level 2 on Monday 31 August so our **church will be open for personal prayer** between 10am and 5pm.

Reconciliation will be by appointment. Please email Fr Alfredo: [alfred5garcia@gmail.com](mailto:alfred5garcia@gmail.com) to arrange a time.

In the meantime check out our parish website [www.glenfieldcatholic.org.nz](http://www.glenfieldcatholic.org.nz) or Fr's Facebook page or Diocese website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) for up to date information.

Stay at home,  
stay safe  
God Bless you all

Unite  
against  
COVID-19

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

YES  
 NO

In the October elections, voters will be asked to vote on two referendums. 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.

### Weak freedom of conscience rights

The Act offers no explicit protection for organisations such as rest homes and hospices whose philosophical, ethical or religious traditions may preclude offering euthanasia or assisted suicide. In the future they may be forced to offer euthanasia on their premises to avoid losing government funding, as has happened in Canada.

*[The majority of MPs voted against putting in appropriate protections in this areas].*

Medical practitioners with a conscientious objection would still be obliged to inform their patient about the government body which would be set up to help administer euthanasia, even if this would be against their professional judgment and personal ethics.

*[The majority of MPs voted against full freedom of conscience provisions].* **Vote NO to this referendum!**

### 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](mailto: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 between 12 and 20 September.

**THE WORD OF GOD**  
**22nd Sunday Ordinary time**

**Sunday**

Jeremiah 20:7-9  
 Romans 12:1-2  
 Matthew 16:21-27

**Monday**

1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
 Luke 4:16-30

**Tuesday**

1 Corinthians 2:10-16  
 Luke 4:31-37

**Wednesday**

1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
 Luke 4:38-44

**Thursday**

1 Corinthians 3:18-23  
 Luke 5:1-11

**St Gregory the Great,**  
 pope, doctor of the church

**Friday**

1 Corinthians 4:1-5  
 Luke 5:33-39

**SPRING EMBER DAY**

**Saturday**

1 Corinthians 4:6-15  
 Luke 6:1-5

**St Theresa of Calcutta**

**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**

**Workplace dope use will affect everyone's safety**

In the USA marijuana is the most commonly detected substance across the majority of industry sectors. Studies consistently show marijuana users have significantly lower levels of commitment to their work than non-users, and are absent more often. If marijuana is legalized in NZ, what will be the added costs to the workforce in absenteeism, accidents, healthcare, additional workplace training and insurance premiums?  
**Drugs don't work in the workplace.**

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



**1 September**  
**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation – From Laudato Si', A Prayer for our Earth:**

"All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Amen". Pope Francis has officially invited the faithful to participate in this annual "season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home".

**A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC**



O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill,

for those who are vulnerable and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection.

Amen.

**Under thy protection we seek refuge,**

**O Holy, Mother of God.**

**In our needs, despise not our petitions,**

**but deliver us always from all dangers,**

**O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen**

*Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*

**NZCatholic**

The national Catholic newspaper  
 Fake election statement referred to Electoral Commission 3  
 Priest describes the hell of re-education camps 4

**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>

**Weaving Together Liturgy and Life**  
 E Rarangatia ana ngā Ritenga me te Ira Tangata  
 Liturgy Conference

All members of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland community are warmly invited to the **Liturgy Conference**, *Worshipping under Southern Skies*, to be held at Baradene College 1-3 October. Excellent keynote speakers, a mouth-watering variety of Breakout Sessions. See <https://wuss.org.nz/>. This will be a time to grow deeper in faith, to grow stronger in community, richer in love, more vibrant in our communal prayer and celebration of the liturgy. **Earlybird booking closes 31 August.**



**Online Session (Evening): Mary, the Mother of God – A Contemporary Understanding of Mary** with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive.  
 Monday, 31 August, 7-8.30pm: **Mary in Paul, Mark, and Matthew.**  
 Fee: \$25/session. Special fees for groups of 2 or more.  
 For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

**Online Session (Retreat Day): Homecoming – A Journey of Transformation (Prodigal Son)** with Eamon Butler.  
 Saturday, 19 September, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60.  
 For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)



If you need help, reach out.

**Foodbank Update**

St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) foodbank, central and South Auckland pickups ONLY (non contact)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

To request a parcel phone: 0800 680 090 or 09 815 6122

Email: [Auckland@stvinnies.co.nz](mailto:Auckland@stvinnies.co.nz)

*Delivery reserved only for urgent and most vulnerable families. These assessed case by case.*

**Please pray for our sick parishioners and their families**

Peter Marshall, Tamar Mathews, Israel Nathan, Eloise McFadden, Cathy Sigley, Tom Cotter and Troy Angelo Madrigal.

**Contact Parish office for any name changes.**



**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** ph: 360 3025

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