



## 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time A

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield 6 September 2020

### The WORD This Week

No man is an island... How true this is for those who follow Christ: each of us has responsibilities towards each other, based on our debt of mutual love. When we see wickedness and wrongdoing, then because of our privileged position of following the Lord Jesus, we have a duty to speak out.

This will not always be easy - remember the prophet Jeremiah last week - but this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself, and as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love is the answer to every one of the commandments.

## Today's Prayer

Pandemic, racial injustice,  
trafficking of humans,  
global warming, homelessness ...

Lord, what can we do?  
"If two of you agree on earth  
about anything you ask,  
it will be done for you  
by my Father in heaven."

Christ, Lord of love,  
let us not think twice;  
let us trust in your words.  
Let us all come together  
and pray as one.

Anne Osdieck

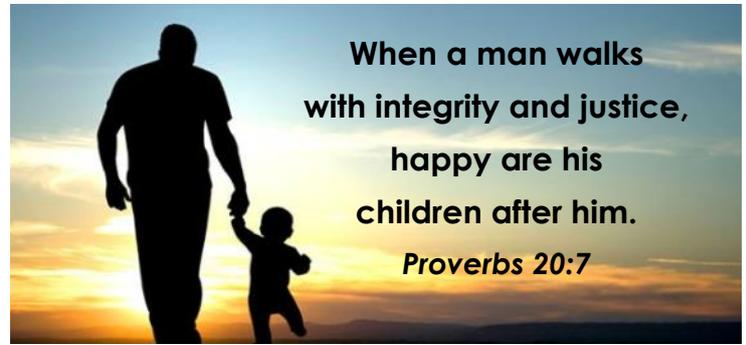
## SUNDAY GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

### The Debt of Love

We are a church, an assembly of people gathered to do the work of God. This work brings us together around the table of the Lord and sends us out to renew the face of the earth. The task that faces us in the world is awesome, and the obstacles are formidable. The only way we can succeed is by staying together, with Jesus in our midst, and our staying together must involve community efforts to correct our faults. When there is racism or sexism in our church, we must confront them and work to eliminate them. When economic injustice is found in our church institutions, we must speak out against it and work to eliminate it. When militarism makes its way into the fabric of our community, we must stand up for peace and proclaim the gospel message of nonviolent change. Owe no debt to anyone except the debt that binds us to love one another. An essential component of that love should be the help we give each other in overcoming the shortcomings that get in the way of our becoming a universal sacrament of salvation. [liturgy.slu.edu](http://liturgy.slu.edu)

### QuoteMeal Saint John Damascene, Father and Doctor of the Church

*"The day of the Nativity of the Mother of God is a day of universal joy, because through the Mother of God, the entire human race was renewed, and the sorrow of the first mother, Eve, was transformed into joy."*



When a man walks  
with integrity and justice,  
happy are his  
children after him.

Proverbs 20:7

## Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, you govern and protect your people  
and shepherd them with a father's love.

You place a father in a family as a sign of your love,  
care, and constant protection.

May fathers everywhere be faithful to the example  
shown in the Scriptures: steadfast in love,  
forgiving transgressions, sustaining the family,  
caring for those in need.

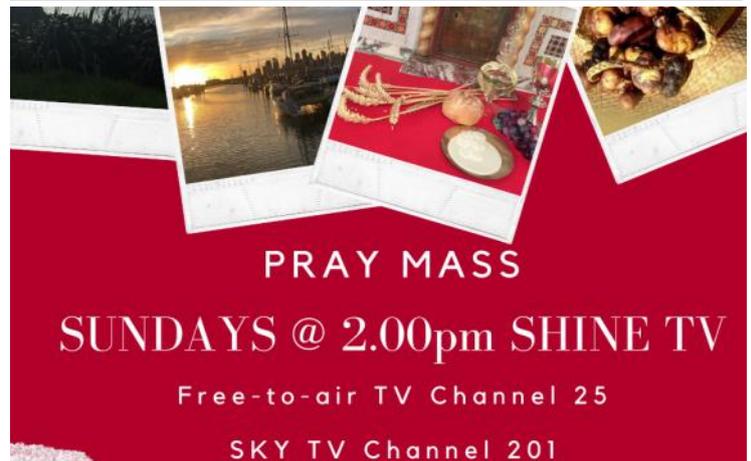
Give your wisdom to fathers that they may encourage  
and guide their children. Keep them healthy so they  
may support a family. Guide every father with the  
Spirit of your love that they may grow in holiness and  
draw their family ever closer to you.

Amen.



### 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.



## PRAY MASS

SUNDAYS @ 2.00pm SHINE TV

Free-to-air TV Channel 25

SKY TV Channel 201

### Our church is 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.

At the moment all masses are suspended until Auckland moves to Level 2 and then we can have congregations of 100. When this happens we won't be booking seats but have a first come, first in basis. Hopefully we will have more information in our next newsletter.

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.



