



22nd Sunday in Ordinary time

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 29 August 2021

The WORD This Week

We now return to Saint Mark, for the rest of the year. The Gospel brings out one of the central problems of all religion: the way in which peripheral laws and customs gradually take over the more fundamental commandments, and the way in which “externalism” and a concern with superficialities gradually suffocates a true “internal” faith which is lived out. Here we see the angry Jesus: he calls them “hypocrites”, as he condemns their “worthless worship”. He teaches a central truth: it is what comes from within that determines whether we are clean or unclean, good or evil. The commandments of God, which Moses puts before the people with such great pride, become the source of justice when they are given a place in the heart. When other rules and regulations about how to wash and what to eat displace them, then they are stifled and justice is practised no longer.

Today's Prayer

Lord Jesus,
dwell in our hearts.

When we tend the sick,
feed the hungry,
make clean your planet,
be within us,
so that all that we do,
we do in your love.

Stretch us, please.
Let us reach out to our neighbour
when we are too busy or much too tired.

Let the world know we are your disciples
not because our hands are clean,
but because they are dirty
with the mark of all your children. Amen

Anne Osdieck

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Free and Responsible

The theme of the liturgy is the law of God. God's law is just, it demands careful observation, and it is the key to life on earth. It is not a matter of clinging to what is human tradition but rather of practicing justice: “He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.” The Pharisees misunderstood what the law was all about, or as Isaiah foretold, “they teach as dogmas mere human precepts.” For them obeying the law meant such things as “scrupulously washing their hands and the washing of cups and jugs and kettles.” James, on the other hand, understood the meaning of the law of God, and he provides us with a pointed definition of the religion of Yahweh/Jesus: “Looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself unspotted by the world make for pure worship without stain before our God and Father.” The law of God forbids all those things that set people against each other: theft, murder, greed, etc. The positive command of God's law is “to serve God in each other,” to walk blamelessly, do justice, and to not harm one's fellow-man.
Gerald Darring / www.liturgy.slu.edu

Resources in times of Lockdown

The diocese has a number of resources available on its website to support people during this time
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/home-2020-new-design/the-church-and-covid-level-4/>

A reminder that the diocese continues to provide and broadcast Sunday Mass. It is uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night (as per a Vigil Mass time) to the YouTube channel Auckland Catholic
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb7o1XYfQet-mOW1mJSzfow>

PRAY MASS
SUNDAYS @ 2.00pm SHINE TV
Free-to-air TV Channel 25
SKY TV Channel 201
It is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays
at 2pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25,
Sky TV Channel 201.

Outline of **Liturgy of the Word for Sunday** with links to appropriate music videos, suggestions for reflection. Accompanied by a PowerPoint for sharing from *Pastoral Services Liturgy Centre* <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/ritual-prayers/>

Daily Reflections from Bishops Pat and Michael
Reflections from the Bishops on Facebook [Bishop Pat](#) and [Bishop Michael](#)

On-line Rosary (contact anita@stpatricks.org.nz to join) at 9am daily with the Cathedral of St Patrick's and St Joseph.

Lectio Divina reflecting on the daily Gospel readings (contact anita@stpatricks.org.nz to join) at 10.00am and 8.00pm from the team at the Cathedral Parish

Staying Alive During Lockdown A fun, radio talk-show style event for youth and young adults on Instagram live, sharing our top tips and hilarious stories for staying alive in lockdown. With ACYM. Wednesdays 7pm [Instagram](#)

If you have some free time during lockdown, you might be interested in this video – **Let's talk liturgy** - from Fr Joe Grayland of Palmerston North
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2oAcV_OF_E

Or this clip, **Praise be for the Pandemic**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCYoikGal6U>

Or, more about **synodality** -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xf4ixP21R6U>

Or you might enjoy watching the film, **The Chosen: Episode 1 & 2** available here
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6sHNLmYbAM>
Other episodes can be found on Youtube

Unite
against
COVID-19

Love your neighbour as yourself, get vaccinated
Arohaina koe ki tōu hoa tata, ānō ko koe

Support the Covid-19 vaccination programme



THE WORD OF GOD

22nd week of Ordinary time

Sunday

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8
James 1:17-18,
21-11, 27
Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23

Monday

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thessalonians
5:1-6,9-11
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday

Colossians 1:1-8
Luke 4:38-44

Month of Care for Creation

Thursday

Colossians 1:9-14
Luke 5:1-11

FRIDAY

Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 5:33-39

St Gregory the Great, pope

Saturday

Colossians 1:21-23
Luke 6:1-5



Our Parish Filipino Community invites all to the celebration of the Feast of

"The Great Lady of the Philippines, Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary-La Naval"

Sunday 10 October at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 2 Lavelle Road, Henderson
Living Rosary, 12 noon
Holy Eucharist 12:30pm
Food Fellowship after the Mass in the Parish Hall.

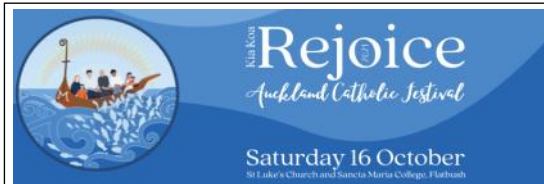
St Thomas More Parish donations

While our church is closed you are welcome to make donations online.

Our bank account details are:
BNZ RC Bishop Auckland, Glenfield 02 0100 0120966 04

Please put your name & pledge number (if known) in the reference section. If you don't have a pledge number please send Mary an email at office@stthomasmore.org.nz and she will organise one for you, so that you can receive a tax donation receipt.

Many thanks for your generous donations at this difficult time.



Rejoice | Auckland Catholic Festival 2021 Saturday 16 October

Rejoice Auckland Catholic Festival is a time for people of all ages to rejoice and celebrate our Catholic faith. Registrations are now open for <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/festival/>
Please note that the Festival will only go ahead if we are back at Covid Level 1.



Sunday.

Men in Black – small order of monks living hidden lives in South Canterbury hills

This order of monks served the Traditional Latin Mass chapel in Titi-rangi, Auckland around Christmas a few years ago. They are officially the F.S.S.R. - Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer aka Transalpine Redemptorists. If you missed the SUNDAY programme view it here - Fascinating.

https://youtu.be/8RYY_oW716w

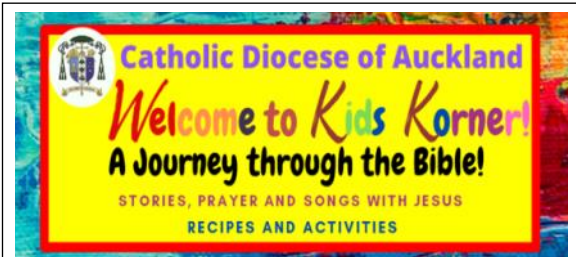
PROLIFE FACTS

Our previous abortion law permitted a lawful late term abortion only if two doctors agreed it was necessary to save the life of a mother or to prevent serious permanent injury to her mental or physical health. The Abortion Legislation Act 2020 has far more relaxed criteria for late term abortions, i.e. a late term abortion may be provided if a qualified health professional considers it clinically appropriate, after consulting with another qualified health professional. However, a consensus is not required for the abortion to proceed. Furthermore, Parliament rejected amendments which would have provided extra protections for the unborn child. These included amendments that would have: Made it an offence to abort an unborn child based solely on grounds of sex selection (SOP: 478); and Made it an offence to abort an unborn child based solely on grounds of disability (SOP: 479) Further, this Act was brought into law by Labour using a rushed process involving a Parliamentary Select Committee which refused to hear orally 95% of the people who had asked to present oral submissions – the vast majority of whom opposed it.
More pro-life info, www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

Situation Vacant: Chief Financial Officer at the Auckland Catholic Diocese.
For full information www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz - Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.
Applications close 12 September 2021.



High quality icon & sacred art prints for sale. www.sacredart.co.nz



The Faith Formation & Sacramental Programmes of the Diocese have these wonderful free resources. **New link each week**

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/22nd-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Top-encouraging-phrases-for-children.pdf>

Metanoia: A journey with Christ into conversion



In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. This series beautifully filmed on location in the Holy Land, highlighting sacred places such as the sea of Galilee, River Jordan, desert of Temptations and many holy sites in Jerusalem.

Each of the 10 episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary. Metanoia will examine topics such as who is Jesus, what must we do to inherit eternal life and other significant matters of faith. With preaching from Fr Dave as well as personal testimonies from men and women, religious and lay, their stories will inspire you to seek to encounter Jesus and the new life he is constantly inviting us to.

The Catholic Faith on demand. You can study / watch / listen / read for FREE. Pick up flyer from foyer for more information.

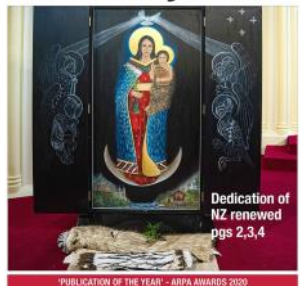
Ongoing Faith Formation and Evangelisation

NZCatholic

The national Catholic newspaper Aug 22 - Sept 6, 2021 • No. 621

Rome asks for more info on Aubert miracle 2 Climate report can spur prayerful action 10

NZ in Mary's care



Dedication of NZ renewed pgs 2,3,4

NZ Catholic are providing, free of charge, a digital link to the latest issue.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/ac3b7938-55ec-43ec-a0b9-3c02cb565718>

Baptism Preparation Courses



12 September & 3 October
Phone office to enrol phone: 444 8624
or email: office@stthomasmore.org.nz

Please pray for our sick parishioners & their families

Peter Marshall, Cathy Sigley
Tamar Mathews, Israel Nathan,
Eloise McFadden, Mark Delaurier
Troy Angelo Madrigal
Mary Anne Clark
Contact Parish office for any name changes.