

24th Sunday in Ordinary time

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield,
12 September 2021

The WORD This Week

As we follow through the Gospel of Saint Mark we come to an important turning point this week: after the preaching, the miracles and the journey so far, Simon Peter publicly recognises Jesus as the Messiah. But there is an important point, which is brought out by the choice of first reading today: this Messiah is a king who is destined to be rejected and killed. Jesus knows this very well, and rebukes Peter when he tries to lead him on a different path. From this point on, Saint Mark's Gospel leads to the cross: Jesus himself accepts his own cross, and reminds all his followers that the cross is a part of following him. If we are considering the question "Who is Jesus?", these scripture passages give us a deep insight into the mission of salvation that he accepts for us.

Today's Prayer

"But who do you say that I am?"

Lord Jesus,
you ask us
over and over,
"Who do you say
that I am?"

Show us who you are.
In every joy, take our hands.
In every sorrow,
take our hands.

Then we will know you well,
love you well.
Raising up your cross will not be so hard
if you are there with us,
holding our hands.

Anne Osdieck

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Genuine Service Others

The First Reading is from the third song of the Servant of Yhwh found in the book of Isaiah. Service is a theme of this liturgy, which links it to the theme of peace. After asking God to "give peace and to hear the prayers of your servant," we pray that God will "show us how great is the call to serve, that we may share in the peace of Christ." The service that our faith calls for is genuine service, the actual performance of deeds that benefit those in need. James talks about this kind of service: what good is it, he asks, if we wish others well "but do not meet their bodily needs."

The problem with commitment to genuine service of others is that it threatens the people of this world, who do not want to carry the burden of caring for people who have nothing to wear and no food for the day. The result is that those who work for peace in society by serving the needy must suffer. Peter did not understand this principle at first, thinking that liberation could come without the need for suffering. Jesus has to correct him and teach him God's standard: the Christian life of service amounts to carrying one's cross in the footsteps of Jesus. The struggle for justice is no party!

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/>
This also has a programme of events that are available in the diocese during this time.

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.



Saturday 11 September at 7pm

Light of Hope - Online concert with Fr Chris Skinner

Join us for an evening of spirit-filled worship, led by the fantastic Fr Chris Skinner. Video available on Bishop Pat's Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/bishoppatrick>

Information from the Diocese

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/>

On-line Rosary

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

Lectio Divina reflecting on the daily Gospel readings (contact anita@stpatricks.org.nz to join) at 10am and 8pm from the team at the Cathedral Parish.

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 & 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

24th week of Ordinary time

Sunday

1 Isaiah 50:5-9
2 James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

Monday

1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 7:1-10

St John Chrysostom, B.D

Tuesday

1 Numbers 21:4-9
2 Philippians 2:6-11

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Wednesday

Hebrews 5:7-9
John 19:25-27

Our Lady of Sorrows

Thursday

1 Timothy 4:12-16
Luke 7:36-50

Sts Cornelius, PM & Cyrian BM

FRIDAY

1 Timothy 6:2-12
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Timothy 6:13-16
Luke 8:4-15



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.

Friday TONIGHT 10 September at 7pm

Movie Night – My Sister's Keeper

Grab some popcorn & end the week with a movie night! The Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy will be watching My Sister's Keeper, followed by some discussion about the film.

<https://www.facebook.com/TheChaplaincy>

CYAC Vocations Series: A Journey to the Priesthood

The Catholic Young Adults Community continues their Vocations Series this week! Tune in to hear newly-ordained priest, Fr Isaac Fransen, share about his personal journey towards priesthood.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1298302237259435>

Tuesday 14 September at 7pm

Exploring the Book of Revelation with Robert Loretz

Looking for an evening of faith formation? This Tuesday, Robert Loretz and the Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy team will be exploring one of the most fascinating books of the Bible, the book of Revelation.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1011473819426730/>

Wednesday 15 September at 7pm

Livin' in Lockdown #4 // Mental Health

Join the ACYM team for a laid-back, radio talk-show style event for youth and young adults on Facebook Live. This week, we're tackling the very important topic of mental health.

<https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM>

Registrations are open for Ngā Tapuwāe - Sacred Footsteps
From 6th January to 9th January 2022



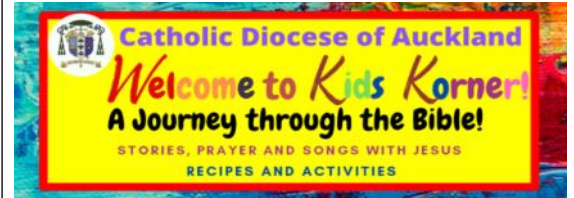
Travel with us as we explore and experience and live sacred places Bishop Pompallier and the early missionaries lived. Contact Deacon Stephen Fraser stephenf@cda.org.nz

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz / Ngā Tapuwāe

PROLIFE FACTS

The pro-life cause met major obstacles last year, with a majority of MPs voting for abortion on demand in March 2020. But there are signs of hope, as new younger pro-life advocates emerge. For instance, as a result of attending the 2021 ACTIV8 week-long pro-life training retreat for young pro-lifers, a young student nurse has deepened her commitment to promoting a culture of life in New Zealand. She wrote a long letter of thanks to Voice for Life, which covered her fees for attending the course. She wrote: "I am vowing to become an advocate for the pro-life movement in my circles of influence, using my experience in social media as an effective platform. I cannot emphasise how much I appreciate the experience you have enabled me to have at ACTIV8. The ways in which you have upskilled, empowered and inspired me to make a difference in the world from here on!"
Pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.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/2021/09/24th-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2-Important-keys-to-great-parenting.pdf>

AN EVENING WITH FR. ROB GALEA

SATURDAY 18 SEP, 8PM

Internationally Acclaimed Speaker and Musician



Join us for a night of formation, music and Q&A with Fr Rob Galea! Fr. Rob will be joining us on Zoom to share practical ways that we can overcome fear and pursue our God-given potential.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82124381475>



Unfortunately our concert with Fr Chris Skinner has been cancelled. Once we are in Level 2 you can obtain a ticket refund from the parish office.

NZ Catholic

Special Lockdown Digital Issue - September 1, 2021

Mandatory sign in or scan in at churches

Kiwi goodness impresses judge

Answering the call

Solemn Profession in Christchurch - pg 4



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

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/25f770ac-5f43-4534-abc8-db3a6d9c451e>

Baptism Preparation Courses 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.



TRUE WORSHIP



FORMED

Fr Michael Schmitz, inspires and educates in the Lighthouse Talk about the highest form of worship - the Mass. His Newman Centre focuses on being fed through the Sacraments as well as study and

knowledge of the church and has thrived under his humble and Spirit-filled guidance. Through this vibrant presentation, Fr Mike makes sure that you will have a deeper and more profound experience of the Mass.

The Catholic Faith on demand.

St Thomas More, Glenfield has subscribed to Formed.org so that you and your families and friends can study/watch/listen/read for FREE.

How do parishioners register for an account?

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Select your parish by typing in 0629 & select St Thomas More, 336 Wairau Road, Auckland
3. Register with your name and email address.
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.