



26th Sunday in Ordinary time

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield,
26 September 2021

The WORD This Week

There is a peculiar type of pettiness that will not allow someone to do what others do (even if or perhaps especially if they are good at it) because they aren't part of the group, or club, or circle.

Unless you wear the uniform, the badge or tie, you can't share in the work. When this is applied to doing good or following the Lord, it seems even more petty than ever: if someone does a good thing, does it matter that she or he is not a Catholic? The words of the Lord, "Anyone who is not against us is for us," should be taken to heart this Sunday. Let us recognise anyone who helps the poor, serves peace and justice, does what the Lord Jesus wants as our co-worker, whatever the 'label' they work under.

Today's Prayer

For whoever is not against us is for us.

Who is for us?
Those who
give welcome to the refugee?
Who shelter the homeless,
who care for the earth,
who feed the hungry,
teach the ignorant,
stand for justice,
who give a drop of water in his name.

Jesus, all we want
is to be on your side.
To care for your children,
to serve your poor,
to welcome the immigrant,
to free the prisoner.

Lord, we ask you,
give us only your grace.

Anne Osdieck

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

At The Same table

We believe in a God in whom "justice and mercy meet." Our God cares about the plight of the downtrodden (mercy), but also does something about their condition (justice), giving food to the hungry and sight to the blind, setting captives free, protecting strangers, and sustaining the fatherless and the widow.

The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of salvation that will involve opening the eyes of the blind, clearing the ears of the deaf, and even brightening up the environment. Mark presents Jesus as the kind of savior prophesied by Isaiah, one who "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." Those of us who have a calling from the God of Jacob to be followers of Jesus must combine concern for the downtrodden (mercy) with action on their behalf (justice).

We must reject the religion of favoritism for the rich, and imitate God who "chose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and secures justice for the oppressed."

We must combine preaching the Good News of the Kingdom with healing the sick. This is the way to offer "true worship" to the "God of peace and love." **Gerald Darrig / www.liturgy.slu.edu**

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>



It is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.

VENERABLE Suzanne Aubert ✧ **Meri Hōhepa** ✧
A Woman of Great Faith He wahine whakapono nui

VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT CELEBRATION SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 2021

Mass with Cardinal John Dew

October 3 is Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa Celebration Sunday. As parish Masses are not possible under the current Covid-19 restrictions, Cardinal Dew has agreed to celebrate a special Mass in the Chapel beside the crypt at Island Bay where Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa lies. It will be broadcast at 2pm on Shine TV. It will also be available to view later in the day on YouTube and Facebook.

All parishioners are invited to send their personal prayer requests and intentions which will be offered by Cardinal John at this special Mass.

If you have a particular prayer request, or if there is someone in your parish who you would like to be specifically remembered at either of these events, please send confidential details to Sister Josephine Gorman sr.josephine.gorman@compassion.org.nz At the conclusion of the Mass, all prayer requests and names of those who have asked to be remembered, will be placed on the tombstone of Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa and the Sisters will continue to pray for everyone during the month of October

There are also other resources available at

www.suzanneaubert.co.nz

Please pray for the beatification and eventual canonisation of Meri Hōhepa /Suzanne Aubert . And, let us remember her constant prayer. **"Thanks be to God for all He has done and is doing for us."**



Resources in times of Lockdown

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)

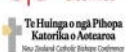
Lectio Divina reflecting on the daily Gospel readings (contact anita@stpatricks.org.nz to join) at 10am and 8pm from the team at the Cathedral Parish.

Daily Reflections from Bishops Pat and Michael Reflections from the Bishops on Facebook [Bishop Pat](https://www.facebook.com/BishopPat) and [Bishop Michael](https://www.facebook.com/BishopMichael)

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

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Sunday

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday

Zechariah 8:1-8

Luke 9:46-50

St Vincent de Paul, priest

Tuesday

Zechariah 8:20-23

Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Apocalypse 12:7-12

John 1:47-51

*Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael,
archangels*

Thursday

Nehemiah 8:1-12

Luke 10:1-12

St Jerome, priest D.

FRIDAY

Baruch 1:15-22

Luke 10:13-16

*St Therese of the Child Jesus,
D.V.*

Saturday

Exodus 23:20-23

Matthew 18:1-5,10

The Guardian Angels

The Diocese has these wonderful programmes to **Lift you Up/Whakapiki ake** during this time. The programmes are being updated all the time at:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/home-2020-new-design/the-church-and-covid-level-4-2/#programme>



Upcoming *Project Lift Up* events...

Tuesday 28 September, 7pm

Tuesday Night Formation // with Tim Wilson

Looking for an evening of faith formation? This Tuesday, the Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy team will be joined by Tim Wilson, Executive Director of the think tank, Maxim Institute. Prior to his work with Maxim, time was an award-winning journalist, with work appearing in The New York Times and The Guardian.

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

Wednesday 29 September, 7pm

Live in Lockdown #6 // Sharing our Faith

How do we share our faith when we're stuck in a bubble? Saint Paul did, and you can too! Join the ACYM team for a laid-back, radio talk-show style on Facebook Live & we talk about sharing our faith in lockdown. <https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM>

Thursday 30 September, 7pm

Love Without Limits by Divine Renovation Australia. Jesus taught us to both love our neighbour and to go make disciples. Join Cardinal Tagle, Nicky Gumbel and friends for an honest conversation around how we can live out this calling in the modern world.

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4927075>

SESSION ONE | Thursday 30/09, 10pm or
SESSION TWO | Friday 01/10, 10am

Friday 1 October, 7pm

Vocations Adoration Feast of St Therese of Lisieux. Join Bishop Michael Gielen for the monthly first Friday Adoration and Benediction live from St. Pat's Cathedral.

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

Saturday 2 October, 7pm

Setting Hearts on Fire // Weekend Worship with Michael Mangan

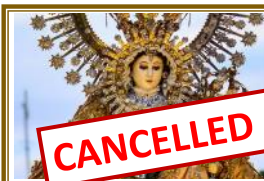
Join Aussie Catholic singer/songwriter Michael Mangan for Weekend Worship on Saturday 2 October at 7pm. 60 minutes of music, movement, fun and faith for the whole family. Sing along with some of Michael's well known "classics" including Hearts On Fire and Come Together and learn some of his newer songs. Email song requests to Pastoral Office by 30 September and Michael will try to squeeze them in! <https://www.facebook.com/bishoppatrick> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/AucklandCatholic>

Sunday 3 October, 7pm

The GREAT Diocesan Quiz Night

Win up to \$500 for your parish, school, or faith community. Join us for our first ever great Diocesan quiz night! Get your bubble organised for a family-friendly night of fun that will test your knowledge of movies, sports, Catholic trivia and much more! Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81074868459>

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

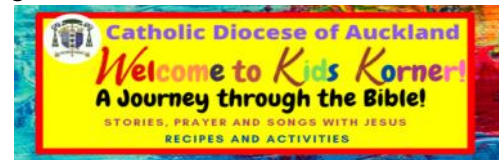


Celebration of the Feast of

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

Sunday 10 October

The Faith Formation & Sacramental Programmes have wonderful free resources.



Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/26th-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Returning-to-school-after-lockdown.pdf>

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



www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz / Ngā Tapuwāe

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

All Things Are Possible for God

FORMED

As a young man, the last thing Fr Joshua Waltz ever thought he would be was a Catholic priest. But a series of unconnected choices ultimately led him to enter the seminary. In this talk, Fr Waltz shares an incredible vocation story that involves heartbreak, robbers, Europe and several miracles - all showing that there is nothing more exciting than a life lived for Jesus Christ.

FR. JOSHUA WALTZ

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**.

PROLIFE FACTS

In New Zealand, medical drug abortions are increasingly utilised because the procedure is relatively easy to administer. The process begins with taking mifepristone as a tablet, which deprives the pre-nine-week old baby of nutrition. The second step is to administer misoprostol, which causes the baby to be expelled from the uterus. However, an article by Delgado and colleagues (2018), shows that it is not uncommon for women to have second thoughts about proceeding with the abortion after taking the first pill but prior to taking misoprostol, with 1,668 calls made to an information line inquiring about reversing the abortion procedure across a four year period. Their peer-reviewed study showed that by administering the hormone prostaglandin, up to 68% of pregnancies can be saved, even after taking the first pill, without increasing the risk of birth defects.

Family Life International NZ offers further information on the protocols for reversing medical abortions to medical practitioners interested in learning more.

For pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.

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 **Thank you & God bless**

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

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/0c7dd53b-b640-42c7-9b20-ac28de9d0386>

Baptism Preparation Courses

7 November
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.