



28th Sunday in Ordinary time B

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 10 October 2021

The WORD This Week

In today's story of the rich young man, who comes to Jesus full of good intentions, there are some simple words that speak so clearly to our own age: when Jesus tells him to sell every-thing and give it to the poor, his face fell at these words, and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth." How sad it is that such a keen (he runs up to Jesus), and by all accounts good young man (whom Jesus loves) could not free himself from the one thing that was holding him back his dependence on money.

Jesus words How hard it is...perhaps indicate his own sadness that the young man could not free himself from this. Jesus teaching was new as the disciples reaction shows. In Israel at the time, riches were thought to be a blessing from God. But as Jesus knew and taught, holding on to anything that passes away can distract us from holding on to things that are eternal.

Today's Prayer

Lord Jesus,
look upon us
and love us.

And grant to us the grace to
give freely to the needy
everything you
have poured upon us.

In our giving, Lord
let us receive
a hundred fold: you,
Lord of All

Anne Osdieck

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Everlasting Life

The rich man wants to have it both ways: he wants his possessions and he wants everlasting life. Jesus shatters his illusion; you can't have both, Jesus says. The rich man goes away sad, prompting Jesus to comment on the difficulty of being rich and entering the kingdom.

There is more to this story than renunciation of material possessions, for Jesus does not tell the man simply to get rid of his possessions: he must sell them and give to the poor. The point of the command is the acknowledgment of the priority of people and their needs over the satisfaction provided by the ownership of things. This is "God's word (that) is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword," and this is the spirit of Wisdom of which the first reading speaks: we are to value each other as if we were prime possessions, and the promise of everlasting life is made to those who have the power to give all they have to their brothers and sisters, especially those most in need.

Then who can be saved? Those whose love for God expresses itself in eagerness to do good for others.

Gerald Darring / 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-mOW1mJSzfw>

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.

SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY
SUPPORTING & HONOURING HEALTH CARERS
SUNDAY, 10TH OCTOBER 5:00PM
Catholic Diocese of Auckland Te Taumata o te Hahi Katorika MISSION MAP

Support Life Sunday

calls each of us to be active participants in supporting life wherever we can. This year the focus is on supporting health carers, who are in the midst of actions and decisions which affect the life and death of many. Some are professional health care staff,

others are family caregivers working in a less visible way. All of our parishes, schools and communities have people who are carers.

Supporting and Honouring Faith Carers

Join us on Sunday evening, October 10 at 5pm as we gather in prayer for Support Life Sunday.

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 814 4318 8862

Passcode: 172106

Live on [YouTube](#)

Pope Francis will officially open the **Synod on Synodality**

at the Vatican with the celebration of the Eucharist at St Peter's Basilica (Sunday 10 October), preceded by a moment of reflection in the Synod's New Hall (Saturday 9 October). You can join the Church in this time of prayer through the Vatican News website <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>. You can join Bishop Pat in prayerfully opening the local diocesan phase of this Synod journey on Sunday 17 October 7pm through his Facebook page.



TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Prayers in the Gospel of Luke – The Gospel of the New Church Year with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 11 October, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. \$25/session.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/09/02/the-gospel-of-luke/>

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

THE WORD OF GOD

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Sunday

Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30
Support Life Sunday

Monday

Romans 1:1-7
Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday

Romans 1:16-25
Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday

Romans 2:1-11
Luke 11:42-46

Thursday

Romans 3:21-30
Luke 11:47-54

FRIDAY

Romans 4:1-8
Luke 12:1-7

St Teresa of Jesus

Saturday

Romans 4:13, 16-18
Luke 12:8-12

St Margaret Mary Alacoque

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/>
Upcoming *Project Lift Up* events...



Ruakaka 30th Anniversary

On Sunday 14th November 2021, the Ruakaka Holy Family Catholic Community is celebrating 30 years since moving into the new Church in Peter Snell Road, Ruakaka.

Mass at 10.30am followed by a shared luncheon, sausage sizzle and entertainment for young and old. We are specially reaching out to past members & friends. Please contact Ray Timmins 02102788867 : raydale.timmins@xtra.co.nz

Rosary in October.



This month is traditionally a four-week time of focus on the beauty and power of the Rosary as a journey of faith, with Mary, through the central events of the life of Christ. Sign up to receive daily October reflections on the mysteries of the Rosary at www.foodforfaith.org.nz/rosary

Jubilee Bursary Open for Semester 1, 2022 Contribution towards fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post grad level Applications close Thursday, 11 Nov 2021 please contact: Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz

End of Life Prayer Day 7 November.

On the day that the End of Life Choice Act, legalising euthanasia and assisted suicide in New Zealand, comes into force we are called to offer prayerful witness and solidarity with the vulnerable. Especially as it coincides with the traditional Christian day of worship - when we gather together to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and the saving power of His life over death. Join us.

Prayer for Life
Loving God,
Inspire in us a deepening respect for life and the human dignity of every person.
Guide and strengthen us in caring, especially for the vulnerable, for those with disabilities, for those who are sick, lonely or depressed.
Help us to value the elderly.
Encourage us in enabling people with disabilities to live their lives to the full.
Support and empower all those working to protect life, especially against euthanasia and assisted suicide.
We make this prayer with full confidence in your guidance, compassion and love.
Amen.



Birthday greetings to Fr Alfredo for 5 October.
May you be blessed with many more....



FORMED

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.



Parishioners have been so generous in supporting St Vincent de Paul food parcels.
Thank you so much



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"PUBLICATION OF THE YEAR" - AIPA AWARDS 2020

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

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/a816212b-9754-4550-9c1b-7f3db9fa1269>

Baptism Preparation Courses
7 November 2021

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.

Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Welcome to Kids Korner!
A Journey through the Bible!
STORIES, PRAYER AND SONGS WITH JESUS
RECIPES AND ACTIVITIES

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/28TH-SUNDAY-OT.pdf>
Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Letters-to-Kids.pdf>

Liturgy of the Word for this Sunday

You can find a copy of it in word via this website. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/home-2020-new-design/the-church-and-covid-level-4-2/#resources>

PROLIFE FACTS

Sunday, 7 November marks the day when assisted suicide and euthanasia will become available in New Zealand. The End-of-Life Choice Act was passed by Parliament last year and in the intervening period, the Ministry of Health has recruited and trained the medical personnel to implement the Act. Voice for Life is calling for an "End of Life Prayer Day" in churches around New Zealand on Sunday, 7 November.

Kate Cormack, VFL national president says: "We believe it is vitally important for churches to offer prayerful witness and solidarity with the vulnerable: "We have two scriptures *Proverbs 24: 11-12* which reminds us to intercede and act for those 'being led away to death'. "The second is *Psalms 23*, which reminds us of God's constant loving care, even when we find ourselves in the 'shadow of the valley of death'." Voice for Life has prepared a list of eight prayer requests to be said by congregations seeking God's help. They can be downloaded from their website: www.voiceforlife.org.nz/pray

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:
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02 0100 0120966 04 **Thank you & God bless**