

27th Sunday in Ordinary time B

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 3 October 2021

The WORD This Week

Today we tackle the issue of marriage and divorce; Jesus is asked an awkward question about the legality of divorce. He lays down very clearly that what God intends for marriage is what is found in Genesis (where the "two become one" for all time) rather than the dispensation granted through Moses (permitting a writ of divorce) which was an exception, not the rule. Here it is clear that Jesus abrogates this Old Testament procedure a point emphasised when the disciples press him further on this issue on getting back home. While it is important for us to be sensitive and understanding towards those whose marriages have gone awry, we must be careful to let the teachings of the Lord speak for themselves.

Today's Prayer

At the
end of hard days
we who are ragged and bothered,
come running like children,
to you, Lord.

We take shelter in your warm embrace.
Your hands are on our heads
and on our whole weary world.

Bring all the works of your hands
and all of your children
into your kingdom,
together, and
hold us all there, safe.

Anne Osdieck

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

The Great Sign

"It is not good for the man to be alone," God says in the reading from Genesis (First Reading). Humans are social beings: God created us to live and work together, to share our lives, to care about and for each other. Shortly after this story in Genesis, Cain asks the rhetorical question: "Am I my brother's keeper?" The rest of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures answer with a resounding: "YES!" The great sign of the social nature of men and women is marriage, in which the "two of them become one body, the two shall become as one." Another sign is the Eucharist, for as Paul says in the Communion Antiphon: "we, though many, are one body, for we all share in the one loaf and in the one cup."

Marriage and Eucharist are signs of sharing lives and living together. The unity of humankind is shattered every day by the many scourges of injustice: racism, sexism, poverty, hunger, homelessness, war. We are constantly violating the fundamental principle: "let no man separate what God has joined." God has joined us in a society of brothers and sisters because it is not good for us to be alone: let no one separate that society through collusion in injustice.

Gerald Darring / www.liturgy.slu.edu

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.

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."

VENERABLE
Suzanne Aubert

A Woman of Great Faith

Meri Hōhepa

He wahine whakapono nui

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.

WHEN AUCKLAND MOVES TO COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2

Churches will reopen

St Thomas More Parish church is open from 8am to 8pm
There will be **NO SUNDAY MASSES** during Level 2,
however **WEEKDAY MASSES** are celebrated.

WEEKDAY MASSES SCHEDULE LIMITED TO 50 PEOPLE

MONDAY to FRIDAY 9:15am and 7:30pm

SATURDAY – 9:15am and 5:30pm and 7:30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour of Adoration

Monday to Saturday – **after** each morning mass and
before each evening mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday to Saturday – 9:45am and 6:30pm

PLEASE NOTE:

**There is NO NEED to book for weekday masses
but when you come to church**

Scan a QR code or sign in manually.

Wearing a face mask is strongly recommended.

Observe a 2-metre distance from other people, except for friends and family.

No Holy Water in the fonts.

No Communion from the Chalice.

Communion in the hand is strongly recommended.

THE WORD OF GOD

27th week of Ordinary time

Sunday

Genesis 2:18-24
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16

Day of celebration for
Venerable Suzanne Aubert

Monday

Jonah 1:1-2:1, 11
Luke 10:25-37
St Francis of Assisi

Tuesday

Jonah 3:1-10
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday

Jonah 4:1-11
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday

Malachi 3:13-20
Luke 11:5-13

Our Lady of the Rosary

FRIDAY

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday

Joel 4:12-21
Luke 11:27-28

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...

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 Patrick's Cathedral. https://www.facebook.com/Bishop_Gielen/

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. A great family faith event. <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>

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



Baptism Preparation Courses

7 November 2021
Phone office to enrol phone:
444 8624 or email:
office@stthomasmore.org.nz

That Awkward Moment When God Changed My Life

Paul J. Kim

FORMED

Moving his audiences from laughter in one moment to deep reflection and prayer in another, Paul J. Kim utilized his many talents to communicate the gospel to young people in a way that is

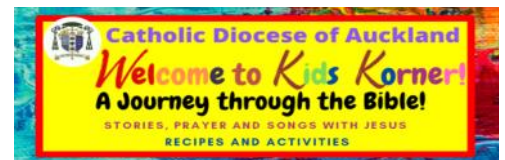
engaging, entertaining and altogether inspiring. In this top-notch presentation, Paul uses humour and personal stories to reveal how Christians are beloved sons and daughters of the Father.

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.



Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/27th-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/5-Ways-your-children-help-you-be-a-better-person.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

In 1980, the ruling Communist Party of China introduced the One-Child policy to drastically reduce population growth. Women had their fertility carefully monitored by family planning staff at workplaces and in rural villages. If they became pregnant with a second child, they were often compelled to have an abortion. Whilst international population control agencies praised the One Child policy, the psychological pain from repeated forced abortions that some women experienced was ignored. Female babies were routinely aborted, as couples often preferred a son, for cultural reasons and to provide for them in retirement. Belatedly, the Communist Party has realised the repercussions of the policy and are now encouraging parents to have more children. The Australian Broadcasting Corporation (28th September) reported that the authorities are issuing new guidelines to discourage abortions for "non-medical purposes" in an attempt to increase the population. The State is now aiming to provide more pregnancy health care services as an alternative. In 2018, health authorities warned that using abortion to end pregnancies was harmful to women's bodies and risked causing infertility.
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**

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

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

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

Gemma Nobilo R.I.P.
Gemma passed away peacefully after a short illness on 24 September 2021. Funeral service will be announced at a later date.

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.