

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time B



Sf Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 14 November 2021

### The WORD This Week

As always at this time of year, we begin to contemplate the end of the world a theme that carries us over next Sunday's feast (Christ the King) and so into Advent. Such a contemplation is not gloomy or morbid: throughout the ages (and especially in the early days) Christians have been utterly positive about the coming end of all things, because we know what will happen, and in fact we earnestly desire it to come: the phrase that gives this away is in the Gospel: Then he will send his angels to gather his chosen from the four winds. This gathering of Gods children together will be a truly wonderful event, when we will all be completely enfolded in that love of God that we talk so much about.

### Today's Prayer

*Heaven and earth will pass away  
but my words will not pass away.*

Cars will  
rust and fall apart.  
Condos crumble to the ground.  
Even the football teams will eternally fail.

Everything will go:  
investments, worries,  
honors, pains, until that time.

Let us listen to each other  
and to the pain in all the world.

Lord Jesus,  
fill us with your Word,  
which will never pass away  
and let us take you  
to everyone till the end of time.  
You are love and love remains.

Anne Osdieck

### GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

#### A More Human Life

We are indeed in a "time unsurpassed in distress." A fifth of the world's population lives in absolute poverty. About three billion people lack adequate nutrition. Every three days, more people die from malnutrition and disease than from the bombing of Hiroshima. Every year more people die from preventable hunger than died in the Holocaust. One out of every four human beings has no access to safe drinking water. There are somewhere between one billion and two billion unemployed adults in the world. The poorer countries have 60 percent of the world's students and 12 percent of the world's total education budget. More than half of the world's adult population cannot read or write. More than half of the countries of the world have used violence against their own citizens in the form of torture, brutality, and summary executions. About 4 million people died in wars in the 18th century; about 8 million people died in wars in the 19th century; about 100 million people ... died in wars ... in the 20th century. One day we "will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory," (Mark 13:26) to bring vindication, to right all the wrongs done by human beings to each other. *Gerald Darrig / www.liturgy.slu.edu*

### Christmas Giving Tree

This year we will be making up **Festive hampers** for distribution. Please leave your Christmas themed food items on Fr's deck under the Christmas tree.

Some suggestions: Soft Drinks, Biscuits, Steam Puddings, Chocolates, Chippies, Jams, Honey, Tinned Fruit, Jelly, Fruit Juices, Lollies, Fruit Mince Pies, Brandy Snaps, Crackers, Chutneys, Salad Dressings, Pickles, Sweet dessert Sauces.

If you wish to donate food vouchers/money, please leave them in the box provided on the deck.

*Many thanks for your generous donations*



### Covid-19 Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus,  
we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,  
we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,  
we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions  
between food on the table or public safety,  
we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,  
we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care  
due to immigration status,  
we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,  
we pray for shared solidarity.

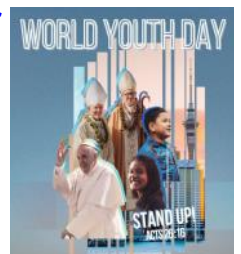
For public officials and decisionmakers,  
we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of  
hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort.  
Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. *Amen.*

### World Youth Day 2021 21 November

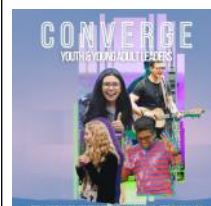
To celebrate World Youth Day, we are excited to come together on Facebook Live for what promises to be our biggest online youth event yet! Featuring our Bishops, music from The Sations, and plenty young people, don't miss this incredible opportunity to **STAND UP** with the youth of the Auckland Diocese

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



### Converge // Youth and Young Adult Leaders Gathering Sunday 28 November, 7pm

In the wake of World Youth Day, our youth and young adult leaders are invited to join us for an evening of fun, formation & sharing their feedback. Featuring Fr Rob Galea and plenty of familiar faces, we're excited to dive into the conversation of how we can journey together!



### COUNTING YOUR BLESSINGS

DR. SCOTT HAHN



### FORMED

Dr Scott Hahn explains the theology and practice of Catholic family life, as based on the image of the blessed Trinity, is in God's Word. He demonstrates that the source of the love in family life is within the Word of God.

#### How do parishioners register for an account?

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](https://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.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

33rd week of

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### Sunday

1 Daniel 12:1-3

2 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Mark 13:24-32

### Monday

1 Maccabees 1:10-15,

41-43, 54-57, 62-64

Luke 18:35-43

### Tuesday

2 Maccabees 6:18-31

Luke 19:1-10

### Wednesday

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31

Luke 19:11-28

*St Elizabeth of Hungary*

### Thursday

1 Maccabees 2:15-29

Luke 19:41-44

### FRIDAY

1 Maccabees 4:36-37,

52-59

Luke 19:45-48

### Saturday

1 Maccabees 6:1-13

Luke 20:27-40

## The Great Diocesan Christmas Quiz Sunday 5 December, 7pm

Back by popular demand! After having such a blast at our first quiz night, we're back with another opportunity to win up to \$500 for your parish school or faith community. Grab your best Christmas outfit and join us for another night of trivia-filled fun! Save the zoom link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87540912405>



## World Day of Prayer for the Poor Sunday 14 November 2021 G

*God of justice open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor.*

*Open our ears to hear you in the cries of the exploited.*

*Open our mouths to defend you in the public square as well as in private deeds.*

*Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to you. Amen.*

## 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 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.

## SCHOLARSHIP for STUDY at TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

*Ruth Miller Scholarship* for study at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. This scholarship will be available for people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2022. For further information contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Email: [catheriner@cda.org.nz](mailto:catheriner@cda.org.nz). Closing date for applications **3 DECEMBER 2021**

## Do you have the calling to be a Hospital Volunteer Chaplain Assistant?

A confidential listening ear, Safe and supportive help, Prayers for patients and their families. Spiritual support, Encouragement, Ward visits during the day  
Training starts in April 2022.  
Refer enquiries to Pauline at 022 3612134 or email at [pauline.soo@waitematadhb.govt.nz](mailto:pauline.soo@waitematadhb.govt.nz) before 18 February 2022.

Patris Corde: With a Father's Heart A Festival on St Joseph presents a virtual talk by



**CMF**  
CENTRE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF LIFE AND LOVE  
TE WHIRANGA HAPORO O TE ORA ME TE ARORA

Fr. Donald Calloway, bestselling author of *Consecration to St Joseph*, now a global movement. This event will be held on 17 Nov (Wed.) at 7pm. All events are FREE. For more details visit [www.marriageandfamily.org.nz](http://www.marriageandfamily.org.nz)



**Try Alpha Online:** Message from Bishop Michael: These are challenging days ... what about those who don't know our Lord's love, who don't know the comfort of faith, who don't know the surety of eternal life and the deep forgiveness and peace that Jesus's mercy brings? Alpha is the most gentle way I've found to share the good news of Jesus. I will be offering Alpha online (via Zoom) for 8 interactive sessions at 7.30pm on a Tuesday night starting 2 November. Who can you invite?

Be courageous and invite people you know who don't have faith, or people who have maybe lost their faith, to come and know him in a new and fresh way. Be assured there's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. For more information go to: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/alpha-online->



## DIOCESAN PHASE Oct 2021 - Feb 2022

**Information on the Synod** We are currently at the start of the 2021-2023 Synod For A Synodal Church. To find out more about this process including how to get involved head to the website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/> where you can read all about it and download information.

## Join us - A Career with a Mission!

Saint Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies, is seeking a mature married couple or single woman to live in at our beautiful and well-appointed home in Pukekohe, to provide acceptance, love and care for pregnant mothers in need, and for their babies and perhaps toddlers in a faith-based setting. Supported by a daytime staff member, a reliever for the parents, and volunteers. Saint Gianna's Home caters for up to four or five mothers and their babies at any one time. To obtain a Position Description and Terms of Employment, please email: Dame Colleen Bayer [col.fli@xtra.co.nz](mailto:col.fli@xtra.co.nz) OR Mrs Clare McClean [clare@fli.org.nz](mailto:clare@fli.org.nz) Co-ordinator Gianna's Choice Pregnancy Options & Support.



Instead of coming together to March at Parliament on **Saturday 4 December**, we're asking you to be a voice for the voiceless at your home AND to join us online for an exciting, motivating event. This exciting opportunity to be

a voice for the voiceless is happening on **Saturday 4 December @ 2pm**

Here's how you can be involved.

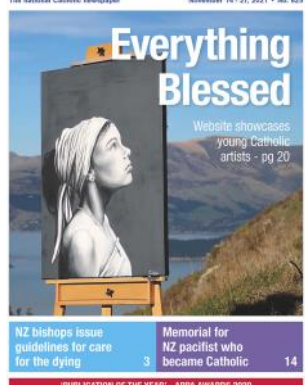
1. [Head over today to our website](#) to register your participation in the online event.
2. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to keep up with how you can be a voice for the voiceless at your home, enter competitions, and more.
3. Spread the word and invite all your family, friends and colleagues to participate!

Every day, 36 pre-born children lose their lives to the horror of abortion. Countless women and families are wounded physically, emotionally, and spiritually. [www.marchforlife.nz/online](http://www.marchforlife.nz/online)

**Kids Korner:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/download/kids-korner/>

**Parent Ponderings:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/download/parent-ponderings/>

## NZCatholic



NZ Catholic are providing, free of charge, a digital link to the latest issue. <https://indd.adobe.com/view/707e9a74-c217-46bf-8f04-918203a095a9>



## 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.