

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 21 November 2021



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The WORD This Week

Every time we complete the cycle of the liturgical year, there is a seamless blending into the new year: so, just as this week we hear of the King who is to come, next week, we begin a New Year and the Season of Advent by more meditation on the end of time, and the One who is to come again, as he once came among us.

This feast affirms that Christ is King, that he is Judge, that he is Ruler of the kings of the earth. By his own words we know that this is true, as he stands before Pilate and says, Yes, I am a king.

But his kingship is different: it is not of the same kind as earthly kings, whose empires fade and pass away. His kingship is eternal, and holy until the end of time. Through his love for us, we share in this sovereignty - this holiness - as priests and kings who serve his God and Father. We end our year in simple, awe filled praise of the One who is, who was, and who is to come the Almighty.

This Week's Prayer

For this was I born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.

Lord Jesus,
before you came
we only guessed at the truth.

Could we have known that God loved
the poor,
that God healed
the broken-hearted,
the sick and the distressed?

Nor that God would offer his
very Son for our sake?

Yours is the
kingdom of love.

Help us know,
belong and testify
with you to this loving truth.

Anne Osdieck

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

The Kingdom of God is...

The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy. The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the faith. The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come). The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace. Jesus Christ is king! We pray today that God may "free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love." *Gerald Darring / www.liturgy.slu.edu*



Christmas Giving Tree

Please make your donations by Friday 10 December so that we can make up the 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.

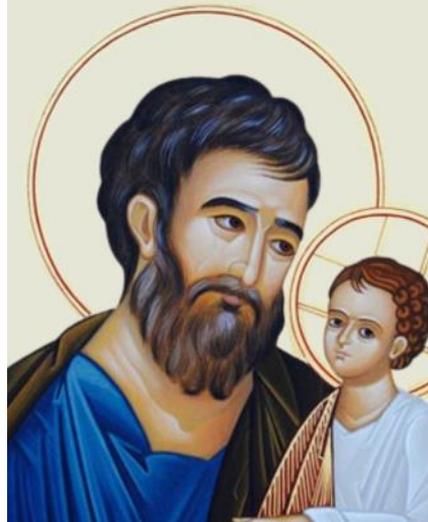
If you wish to donate food vouchers/money, please leave them in the box provided on the deck.

Many thanks for your generous donations



Diocese of Auckland Vocations Team
VOCATIONS NOVENA
TO END THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH
MON 29TH NOV - WED 8TH DEC

Join us as we conclude this Year of St Joseph with a Diocese-wide Novena to St Joseph for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life



NOVENA
live streamed
Starting Monday
29 November from the
Cathedral of St Patrick
Daily at 7pm

THANKSGIVING MASS
Live streamed at 7pm
Wednesday 8 Dec
the Solemnity of the
Immaculate
Conception.

For more info
www.aucklandvocations.org.nz/novena

8th December,

Join us for
ONLINE MASS

LIVE STREAM

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8aH3O99_bUSYeyM671mOBg/videos

Sunday 21 November 2021

at 9.30am

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



THE WORD OF GOD

34th week of
Ordinary time

Sunday

1 Daniel 7:13-14
Apocalypse 1:5-8
John 18:33-37

Monday

Canticle Daniel 3:1-4
Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20
Luke 21:1-4

St Cecilia

Tuesday

Canticle Daniel 3:1-3
Kaniel 2:31-45
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday

Canticle Daniel 3:4-6
Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17
Luke 21:12-19

St Andrew Dung-Lac, priest

Thursday

Canticle Daniel 3:7-3:2
Daniel 6:12-28
Luke 21:20-28

FRIDAY

Canticle Daniel 3:2-5
Daniel 7:2-14
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday

Canticle Daniel 3:6-9
Daniel 7:15-27
Luke 21:34-36



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



Confirmation & Eucharist 2022

We are now taking registrations for the classes starting in Feb 2022. Email the parish office: office@stthomasmore.org.nz and Mary will email you back the form and information.

Please pray for our sick parishioners & their families

Peter Marshall, Cathy Sibley, Tamar Mathews, Israel Nathan, Eloise McFadden, Mark Delaurier, Troy Angelo Madrigal, Mary Anne Clark
Contact Parish office for any name changes.

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>



Advent is a Season of Hope.

As we move out of a period of stay-at-home orders, with Covid-19 a reality in our communities and a sense of uncertainty we are hopeful that all shall be well. In this season when we prepare with hope for the coming of Emmanuel – God with us, all are invited to join a circle of prayer. Prayer for ourselves, our communities, the world. Each morning from the first Sunday of Advent **28 November at 8.30am** on the diocesan Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/aucklandcatholic> advent prayer will be offered. Young people from our school communities, representatives from parish and ethnic communities, diocesan staff will lead us prayer. We, the diocese, gathering to pause and pray together. Then at **10.30 am 1-24 December** same place we will upload an Advent Calendar. Not a digital chocolate but it will open up an Advent Action. A simple way to connect with the Gospel and live the hope of Advent. **Please join us.**

Patris Corde:

With a Father's Heart
A Festival on St Joseph presents the online movie **Joseph of Nazareth: The Man Closest to Christ**. Register at www.marriageandfamily.org.nz or contact 0220289737 for more details. All events are FREE.



Resources in times of Lockdown

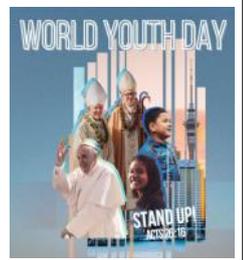
The diocese has a number of resources available on its website to support people during this time <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/home-2020-new-design/the-church-and-covid-level-4/>

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. For further information contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Email: catheriner@cda.org.nz. Closing date for applications **3 DECEMBER 2021**

Who's ready for **World Youth Day 2021**?! YOU are invited, this Sunday 21 November 7pm. This special online event will be featuring our Bishops, music from The Satians, and plenty of young people, so don't miss this incredible opportunity to **STAND UP** with the youth of the Auckland Diocese. This event will be live on the Auckland Catholic Youth & Young Adult Ministry Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM>



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

In the wake of World Youth Day, our youth and young adult leaders are invited to join us for an evening of fun, formation and 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!
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87574994154>

TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PRESENTS
Catholic Responses to the End-of-Life Choice Act
Wednesday, 01 December 6:00-7:00pm Via Zoom

Presenters:
Rev Dr Mervyn Duffy, Degree Programme Head, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College
Dr John Kleinsman, Director of Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics

A discussion on the guidelines issued by the NZCBC for those working with and ministering to people contemplating assisted dying and the Vatican letter *Samaritanus Bonus* on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life.

Register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUud-mspiMqG9ZusLZTVvsxmOW_xu_3Pt0V



This Sunday brings the liturgical year of the church to its culmination. At the close of the year, the Church draws our attention to Jesus' Kingship and the coming of his Kingdom through this Sunday's readings.

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

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