



The WORD This Week

We are now closer to Ascension and Pentecost than Easter, but we are still in the Easter Season. The readings this Sunday begin to move us along too, as once more we hear the Lord at the Last Supper preparing his disciples for his departure: he does this by giving them a rule to live by, a new commandment. This commandment, love one another, is to be the guiding light of the community of believers after Pentecost (check the first reading for the Second Sunday of Easter) it is the risen Lord's parting gift to his Church.

An Easter Prayer

**“As I have loved you,
so you also should love one another.”**

Lord Jesus Christ,
let us live out
your “one thing necessary”:
the treasure of having and giving your love.

Not fair-weather love,
not hearts-and-flowers,
but your own radical
no-limits kind.

Make us yours,
giving
all we have:
all our wealth,
our body and blood,
our heart and soul,
hands and feet,
our precious time.

Show us that
the one thing necessary
is to accept and to give your love.

Anne Osdieck

EASTER SPIRITUALITY

Give Birth To Love

“See, I make all things new,” says the One who sat on the throne. The second reading is about a vision of a new earth, a new Jerusalem, in which “there shall be no more death or mourning, crying out or pain, for the former world has passed away.”

The new Jerusalem will be made up of people who love one another. People will not watch in this holy city as their brothers and sisters languish in poverty and hunger, nor will they attack each other in various forms of inhumane treatment, torture, and war. The key to this new world will be love: “This is how all will know you for my disciples: your love for one another.”

The road to this new Jerusalem will not be an easy one: “We must undergo many trials if we are to enter into the reign of God.” We enter the road with faith that the risen Lord will “give us new purpose and bring us to a new life.”

Gerald Darring / www.liturgy.slu.edu



DOVE FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

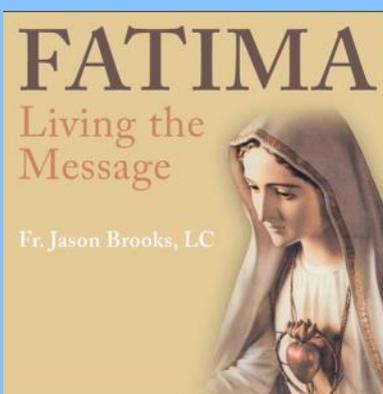
will meet on 18 May at 7.30pm in St Thomas More hall.

Topic: **BE HIS LIGHT**
Scripture: **2 Cor. 4:5-6**
Speaker: **JUDY OLSEN**

COME, MEET AND FELLOWSHIP with WOMEN from the North Shore.

Please wear a mask.

For info please contact Sylvia 021 088 22990



In a time of lost innocence, the faith of three children inspired thousands and helped the world believe in miracles. Mary's messages at Fatima have been promoted by Popes, approved by the Church, and validated by over 70,000 witnesses. Fr Jason Brooks brings to light why Fatima is regarded by many as the most important spiritual event of the past 100 years.

BONUS: Fr Shannon Collins, retreat master, and well-known speaker on EWTN, explains the intended impact & opportunity of the messages of Fatima on the spiritual lives of believers today.

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**

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FAITH AT HOME



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 30 May – 5 June. Please join with us to celebrate

together at this year's Ecumenical Prayer Service on Sunday 12 June 2022, 6:30pm. 15 Culperry Road, Glendene. Host: St Peter's Syrian Orthodox Church. Refreshments after service. Email pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz for further details.

Alive in the Spirit

Being The Community Christ Calls Us To Be

2022 Theme:

What does God Require of us?
(Micah 6:8)

26th to 28th May

Engaging Keynotes

*Dr Christina Kheng,
Dr Maeve Heaney VDMF,
Luke Tobin, Dr Dan R Ebener,*

Explore areas of leadership & ministry, planning for mission, pastoral care, social justice and more.

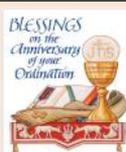
**OVER 30
WORKSHOPS**

**ENGAGEMENT
OPPORTUNITIES**

**UP TO 12-MONTH
ACCESS**

Practical Pathways for our Catholic Church in the Oceania Region

Inspiration & Formation for lay & clergy, staff, leadership teams, finance teams, catechists, prayer groups, pastoral ministers & volunteers, and those in education, counselling, pastoral care, youth ministry, family ministry, aged care & chaplaincies.



10 year Priestly Anniversary of Fr Alfredo Garcia on 26 May 2022

Parish Celebrations on Sunday 29 May at 10am followed by a shared lunch in the hall.

THE WORD OF GOD

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday

Acts 14:21-27
Apocalypse 21:1-5
John 13:31-35

Monday

Acts 15:36-16
John 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28
John 14:27-31

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6
John 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21
John 15:9-11

FRIDAY

Acts 15:22-31
John 15:12-17

St Bernardine of Siena, priest

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10
John 15:18-21

*St Christopher Magallanes,
priest & companions*

The Affordability of Housing Committee

of the Diocese of Auckland's Justice and Peace Commission advocates for everyone to have affordable, warm and dry housing particularly those in greatest need. It currently needs new members. If you have an interest in serving in this area please contact: Peter Garrick Executive Secretary peterg@cda.org.nz or phone 022 1300 730

The Social Hazards Committee of the Diocese of Auckland's Justice & Peace Commission needs new members. It advocates to overcome exploitation of people, loan sharks and gambling and alcohol harm. If you have an interest in serving in this area please contact : Peter Garrick Executive Secretary peterg@cda.org.nz phone 022 1300 730



Joshua meeting notice

Date: Wed 25 May 7.30pm
St Josephs Centre, Takapuna
There will be a presentation on the topic: **"What will Heaven be Like?"**

A warm invitation to all men to come and find out and meet Catholic men in a spirit of friendship and fellowship. Ph Tony Raj for information: 021 0340 786

PROLIFE FACTS

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful vigil in front of abortion facilities. Family Life International NZ co-ordinated the recently concluded 40 Days for Life campaign in Auckland, where pro-life supporters gathered to pray opposite the AMAC abortion facility on Dominion Rd in Auckland for 40 days during Lent. Around 140 people participated, giving from 1 - 67 hours of their time. A beautiful Candlelight Vigil marked the final hour of public witness on April 10. Although it is not yet known whether the vigil has saved the lives of unborn children, that has certainly been the case from previous vigils. The prayers of the vigil were not only for mothers that they will choose life for their unborn, and also for mothers and fathers suffering after abortion that they may come to see there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **More pro-life info, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz**

Maria Assumpta Parish in Beach Haven, Auckland is celebrating its Golden Jubilee over Labour Weekend. 22-24 October, 2022. Register your interest and get updated details from email: patlythe@gmail.com or Ph 09 4839903 or text 027 344 1663. **We'd love to hear from you.**

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/FIFTH-SUNDAY-of-EASTER.pdf>
Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/This-barista-who-showed-a-hurting-widow-some-much.pdf>

R.I.P. Elizabeth (Liz) Snellert.
Her funeral will be held at St Thomas More on Tuesday 17 May at 11am.



TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Mary – Our Inspiration with Kieran Fenn fms.
Friday, 20 May, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.
St Paul – The first Missionary with Kieran Fenn fms.
Mondays, 13 -27 June, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. \$25/session or \$50/series. Info & registration: www.studyjoy.nz

Iconography workshops
- Writing the gospel in line & colour



Weekends or Evenings.
Register online now
www.sacredart.co.nz



News from the Diocese.



Each year after Easter the bishop celebrates the **Mass of the Neophytes** This mass of welcome to new Catholics is a time for all those who were baptised or received into the

Church to gather at the Cathedral for the bishop to welcome them to the family and to recognise that we are a Church across parish boundaries. Mass of Welcome celebrated by Bishop Steve at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph on Sunday 29 May at 4.30pm. All neophytes, their families and RCIA team members are invited to join this special occasion. RSVP numbers by Wednesday 18 May.

Bishop's Jubilee Bursary Semester 2 2022 Jubilee Bursary Contribution towards fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post graduate level. Applications close 9 June Contact: Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz



Unwritten; Young Adults Evening
Join us for an incredible evening for young adults!

Taking place on Saturday 21 May, 6-9pm, Unwritten will be a night of keynote speakers, praise and worship, adoration, reconciliation & prayer. Spaces are limited, so grab your FREE tickets today! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/unwritten-tickets-322536564547>

Parish Secretary Vacancy - Glen Eden
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is looking for a new parish secretary. This is a part-time role between 25-30 hours per week. Submit CV & covering letter outlining your interest in this role to Darinjohnston710@gmail.com.

100yrs MARIST EDUCATION HAMILTON
St John's College Hamilton is hosting a Mass 11am on Sunday 5th June followed by a light luncheon and gathering to celebrate 100 years. Please register attendance online at www.foundation.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz, or phone the College Office on 07 856 7091.

Liturgy and Ministry Coordinator
to ensure that Diocese's commitment to the vision and spirit of Vatican II is upheld. Full-time role involves co-ordinating the work of the Liturgy team, developing strategies to promote liturgical resources and expertise available to the Diocese, providing formation, training, advice, and guidance in all aspects of the Liturgy in the diocese (including creating resources and presenting workshops), and editing the quarterly Liturgy magazine. Applicants must have experience of parish liturgical ministry and an understanding of the principles of the liturgy of the Catholic Church along with a relevant Theological degree

Pastoral Worker to the Auckland Deaf Community

The Diocese is seeking a Pastoral Worker to the Auckland Catholic Deaf Community for 32 hours per week. Responsibility for pastoral care and support for deaf, hearing impaired and their families. Applicants must have fluency in New Zealand Sign Language, be a practicing Catholic with sound knowledge of the Catholic faith, experience of working in both Deaf and Hearing workplace environments, the ability to communicate using a variety of media.

Please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz – Diocesan Services – Staff Vacancies for the full position descriptions of these roles and how to apply.

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NZ Catholic providing, free of charge, a digital link to the latest issue. <https://indd.adobe.com/view/a7fa5f65-1699-44e7-9334-9dd35f940bc1>

Please pray for our sick parishioners & their families
Peter Marshall, Cathy Sigley
Tamar Mathews, Israel Nathan,
Eloise McFadden, Elena David,
Mark Delaurier
Troy Angelo Madrigal
Mary Anne Clark
Contact Parish office for changes.

Baptism Preparation Courses
12 June & 3 July 2022
To book phone/email parish office. Ph: 444 8624 or office@stthomasmore.org.nz

Holy Cross Seminary
www.holycross.org.nz