



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 19 June 2022

The WORD This Week

The Eucharist is not an invention of the Church: it is a part of God's plan of salvation from the very beginning: it is prefigured in the Old Testament, seen today in the food offerings of Melchizedek, priest king of Jerusalem associated with Abraham, choose bread and wine as the offerings. It is also revealed by the prophetic action of Jesus, in feeding the multitude, before he feeds the Church with the gift that is transmitted through the centuries. The Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, is our communication with the Father, in the Spirit: it is the real presence in the Church's 'here and now' of the eternal God; it is Covenant, Memorial and Promise, Meal and Sacrifice, the heartbeat of the Family of Believers.

Prayer to the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus

O Most Precious Blood of Jesus,
infinite price of the redemption of sinful humanity,
solace and refreshment of our souls,
you continuously foster our cause
before the throne of Supreme Mercy.
I profoundly adore you and want, as much as possible,
to make reparation for the insults and
disrespect you receive from human beings,
especially from those who dare to blaspheme.

Who will not bless this Blood of infinite value!

Who would not be set aflame with love
toward Jesus who shed this Blood?
Who would I be if this Divine Blood
had not redeemed me?

Who removed it from the veins of my Lord
to the last drop?

Love did it! O immense love,
which bestowed upon us this saving balm!

O immeasurable balm which sprang
from a spring of immense love,
may all hearts and languages praise you,
exult you and give you thanks
now and forever. Amen.

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY A Hard Question

When the disciples came to Jesus with the request to dismiss the people to go find food, Jesus challenged them with the question: "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" That question should haunt us today. More than enough food is grown to feed everyone on this planet. "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" More than 60,000 people will die of hunger on this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Two-thirds of them will be children. "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" Nearly one in five people worldwide is chronically malnourished—too hungry to lead a productive, active life. "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" One-third of the world's children are significantly underweight for their age. "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" The amount of money the world spends on weapons in one minute could feed 2,000 malnourished children for a year. "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" Jesus is our living bread. It is his obvious intention that we be well fed. The Eucharist, a great gift from the same God that sent the manna in the desert, should strengthen the determination of both the hungry and the satisfied to do what it takes to eliminate hunger.

Gerald Darring/ www.liturgy.slu.edu



Confirmation

37 children of our parish will be confirmed
at
10am on Sunday 19 June 2022
at St Thomas More.
All welcome

WEEK OF FAMILIES

22-26 June 2022



**Family Love:
A Vocation
and a Path to
Holiness**

As the World Meeting of Families is occurring in Rome the week of 22-26

June, we as a universal Church are celebrating **The Week of Families**. To assist us in pausing and giving thanks for the domestic Church the diocese has prepared a series of activities to help celebrate family life in faith

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/family-week/>

WITH GUEST SPEAKER
BISHOP STEVE
How to figure out (almost) everything

The Upper Room

SHAKESPEARE TAVERN, WYNDHAM STREET
LIVE MUSIC & BAR SNACKS FROM 7PM

THUR 30TH JUNE

\$10 TICKETS

Welcome to **The Upper Room!** - An awesome opportunity for young adults to come grab a drink and dive into some relevant topics that don't usually feature in your Sunday mass homily! Life is filled with choices - What should I study? Which career should I pursue? Should I have this uncomfortable conversation? Should I ask this person on a date? And the all-important question of what should I have for dinner???

This month, join **Bishop Steve Lowe** as he talks about how to figure out (almost) everything. He'll be breaking open the topic of discernment, not just in the context of our Vocation, but also as we navigate everyday life. Bishop Steve will be sharing some practical tips for discernment, how we can recognise God's voice in our life, and he'll be answering YOUR questions as part of Q&A. Last time Upper Room SOLD OUT, so if you don't want to MISS OUT then register asap! - Tickets available from Eventbrite for \$10. Facebook event & Eventbrite links:

<https://fb.me/e/2xQijReTR>

www.eventbrite.com/e/the-upper-room-tickets-355602485607



TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): St Paul – The first Missionary with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 20-27 June, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. All sessions are connected but also stand alone. \$25/session or \$50/series. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/st-paul-meet-the-first-missionary-7/>

Stories, Films & the Bible with Fr Kevin Waldie sm. Friday, 08 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. All sessions are connected but also stand alone. Koha/Donations welcome.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/06/04/stories-films-the-bible/>

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

THE WORD OF GOD

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Sunday

Genesis 14:18-20
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Luke 9:11-17

Monday

2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15, 18
Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday

2 Kings 19:9-11,
14-21, 31-36
Matthew 7:6, 12-14

St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

Wednesday

2 Kings 22:8-13, 23:1-3
Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday

2 Kings 24:8-17
Matthew 7:21-29

FRIDAY

Ezekiel 34:11-16
Romans 5:5-11
Luke 15:3-7

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday

Lamentations 2:2,
10-14, 18-19
Matthew 8:5-17

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

NZCatholic

The national Catholic newspaper June 19 - July 2, 2022 - No. 620

More transitional housing to help families 3 Reframing poverty debate for a more just society 9

Disciples of all nations



NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers.

Price \$4

(unchanged for 8 years).

Please pray for our sick parishioners & their families

Peter Marshall, Elena David,
Tamar Mathews,
Israel Nathan, Mark Delaurier
Troy Angelo Madrigal
and Mary Anne Clark
Contact Parish office for changes.



Baptism Preparation Courses

3 July &
7 August 2022

To book phone/
email parish office.
Ph: 444 8624 or
office@stthomasmore.org.nz



**First Friday -
1 July 2022
Mass 9.15am
Exposition 6.30pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet
7.00pm
Mass 7.30pm**



The St Vincent De Paul are here to help if you or someone you know are struggling to make ends meet and a food parcel would help. Please contact the parish office. Phone: 09 444 8624 or email: office@stthomasmore.org.nz



The Journey: Trinity, Faith & the God who is Love.

The Bible reveals the mystery of who God is: God is love. God created us out of love, died for us out of love and invites us on a journey of faith in which we live in his love. In this study, we'll look at the God who is Love and how that Love shows itself in the Trinity and the Faith.

How do parishioners register for an account?

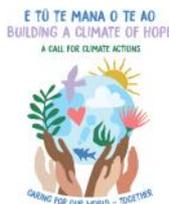
- Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:
1. Go to formed.org/signup
 2. Select your parish by typing in **0629** & select **St Thomas More, 336 Wairau Road, Auckland**
 3. Register with your name and email address.
 4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

FORMED
FAITH AT HOME



Catholic Caring Foundation – together, we care for the poor

Our families are doing it tough this winter. Please take home the Foundation's latest newsletter and see how we can all make a difference. www.caringfoundation.org.nz



The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference invites parishes to respond to the Religious Diversity Centres' Climate Action. This is a call for climate actions from local faith communities to be celebrated and promoted beyond their own arena. "We are encouraging the sharing of stories about actions taken so everyone can be aware that efforts are being made across all religions right across the country, - and together we can make a difference and build a climate of hope!" This is done through their website where as well as sharing your own good news stories you might find inspiration of practical ways we can care for our common home. www.rdc.org.nz

Holy land tour January 2023



**Don't miss out on this trip of
a lifetime – come join us!**
COST: \$2,900 (excludes the flight fare)
If you have specific questions
or for a detailed itinerary -
email: cnztours18@gmail.com
or text/call Alfred: 021 074
9676 See poster in foyer



Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/THE-MOST-HOLY-BODY-and-BLOOD-of-CHRIST.pdf>
Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Hand-Of-Hope.pdf>

To Rent: 4 bedroom house, 1 bathroom, 2 toilets. Full renovations a few years ago and still in very good condition. NO pets. Prefer small family. Available mid/end of July. Prefer long term. On main Rd, close to mtway. Caribbean Dr /Unsworth Heights. \$700 weekly. If you interested and you think you are the right people please contact 021 292 9280.

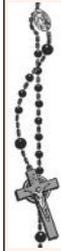
News from the Diocese.



Synod on Synodality – thank you to all that contributed to and listened through the diocesan phase of the Synod on Synodality. The synthesis document of the voices of the people of Auckland has been submitted. It can be read/downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>

Alpha for couples – Marriage & Family Life Tuesday 2 August – Tuesday 11 Oct .

Closing date for Registrations is 1 July 2022
Marriage & Family Life would like to personally invite **dating, engaged and married couples** to a very special Alpha course online via zoom. Numbers are limited so register quickly at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz



Rosary Workshop – Learn about the history, the prayers and the mysteries of the Rosary, with hands-on teaching to make your own Rosary – Sunday 2pm – 4pm (\$15 pp per session includes all rosary making materials and afternoon tea) Sun 26 June. Venue: St Francis Retreat Centre. Contact rosaryworkshopnz@gmail.com to register or for more information.



Volunteers Catechists Children's Sacramental Programs

After a couple of very hard years with Covid, many of our sacramental programs in some way have suffered. Our children are still very much in need for all you do for them in preparing them for their first sacraments. You are cordially invited to a **½ day retreat on Saturday 9 July 2022 9am - 12:30pm**. Register by 6 July Deacon Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz or call on 021439407

Liturgy and Ministry Coordinator This is a full-time role which 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) & editing the quarterly Liturgy magazine. Please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz

Our First Task is to Become Human - Reflection Day

Led by Sr Christina Neunzerling, Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre, Mission Bay, Saturday 25 June 9am – 4pm, \$30 waged/\$20 unwaged. Registrations to Sr Julian Langton by 20 June. Ph: 09 528 1801 or email: marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au

Catholic University Chaplaincy

Visit us at 110 Symonds Street, 10am – 6pm, Mon – Fri www.facebook.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy

www.instagram.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy

Contact Cameron Surrey – cameronc@cda.org.nz

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry

www.facebook.com/ACCYM
www.instagram.com/acym2

Contact Sam Brebner samb@cda.org.nz or 027 1800 2238

"Young People, you are not the tomorrow, you are not the 'meantime', you are the Now of God." - Pope Francis



Holy Cross Seminary
www.holycross.org.nz