



13th Sunday in Ordinary time

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 26 June 2022

The WORD This Week

There is a sense of urgency about discipleship – almost like emergency services responding to a crisis, in the Gospel today there is no time to wait for any normal human moments, no reason to delay: the hand must be placed immediately on the plough, the work must begin NOW! It can feel as though Jesus is being a little abrupt in this passage – even a little too intense! But it is a question of priorities: for the Lord, the work of salvation, or proclaiming the Gospel, brooks no delay. Perhaps this intensity is a valuable reminder for us – we can tend to “tame” Jesus, and forget that he was passionately and totally dedicated to the Mission his heavenly Father had entrusted to him - even to the point that he left Nazareth to become a homeless preacher with nowhere to lay his head.

Prayer this Sunday

But he answered him, “Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.

Lord Jesus, you say to us,
“Follow me.

Go, proclaim the kingdom of God.”

Deepen our trust.

Loosen our attachments,
so many they may be, and whatever
fastens us also to our safe spots.

Allow us to go where you call us today:
fields of war and bias, whatever
destroys our climate,
wherever there is hunger and violence.

Let us take
your kingdom everywhere in our day.
And let us lay our heads
where you lay yours. Amen

Anne Osdieck

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Sweat And Toil

We have reached the point in Luke’s gospel where Jesus is setting out on his ‘great journey’ to Jerusalem, a journey which symbolizes our journey through life toward death and resurrection. In the course of our journey we are to follow Christ. “Come after me,” Jesus says, and our response is to be: “I will be your follower wherever you go.” We can ask if we follow Christ. Do we walk in the way of the cross or do we follow some other way? We can ask how we follow Christ. Do we follow Christ through some special calling or through the ordinary Christian vocation and through the acceptance of the challenge of daily living? We can ask which Christ do we follow. Do we follow a Christ of our own making, one that confirms us in our present lifestyle, or do we follow the Christ of the gospels, especially the Gospel of Luke: the humble Christ dedicated to the liberation of the poor and oppressed? The call to follow Christ is no mean challenge: “Let the dead bury their dead; come away and proclaim the kingdom of God.” *Gerald Darring/ www.liturgy.slu.edu*



Confirmation

Congratulations to the 37 children.
**Thank you to everyone
who helped make the celebration
so meaningful**



REVITALISE XLT NORTH SHORE

Let’s gather together and grow in relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through an experience of God’s presence in praise and worship and Eucharistic Adoration.

This is happening at St Mary’s Catholic Church (117 Onewa Road, Northcote) on Friday 1 July, from 7pm - 9pm.

Revitalising our communities means we need to ask, with faith, what we are seeking. We’re instructed to question, seek and knock for the gifts which we need. Miracles, healings, signs and wonders, and gifts of the Holy Spirit are not extra in the Christian life. They are vital to the Christian life. We can trust God with that which we need. #exalt #revitalise #adoration #praiseandworship



Date: Wed 29 June 2022 7.30pm

Venue: St Josephs Centre, Takapuna

Our guest speaker for the evening is Fr James Walsh. Fr James spent more than 30 years as a priest outside of New Zealand. He has also lived and guided many pilgrimages in Medjugorje. His talk will be a testimony of his life experience titled - "Living the Principal Messages of Medjugorje" and a challenge to Catholic men.

A warm invitation to all men to come and listen to Fr James and meet Catholic men in a spirit of friendship and fellowship.

Remember to calendar the date and bring along a friend!



Family Love: A Vocation and a Path to Holiness

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/>



St Thomas More: The Age of the Author

The Renaissance was an age of discovery and innovation during which many lost their way amidst bold new visions of secular happiness. Thomas More was one of the greatest humanists of his age but also a man devoted to the spiritual life. His lifetime of learning, charity

and service to the public good of England enabled him to stand a patient and holy witness - and one of the greatest of modern martyrs - against the tyranny of Henry VIII.

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**



TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): St Paul – The first Missionary with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday 27 June, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. \$25/session (incl. resources).

Matariki & the Pleiades with Beate Matthes

Monday, 04 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donations welcome.

Stories, Films & the Bible with Fr Kevin Waldie sm.

Friday, 8 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. All sessions are connected but also stand alone. Koha/Donations welcome.

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

THE WORD OF GOD

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Sunday

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21
Galatians 5:1, 13-18
Luke 9:51-62

Monday

Amos 2:6-10, 13-16
Matthew 8:18-22
St Cyril of Alexandria

Tuesday

Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12
Matthew 8:23-27
St Irenaeus

Wednesday

Acts 12:1-11
Paul 4:6-8, 17-18

Sts Peter and Paul, apostles

Thursday

Amos 7:10-17
Matthew 9:1-8

The first martyrs of the Holy Roman church

FRIDAY

Amos 8:4-6, 9-12
Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday

Amos 9:11-15
Matthew 9:14-17



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

Anointing Mass Saturday 2 July 2022
Mass 9.15am
followed by the Rosary

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???

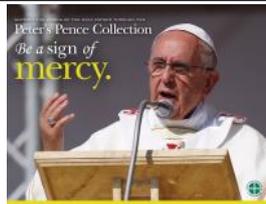
This month, join **Bishop Steve Lowe** as he talks about how to figure out (almost) everything. He'll be breaking open the topic of discernment, not just in the context of our Vocation, but also as we navigate everyday life. Bishop Steve will be sharing some practical tips for discernment, how we can 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

Second Collection Sunday 26 June 2022

Peter's Pence - This money goes directly to the Pope via the Nunciature in Wellington to use in whatever projects he thinks necessary.



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

Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Welcome to Kids Korner!
A Journey through the Bible!
STORIES, PRAYER AND SONGS WITH JESUS

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/THIRTEENTH-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>
Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/The-Smell-of-Rain.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/long term.. Available mid/end of July. Caribbean Dr /Unsworth Heights area. \$700 weekly. If interested and you think you are the right people please contact 021 292 9280.

News from the Diocese.



Guitars wanted
Catholic Prison Chaplaincy is seeking any unwanted working guitars for use

within prisons in the Auckland Diocese. If you would like to donate a guitar please call John (021 086 52 181) to arrange drop-off at Catholic Social Services. Thank you.



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



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 **1/2 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

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/AKCYM
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



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/>

NZCatholic \$4

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



Holy Cross Seminary
www.holycross.org.nz