

Pentecost Sunday

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 5 June 2022

The WORD This Week

We arrive at the fiftieth day the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word.

It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.

Pentecost Prayer

Come, O Holy Spirit

John Henry Newman

Come, O Holy Spirit.

Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,
come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,
come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,
come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,
come as Holy Life and dwell in us.

Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,
until we are set free from the service of ourselves,
to be your servants to the world.

Amen.

EASTER SPIRITUALITY

One Spirit - One Source of All

Imagine a man and a woman who are deeply, passionately, and completely in love. What will characterize their relationship?

Constant giving and receiving, resulting in an ever deeper relationship and an ever intensifying gratitude—which will leave them both, daily, feeling ever more mellow, joyful, peaceful, mild, patient, chaste, and wanting to reach out and share with others what is so quickening in their own lives. Moreover, their love for each other will create, around them, an ambience, a climate, an atmosphere, of charity, joy, peace, patience, mildness, and chastity. The movement of giving-and-receiving-in-gratitude between them will create a warm hearth where others will spontaneously come to seek warmth in a world which offers too little peace, patience, joy, and the like. Such a relationship can be a modest indicator for what happens in the Trinity, of how the Father and the Son generate the Spirit, and what results from this generation. The Father constantly creates and gives life.

The Son receives life from the Father and gives it back in gratitude.

As is true in all relationships wherein gift is received lovingly, this makes it possible for the Father to give even more to the Son.

As this flow of life, this giving and receiving, goes on, gratitude intensifies and an energy, a spirit, the Holy Spirit, is present.

This Spirit, since it is "generated" by gratitude, naturally is a Spirit of charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, mildness, faith, and chastity. It is then too a Spirit that is naturally incompatible with idolatry, adultery, violence, gossip, factionalism, jealousy, rage, and infidelity. When we meditate in this way upon the Holy Spirit, we are under less illusion as to what it means to live in the Spirit. To believe that we are living in the Spirit when our lives are not permeated by, and radiating gratitude is to be dangerously deluded. We must be clear about this, lest, as poet William Stafford puts it: "Following the wrong God home, we may both miss our star" **Ron Rolheiser** / www.liturgy.slu.edu

World Environment Day Sunday 5 June

Pope Francis' "Prayer for the Earth"

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

ACTS

Acts of the Apostles

What was the early Church like? How did they live, evangelize and worship? How were the first disciples of Jesus converted to 'the Way'? Modern Christians can gain insight on these and many other questions in the Acts of the Apostles. From the Ascension of Christ, to Pentecost, to St Peter's first sermon, to the conversion and

preaching of St Paul, the Acts of the Apostles brings us into the world of first century Christianity and the radical love and powerful evangelization of the early Church.

FORMED
FAITH AT HOME

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

Project Innocence GATHERED PRAYER EVENT
Via **zoom**

Wednesday, 15th June 2022 at 7.30 pm
(The 15th of June is the Feast Day of St. Germaine Cousins - Patron of Victims of Abuse)

Join Zoom Prayer Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89210259901?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89210259901?pwd=OFd4UlpDbGNIUjFhVWREmp6NXE1dz09)
pwd=OFd4UlpDbGNIUjFhVWREmp6NXE1dz09
Meeting ID: 892 1025 9901
Passcode: 15June2022 <https://www.facebook.com/charis.nz>

'Prayer to raise up a movement to improve the lives of vulnerable children in Aotearoa'

TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): St Paul – The first Missionary with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 13 -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/>

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz



St Paul's College, Grey Lynn, Auckland

Years 7-13, Catholic Champagnat Marist School for Boys

Enrolments now open for years 7, 8 and 9 in 2023. Applications close on Friday 9 July 2022.

THE WORD OF GOD

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,
12-13

John 20:19-23

Monday

1 Kings 17:1-6

Matthew 5:1-12

Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday

1 Kings 17:7-16

Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday

1 Kings 18:20-39

Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday

1 Kings 18:41-46

Matthew 5:20-26

St Ephrem, deacon

FRIDAY

1 Kings 19:9, 11

Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday

Acts 11:21-26

Matthew 10:7-13

St Barnabas, apostle

Seniors Morning Tea

in the hall after the 9.15am Mass

Tuesday 14 June 2022

Time to meet again!



Auckland University are conducting research into Dementia care and invite members to join an **Involvement and Engagement Group**. More information and an application form ph: 923 3990 or email: vanesa.burhot@auckland.ac.nz See poster and flyers in foyer. Applications close 16 June and you will be paid for your involvement.

Iconography workshops
- Writing the gospel in line & colour



Weekends or
Evenings.

Register online now
www.sacredart.co.nz



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.

Ph: 09 444 8624 or email: office@stthomasmore.org.nz

Confirmation



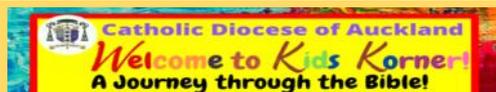
36 children of our parish will be confirmed at
10am on Sunday 19 June 2022
at St Thomas More.

All welcome

Social Justice Retreat – 9am-4pm Sat 18 June with Fr Merv Duffy on the Gospel of Luke. St Francis Retreat Centre 20 Hillsborough Rd. \$20 (including lunch). A few places still available. Please contact: Peter Garrick email: peterg@cda.org.nz phone 022 1300 730

PROLIFE FACTS

Jean (Regina Rose) Simpson died peacefully on 30 March, aged 92. Many in the Pro-life community may have known Jean Simpson personally, or at least known of her. She was a true pro-life warrior, who spent many, many years praying at the site of the abortion facility known as the Auckland Medical Aid Centre (AMAC). Jean was a woman of great faith, who was astonishingly and unfailingly generous with her time, her love, her resources, and her prayers. She was pro-life in all senses of the word - active also in prison visiting, in outreaches with the Legion of Mary, and many other practical examples of Christian living and witness. Such a woman was greatly loved by her family and friends, and those in the Pro-life and church community privileged to have known her personally, and she was deserving of that love and respect. Jean has set an example for us all of trusting completely in God. From those in the Pro-life community who knew her well - Rest in peace dear lady!
More pro-life info, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz



Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/EIGHTH-SUNDAY-of-EASTER.pdf>

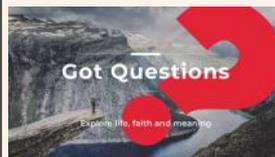
Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/The-Story-of-Kyle.pdf>

TO RENT: Cosy 2 bedroom unit, available to rent from 26 June or earlier @ 202 Manuka Rd, Bayview. Rent: \$460 pw. Call 021 105 9129 for more details

Please collect your tax donation receipts from the church foyer.

News from the Diocese.

G.I.F.T. Pentecost Mass CANCELLED due to Covid issues. We are very sorry and hope to see you all in person soon.



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. This is the regular Alpha course with a focus on sharing our faith or non-faith with our romantic other. Numbers are limited so please register quickly at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz click on **“Missionary Discipleship”** and then **hover over “Marriage & Family”** and **“our courses”** and then **click on “Alpha for Couples”** this will take you to the online registration form. Please register as a couple. For more information please email marriageandfamily@cda.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.

The Diocesan Pastoral Council met on Saturday 21 May. You can download the newsletter from this meeting from the diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/DPCMay2022Newsletter.pdf>



Harbour Hospice – North Shore is seeking a **SPRITUAL CARER**.

Walk alongside patients, family and whanau, supporting them with their spiritual needs to provide quality end of life care. If this sounds like you, have appropriate experience & qualifications, Harbour Hospice welcomes your application. Link: <https://tt.harbourhospice.org.nz/jobs/1786765-spiritual-carer>

Volunteers Catechists Children’s Sacramental Programs



As you know we have had a couple of very hard years with Covid and 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**. We will look at resources, share morning tea together, have a small talk and you will have the opportunity for a refresh of the Holy Spirit. Register by 6 July Deacon Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz or call on 021439407

Maria Assumpta Parish Beach Haven, Auckland is celebrating its Golden Jubilee over Labour Weekend. 22-24 October, 2022. Register your interest and get updated details email: patlythe@gmail.com or Ph 09 4839903



NZCatholic

The national Catholic newspaper June 9-18, 2022 - No. 838

National synod hui in Wellington in early July Budget could have done more on child poverty

Bishop of Christchurch



NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again.

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
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