

# 16th Sunday in Ordinary time

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 17 July 2022

## The WORD This Week

Sacred Hospitality is our theme: as the letter to the Hebrews says: remember always to welcome strangers, for by doing this some people have entertained angels without knowing it. True hospitality lies in two things: first the welcome, encouraging the stranger to enter the house and be at home there: secondly, the gift - not just of food or drink, but of time: listening to the stranger, and giving of ourselves to them. This is what makes hospitality costly, but holy, and a true service of Jesus Christ.

## Prayer this Sunday

*“Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary.”*

Fussy Martha  
readied the table,  
cooked the meal,  
poured fine wine.

Resting Mary  
sat herself down at his feet.

The sound of his voice,  
stilled her heart  
and filled her soul.

O Lord Jesus,  
call us to rest at your feet and listen;  
to share for a while with you  
that one thing that is  
necessary.

Let us feast on it, and then,  
bustle about serving it  
to others the rest of our day.

Anne Osdieck

## GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

### Loving Our Neighbor

God's law is not so mysterious and remote; it is not up in the sky or across the sea, but is already in our mouths and hearts. And what is that law? To love God with everything we have, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We have difficulty loving God because we live in a world “filled with lights opposite to” the light of God's truth.

“The Lord hears the poor,” but our world scorns the poor. Our God makes “peace through the blood of his cross” while our world tries to make peace through the blood of soldiers and innocent civilians. We have difficulty loving our neighbor because we do not understand “neighbor” as Jesus did. Neighbor for us means people we like, people who are on our side, who work for a living, and who mind their own business. Jesus redefines neighbor as the hated stranger who is down and out, challenging us to stop what we are doing and care for his need. The priest in the Gospel may have been going to the temple to worship God.

Jesus is teaching his followers to see the ditch as God's dwelling place: to love neighbor as defined by Jesus is to love God. *Gerald Darring/ www.liturgy.slu.edu*

## MISSION MAP MOMENTUM

10:30AM - 2:15PM | Saturday

27 August | St Francis Xavier Whangarei

24 September | Our Lady of Assumption

15 October | St Josephs Takapuna

**You are invited** as pilgrim people of God to a day of prayer, formation, information and collaboration around our call to missionary discipleship. The day will begin at 10.30am and conclude at 2.15pm. The Diocese will provide lunch. During this time, we will explore what we consider the hallmarks are of a welcoming, vibrant faith community, hear from David Wells about missionary discipleship, explore the different resources available, and reflect on what we can do together. We hope that it will be a warm, welcoming, time together where we can learn from each other, be encouraged and nourished.

Due to the nature of the sessions and the space available we are limited to 80 participants. Please register through the website:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/missionmap/momentum/>

**Saturday 15 October Takapuna Church Hall**

### StarLight Talent Showcase 2022

Our North Shore Regional Talent showcase StarLight is back again this year on the 30 July at Rosmini College.

We would love to see our various parishes come support our youth in showcasing their talent. Tickets sold online and at the door.

If there is any of our youth who would like to participate encourage them to enrol online. More details on our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/starlighttalentshowcase>



### EMPOWERMENT EVENING with Deacon David Marshall

**“Onward with the Journey - to Love and Serve the Lord”**  
(LUKE 9:51-62)

23 July 2022; Saturday: 8pm

St Vincent de Paul Church, Milford **Everyone is welcome.**

### HOW DO I READ THE BIBLE?

CHRIS STEFANICK

DR. MARK GISZCZAK

### The Search continues...

Is there only one way to use the Bible? Dr Mark Giszczak and Chris Stefanick open up what the Bible is and ways in which you could read it.

### How do parishioners register for an account?

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](https://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

### Gianna's Choice Pregnancy Options and Support:

... pledges to all women and girls facing an unplanned pregnancy, regardless of creed or personal circumstance, every possible help with practical, moral, and financial support as necessary, in order that they may give life to their baby.

For more information, please phone 0800 367 5433, or email [nzgiannaschoice@gmail.com](mailto:nzgiannaschoice@gmail.com) to request an information pack.

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### TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

**Online Sessions (Evening): Mary of Nazareth** with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 22 August, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donations welcome.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/mary-of-nazareth/>

For more information and registration: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

## THE WORD OF GOD

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### Sunday

Genesis 18:1-10  
Colossians 1:24-28  
Luke 10:38-42

### Monday

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8  
Matthew 12:38-42

### Tuesday

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20  
Matthew 12:46-50

### Wednesday

Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10  
Matthew 13:1-9  
*St Apollinaris, B.M.*

### Thursday

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8,  
12-13  
Matthew 13:10-17

*St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest*

### FRIDAY

Song of Songs 3:1-4  
John 20:1-2, 11-18  
*St Mary Magdalene*

### Saturday

Jeremiah 7:1-11  
Matthew 13:24-30  
*St Bridget*

## Dove Fellowship for Women



will meet on **Wednesday**

**20 July** at 7.30pm in St

Thomas More hall.

Topic: **He makes us new**

Scripture: **2 Cor 4: 16-17**

Testimony: Maha Shasha  
Come, meet and fellowship with  
women from the North shore.  
Please wear a mask.

More info: contact Sylvia 021 088 22990

## Understanding the Old Testament



9am – 4pm Saturdays 6 August,  
3 September, and 1 October (18 hours in  
total all three days) with Dr Kevin  
Waldie, SM. St Columba Centre,  
Vermont St, Ponsonby. Find out more  
<https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/catholic-theological-college-old/so-you-want-to-study/timetables-calendars/auckland/>

## Upcoming Retreats and Events at St Francis Retreat Centre



**Time Out Days** – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch)

Wed 20 Jul | Tue 23 Aug | Tue 20 Sep | Tue 18 Oct |  
Tue 22 Nov | Tue 6 Dec Venue: St Francis Retreat  
Centre. Hillsborough Road. For more info or to book  
[www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) Tel: 09 625 6651

**24Hr Quietude Retreats** – For those who seek a short retreat – Fri 7pm – Sat 7pm (\$120pp includes accommodation + food) 16 -17 Sep | 18 -19 Nov: St Francis Retreat Centre. For more info or to book:  
[www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) Tel: 09 625 6651

**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 24 Jul | Sun 21 Aug. Venue: St Francis Retreat Centre. Contact [rosaryworkshopnz@gmail.com](mailto:rosaryworkshopnz@gmail.com) to register or for more info.

**24Hr Prayer Retreat** - Join us for a reflective prayer retreat for talks on prayer, with time for personal prayer, Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Sat 6 Aug 3pm - Sun 7 Aug 3pm. (Earlybird before 17 Jul \$130pp includes accommodation + food, \$150 from 18 Jul) For more info or to book: [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) Tel: 09 625 6651

Next **Seniors Group** meeting will be on Tuesday 26 July (after the school holidays) in the parish hall after the 9.15am Mass.



Fr James will be in Birkenhead to talk on his experiences in Medjugorje on Thursday 21 July. 37 Maritime Terrace, Birkenhead. 12pm light snack lunch served prior to talk. No charge. Children welcome. Contact: [Beulahbonugli@gmail.com](mailto:Beulahbonugli@gmail.com) or phone: 027 279 0544

## See the Holy Land pilgrimage

Enquiries are invited for a 21-day pilgrimage to Israel, Jordan & Palestine, leaving on 2 May 2023. It will be led by Pat McCarthy, former editor of *NZ Catholic*, with Fr Chris Denham. The itinerary includes all the sacred sites of interest to Christian pilgrims. For details, email Pat on [patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz) or For a short YouTube video (less than 5 minutes) on the trip, go to [bit.ly/3yjcGlq](https://bit.ly/3yjcGlq) and click on the Sea of Galilee image.

## News from the Diocese.

**Marriage & Family Life: Marriage Educators** - Looking to volunteer and accompany engaged couples on their journey to marriage? We are seeking married couples (5-10 years married) to join our Ministry. If you are able to serve 4 hours a month and want to serve God in this important Ministry please call Gerry on 021 02247442 or [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz) All training is provided.

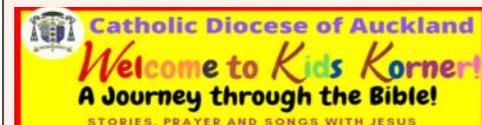
## Situations Vacant - Pompallier Diocesan Centre

There are two new positions in the Diocese, Chancellor and Executive Assistant within the Bishops Office. Recruitment is now underway and anyone interested in submitting a confidential application can find further information on the new Chancellor and EA roles and how to submit a confidential application by referring to the Diocesan website, Staff Vacancies <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>. Applications close on 22 July.



**What's the secret to finding true lasting happiness?** Join us for a Youth Retreat Day of faith, fellowship, food and fun with the Community of the Beatitudes (Mass, Talks, Lunch, Prayer) 9am- 3.30pm Saturday, 13 August 2022, Holy Family Parish Hall, 94 Taikata Road, Te Atatu Peninsula. Bring a plate, a friend & a small koha. For more info call Danielle 0212506318

**Eucharistic Healing Evening** – Saturday 13 August 2022 at 7pm at Holy Family Parish, 94 Taikata Road, Te Atatu Peninsula. Prayers and singing will be led by the Beatitudes Community. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 8346677 or email [hfp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hfp@xtra.co.nz).



Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/SIXTEENTH-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>  
Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/A-Thousand-Marbles.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 please contact 021 292 9280.



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: 444 8624 or email: [office@stthomasmore.org.nz](mailto:office@stthomasmore.org.nz)

## NZCatholic \$4

The national Catholic newspaper July 17 - 30, 2022 • No. 911

National Synodality Cardinal Dew at Australian Wellington 4 Plenary Council 9

## Installed in Christchurch



Bishop Michael Glendon's Mass of Installation - pg 2,3

**NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers. Price \$4**

## 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

7 August & 11 September

To book phone/email parish office. Ph: 444 8624 or [office@stthomasmore.org.nz](mailto:office@stthomasmore.org.nz)



**Holy Cross Seminary**  
[www.holycross.org.nz](http://www.holycross.org.nz)