



17th Sunday in Ordinary time

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 24 July 2022

The WORD This Week

When we see the child in the sweet shop nagging and moaning at mum or dad for something, we probably don't think of it as a model of our prayer lives! And yet, if we take the word of God seriously today, that is exactly what our faith teaches us to do!

The message is persistence - never giving up, even if prayers do not seem to be answered.

We shouldn't ask why they are not answered on the spot (God's probably got a reason), but should just continue beating on the door of heaven in faith and hope.

Prayer this Sunday

"I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence."

O Lord Jesus,
your father
stands at the door
waiting for us to knock,
never sleeping,
always seeking ways to do for us,
and fill us with good things.

Help us to persist
in our prayers for climate,
gun control, immigrants,
starving children,
racism, war.

Anne Osdieck

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

On Behalf of Justice

We as a Church are dedicated to the search for a better world, but today's liturgy challenges us to push that dedication to its limit. Ask for a better world, Jesus says, and you shall receive; seek a better world and you shall find; knock at the door of a better world and it shall be opened to you. "For whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted."

The problem is in part lack of faith in the God who "gives power and strength to his people." The problem is also a lack of Christians personally committed to the pursuit of justice and peace. What if there were only fifty people working for justice? God would not let us be destroyed. What if there were only thirty people working for peace? God would not let us be destroyed. What if only ten were working for justice and peace? God would not let us be destroyed. The problem is that there are not even those ten. "Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" He will indeed, and those who do not join in that 'action with justice' will suffer the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Gerald Darrig/ www.liturgy.slu.edu

15 August 2022 -
Feast of the Assumption.
Holy Day of Obligation.
Two masses - 9.15am and 7.30pm.



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>



Forgiven: the Transforming Power of Confession. explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's

love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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**



CDA CONNECT

Check out this month's issue of

CDA CONNECT: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

It is a great way to find out all that is happening in the diocese and how you can get involved.

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/>

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

THE WORD OF GOD

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Sunday

Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

Monday

Corinthians 4:7-15
Matthew 20:20-28

St James, apostle

Tuesday

Ecclesiasticus 44:1,
10-15
Matthew 13:16-17

*Sts Joachim & Ann,
parents of Mary*

Wednesday

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21
Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday

Jeremiah 18:1-6
Matthew 13:47-53

FRIDAY

Jeremiah 26:1-9
Matthew 13:54-48

St Martha

Saturday

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24
Matthew 14:1-12

St Peter Chrysologus B.D.

Next **Seniors Group** meeting will be on Tuesday 26 July in the parish hall after the 9.15am Mass. **All welcome** - fun, fellowship and a cuppa.



JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - JULY MEETING

Date: Wednesday 27 July 2022
Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Venue: St Joseph Centre, Takapuna
The meeting will reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel reading (*Luke 12:13-21*). What does it say about our attitudes to - Wealth - Greed and Detachment. Come and join other men of faith in the spirit of prayer, fellowship and meet other men over a cuppa.

Look forward to your presence.

SECOND COLLECTION - 31 July 2022

CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION ANNUAL APPEAL - CARING SUNDAY Please remember the Caring Foundation's annual appeal on Caring Sunday - 31 July 2022. The need in our community is even greater this year! A donation to our annual appeal will help families in need throughout the diocese! For ways to donate, go to www.caringfoundation.org.nz or please donate in our second collection.

Accompanying Survivors of Sexual Harm: A Workshop for Church Leaders

Saturday, 20 August 2022 9am - 4pm CTC Campus, 40 Vermont Street Ponsonby Registration fee: \$15 (including coffee/tea).

"If you lead a ministry in the church or are involved with supporting the vulnerable in your community, come and join us for this one day workshop. This will be facilitated by Dr Rocio Figueroa (Theologian and Lecturer at CTC), Dr Emily Colgan (Senior Lecturer and Academic Director at Trinity Theological College) and Lisa Spriggins (Head of Counseling at Laidlaw College)."

To register, click [here](https://forms.office.com/r/x8KstC4xE5) (<https://forms.office.com/r/x8KstC4xE5>).

For more information and programme overview, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/accompanying-survivors

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/>



Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre

Time Out Days - For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am - 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch)
Tue 23 Aug | 20 Sep | 18 Oct | 22 Nov | 6 Dec

24Hr Quietude Retreats - For those who seek a short retreat - Fri 7pm - Sat 7pm (\$120pp includes accommodation + food) 16 -17 Sep | 18 -19 Nov



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) Sunday 21 August.

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 - Sunday 7 Aug 3pm. Includes accom+ food, \$150pp.

Venue for all Events: St Francis Retreat Centre. Hillsborough Road. For more info or to book www.sffrancisretreatcentre.org.nz Tel: 09 625 6651

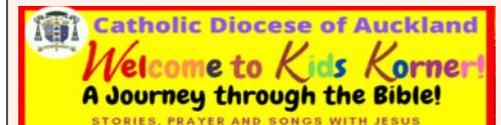
News from the Diocese.

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 All training is provided.



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 834 6677 or email hfp parish@xtra.co.nz.



Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/SEVENTEENTH-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>
Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/The-Extra-Mile.pdf>

ALONE AGAIN ? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 23-25 Sept. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organisation that provides support for the grieving single again and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of growth. The total cost for 2 nights' accommodation, meals, materials, and reunion is \$350 with EARLY BIRD cost \$325 if paid by 8 Aug. For further information please phone Lynda 0274898003 or Kelly evenings 0276864416 www.beginningexperience.org.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: 444 8624 or email: office@stthomasmore.org.nz

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 ph 021 292 9280.

NZCatholic \$4

The national Catholic newspaper July 17 - 30, 2022 - No. 641
National Synodality 4 Cardinal Dow at 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 or email parish office. Ph: 444 8624 or office@stthomasmore.org.nz



Holy Cross Seminary www.holycross.org.nz