

18th Sunday in Ordinary time

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 31 July 2022

The WORD This Week

Today we contemplate a great truth about our life: you can't take it with you. The old phrase There are no pockets in a shroud is what we confront today, in the preaching of both Ecclesiastes and the Lord Jesus. What Jesus makes us think about, however, is not just this truth, but the consequences of it: if we are not to build up treasure here on earth, what are we to do? The answer is simple: by our way of living we make ourselves rich in the sight of God! beating on the door of heaven in faith and hope.

Prayer this Sunday

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.

If you owned all the clothes in the mall but you would not clothe the naked;

if you sipped tasty wines but didn't give up a glass of cold water;

If you took time to rake in money but did not spread love;

then, what would you have? What would you have us have, O Christ?

Make us want that more than anything else.

Anne Osdieck

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Our Other Desires

Today's liturgy contains a very strong message to those who have much and to those who want more: "Avoid greed in all its forms." We are to avoid the mistake of the rich fool, who saved up a fortune, only to die and have it left to others. "That is the way it works with the man who grows rich for himself instead of growing rich in the sight of God."

Christians are challenged to be "intent on things above rather than on things of earth"; anything else "is vanity and a great misfortune." Our society, based on the civil religion of capitalism, perceives greed as good and desirable, for it fuels the drive to improve ourselves. "Greed is not a bad word," said a prominent American economist and erstwhile Secretary of Treasury. But in the Christian scheme of things, greed is a bad word, and money does not save: God is "the only one who helps (us) and sets (us) free."

The Eucharist is a sign of the Christian commitment to satisfying basic human needs such as food; all our other desires should prompt us to fall on our knees with the prayer: "Forgive our sins and restore us to life."

Gerald Darring/ www.liturgy.slu.edu



First Wednesday – 3 August 2022
Exposition 6.30pm
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7pm **Mass 7.30pm**
Novena continues on Wednesdays at 6.30pm.



First Friday - 5 August 2022
Mass 9.15am
Exposition 6.30pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.00pm
Mass 7.30pm

Anointing Mass 9.15am Saturday 13 August

15 August 2022 -
Feast of the Assumption.

Holy Day of Obligation.

Two masses - 9.15am and 7.30pm.



Rite of Christian Initiation –

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or has questions about how to go about it, invite them to an informal Inquiry session where information on the RCIA programme will be given. Starting **Saturday 6 August** Inquiry sessions will be held each

Saturday in the parish hall from **4.30pm to 5.00pm.**

Regular sessions will start in September 2022.

Please contact Fr Alfredo email: alfred5garcia@gmail.com or the Parish Office phone 09 444 8624 for more information.

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



Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of

the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

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



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

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21

*World Day of Prayer for
Grandparents and the Elderly*

Monday

Jeremiah 28:1-17
Matthew 14:13-21

St Alphonsus Liguori, B.D.

Tuesday

Jeremiah 30:1-2,
12-15, 18-22
Matthew 14:22-36

St Peter Faber

Wednesday

Jeremiah 31:1-7
Matthew 15:21-28

St Dominic, priest

Thursday

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Matthew 16:13-23

St John Mary Vianney, priest

FRIDAY

Nahum 2:1, 3:3:1-3, 6-7
Matthew 16:24-28

*The Dedication of the Basilica
of St Mary Major*

Saturday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration of the Lord

NZCatholic
The national Catholic magazine
July 21 - August 13, 2022 - No. 622



**For sale in church foyer
Price \$4**

**Please pray for our sick
parishioners & their families**

Peter Marshall, Elena David,
Tamar Mathews,
Israel Nathan, Mark Delaurier
Peter Baker
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

SECOND COLLECTION - TODAY

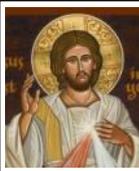
CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION ANNUAL APPEAL

– Today is Caring Sunday, a time when we pray for Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation and their ministry of wrapping a korowai of care around the poor, the vulnerable & the marginalised throughout our diocese. **This year the need in our community is even greater!**

With your support of the Foundation's annual appeal, the Foundation can continue to help, assist, and enable agencies who care for and strengthen families and communities in need.

The Foundation turns your donations into grants which are used to support counselling services, social work, food parcels, shelter, safe houses for victims of domestic violence, support for the elderly, support for at-risk youth, parenting programmes, youth development, and support for mothers and their babies and so much more.

If you able to support the Foundation's ministry of caring for the poor, please make a donation to the second collection today or pick up a copy of their newsletter from the foyer.



**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass
Friday 5 August 7pm St Mary's Church**
20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction,
Mass, followed by general blessing of
St Faustina's relic. **All Welcome**

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".*

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

We have two vacant spots for readers
- one for the Saturday, 5:30pm Mass
and one for the Sunday, 8am Mass.

If you would like to do this ministry,
please contact Sylvia Hartley
aldonsylvia@gmail.com



Iconography workshops
- Writing the gospel in line & colour

Weekends or
Evenings.

Register online now
www.sacredart.co.nz



Understanding the Old Testament

9am – 4pm Saturdays 6 August,
3 September, and 1 October 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
24Hr Quietude Retreats –
Rosary Workshop, 24Hr Prayer Retreat
To find out more information check out their website
www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz
Venue for all Events: St Francis Retreat Centre,
Hillsborough Road, Auckland. Phone: 09 625 6651



The St Vincent De Paul are here to help if you or some-
one you know are struggling to make ends meet and a
food parcel would help. Contact the parish office,
ph: 444 8624 or email: office@stthomasmore.org.nz

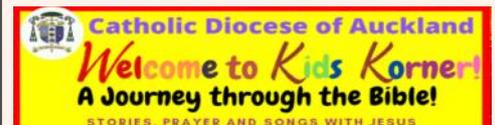
News from the Diocese.

Join us
FOR A YOUTH RETREAT DAY OF
Faith, Fellowship, Food & Fun
WITH THE BEATITUDES COMMUNITY

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 Holy Family Parish Hall, 94 Taikata Road, Te Atatu Peninsula, Bring a plate, a friend & a small koha. More info ph 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@xtra.co.nz.

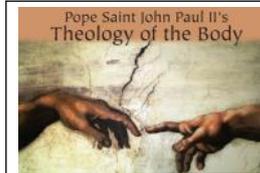
ALONE AGAIN ? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 23-25 Sept. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organisation that provides support for the grieving single again and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of growth. 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



Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/EIGHTEENTH-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>
Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/The-Man-and-the-Birds.pdf>

Journey 2021 Bible Study Continuation

"No Profit for a Prophet" (*The Book of Isaiah*)
S1: The Whistle Blower S2: Isaiah, The Evangelist
with Deacon David Marshall
6 August 2022; Saturday 8pm
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Milford
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.



Theology of the Body NZ

is running a
symposium in
Auckland to
celebrate Pope
Saint John Paul II's

beautiful catechesis on human love & dignity.
Date: Saturday 8 October 2022
Early Bird registration \$80 (ends 1 August).
Full Registration \$95.
Early Bird participants go into a draw to win
one of three prizes.
Register at: theologyofthebody.nz

R.I.P. Adriana Bovelander
(Katinka Lyons' Mum)
26 July 2022

Her funeral will be held at
St Thomas More 11am 5 August.



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.