



19th Sunday in Ordinary time

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 7 August 2022

The WORD This Week

Vigilance: we wait for glory or ruin, salvation or disaster. This is the choice that faces the Christian each and every day, as we wait for the Lord to return, as he promised he would. We often live our lives leaving such things to a distant, shadowy future - like the person who is going to fix that faulty lock or window-frame, but in the end doesn't get round to it before the burglar comes. The lamps of our lives should be lit and shining, filled to the brim with the oil of prayer and charity, singing the hymns of the fathers as we wait for the Master to return.

Prayer this Sunday

"Be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks."

Lord Jesus, you tell us to be vigilant and watch for your coming.

Help us find you in the Eucharist, help us find you in those we love, in strangers we meet, in the poor and needy.

Let us find you in our sleep, in our work and in our play, watch for you in our laughter and in our tears, in the deep souls of everyone we meet every day in the dusk and in the dark of night.

And give us courage to stand against sins that harm all that you love. Please don't knock. Just come right in.

Anne Osdieck

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Anticipating The Kingdom

We are a people who have been promised inheritance and life; we are "heirs of the same promise" made to Abraham. We have, therefore, put our hope in God: "our soul waits for the Lord," who will come when we least expect him.

But our waiting is not passive; we are to keep our belts tightened and our lamps burning "like men awaiting their master's return from a wedding." So when the command comes to "be watchful and ready," it means for us to go about "putting into effect with one accord the divine institution." Waiting for Christ to return means working for the coming of the Kingdom of God. It means combatting poverty; ending the hatreds that divide us; establishing peace among individuals, within families, in society, and among the nations of the world; curbing the pride that causes us to become confrontational with God and with each other; building social structures that respect the dignity of individual humans. Abraham obeyed when he was called: let us obey the call to prepare the world for the coming of Christ. *Gerald Darring/ www.liturgy.slu.edu*

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.
The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all day until the 7.30pm Mass.



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

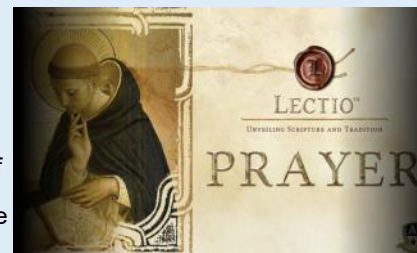
Saturday in the parish hall from **4.30pm to 5.00pm**.

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.

Lectio: Prayer: Episode 1 Prayer: an Intimate Dialogue

Prayer is one of the most basic elements of a life of faith, but it isn't always easy to do. Though we're taught that prayer is a 'conversation', we often feel as if the conversation is completely one sided. In this first session, Dr Gray shows how the solution to the problem of prayer can be found in the Scriptures.



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

St Leo's Catholic School, Devonport

OPEN DAY, ALL WELCOME! Thursday 11th August, 9 - 11am

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- Experienced, passionate teachers
- Faith based education
- Specialist learning through STEM, Performance, Arts, Kapa Haka and Sports
- On site before and after school care

Call 445 9339 or email office@stleos.school.nz for information or visit their website for details <https://www.stleos.school.nz/>

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. For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz



DOVE FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

will meet on **WEDNESDAY 17 August 2022** at 7:30pm at **ST THOMAS MORE Hall, 336 WAIRAU ROAD, GLENFIELD.**

TOPIC: BE TRANSFORMED

Scripture: 2 Cor 3: 18

SPEAKER: PAM WOOD

COME, MEET AND FELLOWSHIP with

WOMEN FROM THE NORTH SHORE.

Please wear a mask. For info contact Sylvia 021 088 22990

THE WORD OF GOD

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Sunday

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Luke 12:32-48

Monday

Colossians 3:12-17

Matthew 6:25-34

St Mary of the Cross (McKillop)

Tuesday

Ezekiel 2:8-3:4

Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

Wednesday

2 Corinthians 9:6-10

John 12:24-26

St Lawrence D.M.

Thursday

Ezekiel 12:1-12

Matthew 18:21-19:1

St Clare

FRIDAY

Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60-63

Matthew 19:3-12

St Jane Frances de Chantal

Saturday

Ezekiel 18:1-13, 30-32

Matthew 19:13-15

Sts Pontian & Hippolytus

Amendments to Mass times next week

Tuesday 9 August to Friday 12 August there will be **Liturgy of the Word with Communion** at 9.15am.

NO Exposition on Thursday and **NO Thursday evening Mass** on 11 August 2022.

Next **Seniors Group** meeting will be on **Tuesday 16 August** in the parish hall after the 9.15am Mass. **All welcome** for fun, fellowship and a cuppa.



Men's One Day Retreat 1 October 2022

Speaker: Bishop Colin Campbell

Venue: St Thomas More Church Glenfield.

Online registration at -

<https://nsjoshua.wufoo.com/forms/one-day-auckland-catholic-mens-retreat>

For further info contact: Greg Sullivan 021 437 747 or Russell Sobotker 022 034 5678 **see poster in foyer**

Consecration to Jesus through Mary



10 August to 16 November 2022.
Every Wednesday at 7pm
Holy Family parish hall,
94 Taikata Rd, Te Atatu Peninsula.
Based on the method of St Louis de Monfort. This is a 3 month course that covers different topics regarding the role of Our lady and learning more about the teachings and practices of the Catholic church. **Come join us!** To register or more info contact us on bml.auckland@gmail.com or 021 201 4603.

Taizé Prayer With so much happening in our world at present, this is an opportunity for quiet, reflective prayer. **Friday 12th August 7pm** in Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay.

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, <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

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

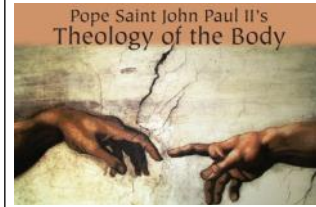
www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

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 someone 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

Theology of the Body New Zealand



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

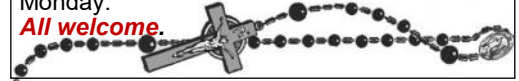
Registration \$95.

Limited capacity. 30 spots left.

Register at: theologyofthebody.nz

Parish Cenacle Group will resume their Rosary Prayer after the 9.15am Mass every Monday.

All welcome.



News from the Diocese.



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. More information 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 hfparish@xtra.co.nz.

ALONE AGAIN ? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 23-25 September. 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



Caring Sunday

Thank you for your generous donations last weekend amounting to \$821.60

www.caringfoundation.org.nz

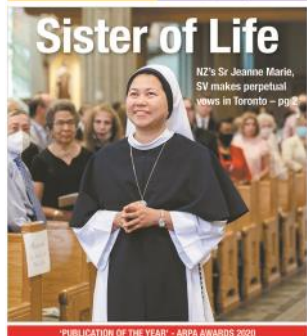


Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/NINETEENTH-SUNDAY-IN-OT.pdf>
Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/The-Quilt.pdf>

Iconography artwork for sale and commissions undertaken www.sacredart.co.nz



Bishop Glenn outlines Fr Monty Bamford in Christchurch
NZ bishops urge action to end Palestinian suffering in Holy Land



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