



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 16 October 2022

The WORD This Week

Perhaps the hardest Olympic event is the marathon: not only does it demand strength and fitness, but it calls for immense perseverance and endurance. Life in general and the Christian life in particular, is a marathon. We will face hills and mountains as well as valleys and gentle slopes in life: we will face obstacles and pressures which will make us want to say, as the prophet Elijah did, Lord, it is enough! Especially in our lifetime of prayer, there will be times when we say Lord, I can go no further. Jesus himself understands the need for perseverance in prayer, and the temptation to lose heart, which is why he offers us this parable and teaching today. And remember the thought from the first reading: sometimes we may need to hold each other in our praying!

Prayer this Sunday

Lord Jesus,
sometimes I can be so dense.

Thanks so much for
getting through to me now and again.

When I "get it," it seems that

I want to be your disciple
with every ounce of being within me.

I really get the "fire" image you use.
At other times, all I see is my needs
and the ways I seem to be unfulfilled
or falling short in some way.

Release me from myself,
that I might be free to give myself
to my brothers and sisters
who need my love and care.

Then, I'll follow you
into the toughest of situations
with courage and hope.

John Paul Thomas

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Persistence In Prayer

"...because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me." Luke 18:5

This passage is from the story of the Persistent Widow. She kept coming to a judge, who cared little about doing the right thing, and persistently begged him for a good judgment. Finally he gave in so as to get her to leave him alone. Jesus used this story to teach a lesson about the necessity "to pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1). It's interesting that the image of the judge is one "who neither feared God nor respected any human being" (Luke 18:2). But Jesus uses this image of an unjust judge to reveal the power of persistence and to reveal the depths of God's mercy. First, we learn that this woman never gave up.

So with us, we must never cease to lose hope in prayer.

We must pray always, constantly and persistently. It's not that prayer changes God; rather, prayer changes us and disposes us to receive the immeasurable graces from God. Second, we learn that if an uncaring judge will eventually give a good decision, then so much more will the merciful and all-loving God pour forth His good judgments in our lives when we trust Him. There should be no doubt in our lives that God can do all good things for us if we but let Him. **John Paul Thomas / www.mycatholic.life**

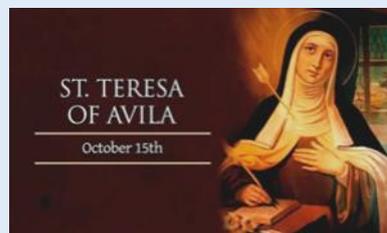


ROSARY PROCESSION FOR NORTH SHORE PARISHES



Please join us at
St Thomas More
Catholic Church,
in our
Annual October Rosary
procession to honour
**Our Lady of the
Holy Rosary**
Sunday, 30 October
**at 2pm ending with
Benediction.**

Those unable to participate in the procession can pray before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament on the Altar.
Shared cuppa in the hall afterwards



Truth to Inspire: St. Teresa of Avila

This is the story of the great reformer of the Carmelite order: St. Teresa of Avila. This audiodrama follows the life a privileged Spanish youth through her childhood and attendance at the local convent school to her founding of several discalced (shoeless) monasteries. Be inspired by this saint's determination to follow God's will. These narrated stories with voices and sound effects bring to life the books of Mary Fabyan Windeatt. Learn how these normal people struggled and sought God's will in their choice.

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



Pregnancy Help Auckland

is the grateful recipient of a large donation of nappies in all sizes by Foodstuffs and Pams. If you are in need of free nappies, please contact us on 09 373 2599 or email auckland@pregnancyhelp.org.nz before **31 October 2022 to collect.**



R.I.P. Peter John Baker
11 October 2022
Peter's funeral was held at
St Thomas More Parish
12.30pm Saturday 15 October
2022



THE WORD OF GOD

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Sunday

Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8

Monday

Ephesians 2:1-10
Luke 12:13-21

St Ignatius of Antioch

Tuesday

Galatians 5:1-6
Luke 11:37-41

St Luke, Evangelist

Wednesday

Ephesians 3:2-12
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday

Ephesians 3:14-21
Luke 12:49-53

FRIDAY

Ephesians 4:1-6
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday

Ephesians 4:7-16
Luke 13:1-9

St John Paul II



Confirmation/First Eucharist 2023

Enrolments are now open. Forms are in the church foyer or on the website. Register by 31 October as classes start 6 November at 4.30 pm & then resume in Feb 2023



TIN SUNDAY - Sunday 23 October

to replenish the food stocks at St Vincent de Paul. Please bring along cans of food and leave in basket in foyer. **Thank you for your generosity.**



We invite all to join us for morning tea on Tuesday 18 October in the parish hall after the 9.15am Mass.

SENIORS Don't forget to bring your decorated hats for the hat parade. Lots of prizes! All Welcome!



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION

Sunday 23 October is World Mission Sunday in the Catholic Church world-wide, and the bishops are asking everyone to donate to Missio Aotearoa, which represents the Pontifical Mission Societies in New Zealand with generating spiritual, material, and financial support for those working in mission and Third World territories. World Mission Sunday is also a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence, and oppression. Every parish, school and community are invited to join this special event. Everything you give to Missio Aotearoa helps missionaries continue their work.



De Paul House is excited to announce our latest Fundraising Breakfast.

Venue : Spencer on Byron,

Date: Monday 17 October 7am-9am

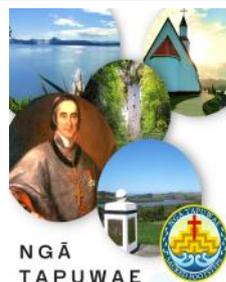
The Guest presenter is Alan Duff who will share his life story & reflect on

positive conversations in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Alan Duff is author of "Once were Warriors" & founded the charity Duffy Books in Homes. Book a table of 10, or buy individual tickets. *Supporting families in need for over 36 years.* admin@depaulhouse.org.nz or phone 4805959



National March for Life. You're invited to love them both by attending the sixth annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday **3 December**. Join people of goodwill from all over NZ in a celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. Learn more about this important event in NZ's history: www.marchforlife.nz



Registrations are now open for **Ngā Tapuwāe - Sacred Footsteps 2023.**

Our Northland pilgrimage will be from 6-8 January 2023. All are welcome to hiko with us to learn more of our Catholic heritage. We will explore, experience and live the sacred places of Kupe, Bishop Pompallier and the early missionaries. Don't delay, get your group together, hire a van, pack the car & we'll see you there!! Visit <https://www.aucklandm catholic.org.nz/discipleship/nga-tapuwae-pilgrimage/>

News from the Diocese

G.I.F.T. Saints Dinner and Disco 29 October 5.30pm - 9pm at the G.I.F.T. Centre, 28 Telford Ave, Mt Eden by Good Shepherd Church. All intellectually disabled friends and support people WELCOME. Dress up as your favorite saint and eat, dance, and make new friends. Ph: 620 9524 Cost - \$5 per person

Join us for a Life in the Spirit seminar with 4 sessions on Zoom: Oct 11, 18, 25 and Nov 1st from 7.30pm - 9pm, followed by one live session on Nov 5th 9.30-1pm in Ponsonby. Free registration, email Deidre at aucklandccr@gmail.com and we will send zoom details later.

African Mass and Cultural Celebrations: The African Community in Auckland invites all, especially people from Africa and of African origin to celebrate our faith and culture on Sunday (World Mission Day), 23 October 2022 at 4:00 pm at Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mount Albert Road, Three Kings. The Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa has kindly agreed to preside over the Eucharistic Celebration. After Mass there will be cultural performances and light refreshments.

Situations Vacant – Archivist/Archives Manager/Privacy Officer. A full time role of managing and utilizing our Archive Collection by providing appraisal, recording and direct safekeeping of permanent records and historically valuable Church documents and Museum Artifacts. The role also has co-responsibility as Privacy Officer for ensuring the Diocese complies with the Privacy Act 2020. Please visit the Diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz Diocesan Services, Staff Vacancies to view the full advert and position description.

Social Workers – 2 Roles – Catholic Social Services. Catholic Social Services have two vacancies for a full-time Social Workers to join the team. The key function of the position is to assist families and individuals in difficulty and at risk by the provision of generic social services, responding to allocated referrals to the agency including family harm referrals from the Police. Networking and collaboration both within the team and the community is an important requirement. Graduates are welcome. Visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/ Applications close on 21 October 2022.



For sale in church foyer



Join us after 10am Mass for a cuppa hosted by the **Filipino** community

Baptism Preparation Courses

Last one for 2022

6 November

To book, phone or email parish office.

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

Please pray for our sick parishioners & their families

Mary Baker, Irene Malone, Elena David, Tamar Mathews, Israel Nathan, Mark Delaurier, Mary Anne Clark
Contact Parish office for changes.



Holy Cross Seminary
www.holycross.org.nz

North Shore Dove
One Day Retreat

"Fragrance of Christ"

-Speakers: Roger and Rita Peterson
-Praise and Worship
-Testimony
-Prayer Ministry

**St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road
Glenfield
29th October 10am-3pm**

BYO lunch. Morning and afternoon tea provided. No charge, but koha will be much appreciated.
Contact: Sylvia Hartley, 02108822990, aldonsylvia@gmail.com