



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 30 October 2022

The WORD This Week

There is a subversive humour in today's Gospel which turns upside down the conventions of everyday life: we see a senior tax official climbing up a tree for a glimpse of Jesus, and the faintly ridiculous scene where Jesus stops, looks into the branches of the sycamore and says, Zacchaeus, come down! Did Zacchaeus worry about what people thought? The rest of the story shows that he did not. It would be easy to laugh at little Zacchaeus and people in the town probably did, in between muttering about his extortionate taxes. And yet he has understood the message of God more clearly than others: he reveals the meaning of the first reading, since he understands that God is gentle, merciful and loving. Jesus corrects him, little by little so that he may abstain from evil and trust in the Lord.

Prayer this Sunday

Lord Jesus,
I desire to choose You above all things.
May I never be drawn
to the things of this world
more than I am drawn to You.
Increase my desire for You.
Give me the courage I need
to be faithful to You always.
I love You, dear Lord.
Please increase my love.
Jesus, I trust in You.

John Paul Thomas

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Overcoming Obstacle

*"Zacchaeus, come down quickly,
for today I must stay at your house." Luke 19:5*

Zacchaeus was up a tree. Why? Practically speaking, he was up a tree because he was short and he wanted to see Jesus as Jesus passed by. But the symbolism reveals far greater meaning. The first thing we must note is that Zacchaeus was a wealthy and well respected man. In the eyes of the world he was successful. But despite his wealth, it appears there was something missing. He heard about Jesus and desired to know Him. This passage is fascinating because it must have been an unusual sight to see a wealthy and successful man climbing a tree in the presence of a large crowd. In fact, it was so unusual that Jesus immediately noticed it. Jesus also noticed Zacchaeus because of something far more significant than a grown man climbing a tree. Zacchaeus was noticed by Jesus primarily because Jesus was able to perceive the desire and openness of his heart. Zacchaeus, this wealthy and successful man, was missing something and he was zealous to obtain it. He longed for Jesus and this desire is fulfilled by the compassion of our Lord. Regardless of whether or not you are "successful" from a worldly point of view, it's essential that you, too, recognize the unfulfilled desire of your heart. That "unfulfilled desire" refers to any way that God is not fully the centre of your life. Some people try to fulfil this desire in many worldly ways. But those who are like Zacchaeus will realize that Jesus is the answer. And when someone recognizes this fact, they will go to any length necessary to see Him and be with Him.

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All Saints

Sunday, 30 October 2022
Prayer of Service and Remembrance
takes place during the **Saturday 5:30pm Mass**
and **Sunday 8am & 10am Masses**

"I am the resurrection
and the life;
whoever believes in me,
even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives
and believes in me
will never die."

John 11:25

Those who have lost a loved one THIS YEAR
will be invited to offer a tealight
candle to the altar during Mass.
The rest will offer after the Mass



All Souls



ROSARY PROCESSION for North Shore Parishes

Please join us in our
Annual October Rosary
procession to honour

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
Sunday, 30 October at
St Thomas More parish - 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



Parish Junior Youth Group Movie Night

FRIDAY, 28 October at 7pm
in the Youth Centre (below the Parish Office)

Come along for a movie night we have
planned for your children (9 years and
upwards). Bring a friend and
a plate of food to share.
Light refreshment will also be provided.

Christmas Giving Tree

**Starting on
Sunday
6 November.**

This year we will be making **Festive hampers** for
distribution. Please leave your Christmas themed
food items under the Christmas tree at the back of
the church.

If you wish to donate food vouchers/money,
please leave them in the box provided by the tree.
Starting on 6 November & final day for donations
Friday 9 December 2022.

Many thanks for your generous donations

Supporting our Parish community,
St Vincent de Paul and Little Sprouts Charitable Trust



THE WORD OF GOD

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Sunday

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Luke 19:1-10

Monday

Philippians 2:1-4

Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday

Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14

John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

All Saints Day

Wednesday

Psalms and Readings for each Mass are selected from the Lectionary

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Thursday

Philippians 3:3-8

Luke 15:1-10

St Martin de Porres

FRIDAY

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 16:1-8

St Charles Borromeo

Saturday

Philippians 4:10-19

Luke 16:9-15

News from the Diocese

Reaching out to young people | World Youth Day 2022 Auckland

Join hundreds of young people (aged 13-30yrs old) to celebrate World Youth Day Auckland at Holy Cross Papatoetoe on Sunday 20 November from 4pm – 9pm. Visit facebook.com/AKCYM to find out more!

World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage

Places are filling fast for our pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal! Applications close on Saturday 5 November. Apply at: youngpeople.church/wyd/. Or if you are not a pilgrim do you know of young people 18-35 that might benefit from the experience of the universal Church this opportunity presents. Encourage them to express interest and consider sponsorship of them or someone else so that our pilgrim group reflects the rich diversity of our diocese. Contact samb@cda.org.nz to nominate or to sponsorship.

28 OCTOBER 1835: HE WHAKAPUTANGA: DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF NU TIRENI.



Would you like to know about this very significant event in the history of our country?

You are welcome to join the Zoom session being offered by the Diocese of Auckland Bicultural Committee and Pax Christi Aotearoa, 7pm to 8.30pm, Tuesday 15 November 2022. The presenters are Manuel Beazley, Vicar for Māori & Dr Susan Healy. To enrol and receive the zoom link, email Manuel at ManuelB@cda.org.nz

Jubilee Bursary Semester 1, 2023. For Theology and RE courses. Applications close Thursday, 24 Nov 2022 please contact: Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz

Peace that the world cannot give, Silent retreat 16-19 January 2023 in Hamilton. Run by the NZ Community for Christian Meditation. Learn the art of silent prayer & uncover the wellspring of peace in your heart. For more information see the NZ Community for Christian Meditation website <https://christianmeditationnz.org.nz/> or contact Linda Polaschek, 020 4797955.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - National Catechist Formation Course 19-22 January and 14-16 April 2023

Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Ponsonby, Auckland. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd uses Montessori principles to present the most essential realities of the Catholic faith to children through sensorially rich materials based on age appropriate Scriptures and Liturgy. This national course will form adults to pass on the Catholic faith through the CGS method. For more info email cgsaotearoa@gmail.com

Nothing New Under the Sun: Reading the Biblical text in cinema Thursday, 10 November 2022, 6:30-8:00pm via Zoom. Rev Dr Kevin Waldie sm Register in advance: <https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/nothing-new-under-the-sun> Facebook: [Nothing new under the sun](https://www.facebook.com/NothingNewUnderTheSun) Instagram: [Nothing new under the sun](https://www.instagram.com/NothingNewUnderTheSun)

Ngā Tapuwāe - Sacred Footsteps 2023. Northland pilgrimage 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. The pilgrimage will conclude with Mass at the place where the first Mass in NZ occurred. Please register on <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/nga-tapuwae/pilgrimage/> or: Dcn Stephen Fraser 021439407 Pilgrimage information evening 9 November 6:30pm at 30 New St, Ponsonby. We will be outlining what Nga Tapuwāe will be like. All are welcome. Light food will be served. RSVP to Deacon Steve by Friday 4 November to stephenf@cda.org.nz

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & BARCELONA, SPAIN

5 – 28 September 2023

Chaplain: Monsignor David Tonks

Information: <https://bit.ly/Pilgrimage2023ItalySpain>

Bookings: Laura Yap laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz



First Wed – 2 November All Souls

Exposition 6.30pm
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7pm Mass 7.30pm
Novena continues on Wednesdays at 6.30pm.



First Friday - 4 November 2022

Mass 9.15am
Exposition 6.30pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.00pm
Mass 7.30pm



Columbian Calendars 2023 \$12
St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards
\$3 for 5 cards

for sale after Mass or from the parish office
Tues- Friday 10am - 3pm.



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



Thank you for your generous donations for Tin Sunday last week. Many families will be blessed with your offerings.



Next **Seniors Group** meeting is Tuesday 8 November 2022 (please note the date).

We invite all to join us for morning tea after the 9.15am Mass,

Fr Alfredo will be joining us.



National March for Life.

You're invited to love them both by attending 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 & legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. www.marchforlife.nz



Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 4 Nov at 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**

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/THIRTY-FIRST-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>
Parents pondering: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Priest-after-visit-to-Ukraine.pdf>

Flat for rent Sunnynook. Furnished with own bathroom and kitchenette, prefer working couple. If interested pls call 021 054 6500.

NZCatholic \$4

Page says experts risk becoming 'machines' of business
Critics of resigner need to pick up their game

New church opens



Just \$4

For sale in church foyer



Join us after 10am Mass for a cuppa hosted by the Tongan 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, Elena David, Tamar Mathews, Israel Nathan, Mark Delaurier, Mary Anne Clark
Contact Parish office for changes.



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