

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 13 November 2022

The WORD This Week

We must be very careful that the real point of today's first reading is not washed away in genuine concerns over what one can and cannot say about the responsibilities of spouses. This is not, in fact, a recipe for the perfect wife, but an illustration, from one age, of the virtue of fully employing the talents God gives us. Some things are timeless, such as holding out a hand to the poor, while other talents shift and change. The point is that all of us are gifted in varying ways and degrees: none of us should begrudge anyone else their talents, for fear that we overlook our own. We work wisely and well, looking forward to the master's return, when we can hand over to him not just what he gave us, but also the fruits that our labours have gained.

Prayer this Sunday

Lord Jesus,
Give me the grace
to know and hear Your voice.
I choose You above all things and
desire to know You more clearly.
May I follow You
now and always in my life
and may I never be deceived
by the many false prophets of our day and age.
Jesus, I trust in You.

John Paul Thomas

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY DISCERNMENT

"See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them!" Luke 21:8

What an interesting line. What does this mean? Who are the "many" that Jesus speaks of? Are they in our midst today? It may not be helpful to try to point to this or that person or to this or that group of people in reference to the "many" who will come in Jesus' name falsely. But it is helpful to speak to some general and guiding principles. First, Jesus uses the word "deceived." There will be many false prophets who will have the ability to deceive. They will portray themselves as messengers of the truth and dispensers of the will of God. Their words will be convincing and many will follow. This tells us that not everyone "speaking in the name of God" is in fact speaking in the "name of God." And even if many others are following, and they are very convincing, this is not proof that the person is a true prophet of the Lord. How do we discern when someone is speaking from the heart of Jesus? Ultimately, this can only be done through a state of prayer. Being in a "state of prayer" means that our hearts are attuned to God's voice. When God speaks through this or that person and our hearts are tuned into Him, we will simply know His voice as it is spoken through this or that person. Conversely, when we are living in a state of true prayer and then someone speaks a false and deceiving message, something will not sit well with us. There will be a sense in the depths of our souls that something is not right. It will be a spiritual sense and this is a result of the healthy working of our conscience.

There are external guides such as the revealed teaching of the Church and the counsel of other good Christians, but in the end we must allow God to speak within our consciences and follow His voice in this holy sanctuary. **John Paul Thomas / www.mycatholic.life**

Christmas Giving Tree

Starting this
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



Advent Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY	7 Dec	Takapuna	7pm
TUESDAY	13 Dec	Orewa	7pm
THURSDAY	15 Dec	Glenfield	7pm
FRIDAY	16 Dec	Northcote	7pm
SUNDAY	18 Dec	Devonport	7pm
TUESDAY	20 Dec	Beach Haven	7pm

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



Parish
Junior Youth
Christmas
Trivia night.
7pm Friday
25 November

Youth room
under the
parish office

For children 9 years and up.
Bring a snack or nibbles to share.
The Parish will provide the rest.



Safeguarding Workshop for existing and new volunteers.

St Thomas More parish hall
7pm Monday 28 November.

Lisa-May from the Diocese will be leading the meeting. This workshop is for **all volunteers** in our parish especially new volunteers who have not yet done a workshop. You can complete your police vetting form at the meeting and find out your responsibilities in your particular ministry.

Everyone who has contact with children, young people and vulnerable adults in our parish needs to attend this workshop.

Rosary Repairs I am seeking any broken rosaries or just beads you may have lying around your homes that you do not want. I have rosaries given for repair that I am struggling to track down certain beads for. Please leave them in the rosary repair containers at the back of the church or phone Robert on 022 486 5547.



THE WORD OF GOD

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Sunday

Malachi 3:19-20

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:5-19

Monday

Apocalypse 1:1-4, 2:1-5

Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday

Apocalypse 3:1-6, 14-22

Luke 19:1-10

St Elizabeth of Hungary

Wednesday

Apocalypse 4:1-11

Luke 19:11-28

Sts Gertrude and Margaret of Scotland

Thursday

Apocalypse 5:1-10

Luke 19:41-44

St Elizabeth of Hungary

FRIDAY

Apocalypse 10:8-11

Luke 19:45-48

Dedication of the Basilica of Sts Peter and Paul, apostles.

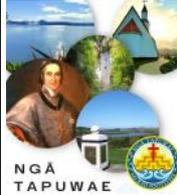
Saturday

Apocalypse 11:4-12

Luke 20:27-40

News from the Diocese

The Continental phase of the Synod of Synodality has opened. Read all about it, how NZCBC are implementing it and how you might be involved <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>
Online Event for Oceania There will be an **online Preparatory Event for the Continental phase of the Synod**. The Preparatory Event **Our Ocean Home** has been scheduled for two hours on each day of November 28, 29 and 30 from 5pm to 7pm NZ Time. This scheduling allows all participants to engage with and experience an online process of listening, discerning and conversation together. Please note that the sessions are not repeated but rather explore a different theme each session on *Our Ocean Home*. In the spirit of the synodal process, this event is open to all. Registration is now open. <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/faculties-directorates-and-staff/faculty-of-theology-and-philosophy/annual-lectures-talks-and-conferences/our-ocean-home#register>



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. The pilgrimage will conclude with Mass at the place where the first Mass in NZ occurred. Register <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/nga-tapuwae-pilgrimage/> or contact: Stephen Fraser 09 360 3052 or email: stephenf@cda.org.nz Wiga Autet: wigaa@cda.org.nz Manuel Beazley: manuelb@cda.org.nz

CTC Online Events

Æsthetic Soul: Pictorial Art as Source of Theology
Thursday, 24 November 2022, 6:30-8:00pm via Zoom
Speaker: Dr Christopher Longhurst Register: <https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/aesthetic-soul>

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

Titipounamu Study & Joy Monday, 14 November: **Life and Leadership in the Christian Community** Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$40 for both sessions. ZOOM. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/01/the-gospel-of-matthew/>
For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

YOUTH NEWS

World Youth Day 2022 Auckland
Join with hundreds of young people (aged 13-30yrs old) to celebrate World Youth Day Auckland at Holy Cross Papatoetoe on Sunday 20 November from 4-9pm. Registrations close **Sunday 13 November**. Visit facebook.com/AKCYM to find out more!



Young Leaders Celebration Dinner

Youth and Young Adult ministry leaders, you're invited to join Bishop Steve on Sunday 27 November for an evening of affirmation, celebration and some fantastic kai! To attend, email samb@cda.org.nz.



DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN, NORTH SHORE

will be gathering for an end of year celebration with shared dinner on Wednesday, **16 November, at 6pm** at

St Thomas More Hall.

Come dressed in your best.

Topic is **ADORNED WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS**. PSALM 45: 7 - 9

Speaker: **Christine Kornman** from Hamilton and music by **Wilma Conroy** (Hamilton)

SENIORS Parish group

Next meeting
10am Tuesday
13 December
in St Thomas More parish hall
Time for some Christmas celebrations!



ALL WELCOME



De Paul House Transitional housing and family support. Food Bank Depleted!

Can you help? Our shelves are looking bare in most products.

Tinned fish, corned beef, pasta sauces, tea, biscuits, crackers, rice, long life milk, tinned fruit, powdered milk, muesli bars, coffee, milo. Personal care – shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, baby wipes, frozen meals or meat. We share our food bank with the 45 family's resident with us, but also with a growing outreach in the local communities. This includes elderly pensioners. Thank you, we value your kindness and support.

Contact reception@depaulhouse.org.nz
Ph: 480 5959 92 Onewa Road Northcote.



CARMEL COLLEGE

Christmas Market
19 Nov 10am to 3pm

PROLIFE FACTS

The Acting Director General of Health, who presides over the abortion industry in New Zealand, was apparently pleased to provide her recently-released first annual report on the state-funded killing of unborn children, that New Zealand tax-payers contribute to. She stated in the foreword to her report: "It is my pleasure to present the Abortion Services Aotearoa New Zealand: Annual Report for 2022. I would like to acknowledge the many people working across the abortion services sector. Thank you for your dedication, expertise, and care. It is incredibly humbling to see the important work providers and the teams within Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) are undertaking. We've seen real positive changes for abortion care over the past year. Improvements and innovations have resulted in a better care pathway and increased access in more locations." In a recent media release, Right to Life respectfully asked of the Acting Director General of Health, "How can you derive pleasure in reporting on the violent killing of 13,257 unborn New Zealand children and this violence against your fellow women? How can you commend your colleagues who support you in facilitating the killing of the innocent?"

For pro-life info, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/THIRTY-THIRD-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/6-Essential-Bible-quotes-for-teens-who-are-feeling-a-little-lost.pdf>

NZCatholic

The national Catholic newspaper November 8 - 15, 2022 - No. 618

No applications for education funding offer 3 Church leaders at Royal Commission hearing 10

African Mass in NZ



Prayer and humility essential: Nuncio - p16

Just \$4

For sale in church foyer

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



Columban Calendars 2023 \$12
Daily Mass Calendar books \$3
for sale after Mass

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.

Holy Cross Seminary
www.holycross.org.nz