

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 20 November 2022

The WORD This Week

The year of Saint Luke ends with a characteristic take on the feast of Christ the King: in Luke's gospel we are so familiar with seeing and hearing the voiceless, the rejected, those whom society puts in second place: how suitable, then, that on the feast of the King of all Creation we see him at his most vulnerable on the cross, with only an abrupt inscription to announce that he is the King. He is King because of the work he has done, which is described by Saint Paul in the Second Reading: all things [are] reconciled through him and for him when he made peace by his death on the cross. Next week, when we re-enter Advent and a new Liturgical Year, we will be thinking of the King who will come again: though he will come as his disciples saw him go at the Ascension, the marks of the cross will still be visible for all time, to remind us of the one who came to reunite all Creation, especially frail human creatures.

Prayer this Sunday

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Lord Jesus Christ,
with your last breath
you cared for the lost and lonely.

Please remember us.
Call all of us to mind,
each and every one of us,
when you come into your kingdom!

We entrust ourselves,
with Dismas, to you,
to your infinite love and mercy,
and like him,
we ask simply:
remember us..

Anne Osdieck

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

An Upside-Down Kingdom

Today's liturgy presents us with two perspectives on Christ the King. The first is Jesus Christ, the King of the universe, Christ, the King of all creation, "he who is the beginning, the first-born of the dead, so that primacy may be his in everything" (Col 1:18). The other perspective on Jesus is the one inscribed over his head as he hung on the cross: This is the King of the Jews. Jesus is King of the Jews. Who were, and are, the Jews? They were the slaves of Egypt. They were the captives of Babylon. They were the despised people on the fringe of the Roman Empire. Down the centuries, they have been the landless outcasts of Christian Europe. In our own time, they were the declared enemy of the "master race," which hounded, tortured, and brutally killed them. And Jesus is their King! Christ the King rules from a throne made to execute criminals. His Kingdom is a place of death outside the city. His subjects are the poor and outcast, the rejected of this world. In this upside-down Kingdom, it is not the executor but the executed who will be with Christ in paradise. *Gerald Darring/www.liturgy.slu.edu.*



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.

Christmas Giving Tree

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.
Final day for donations Friday 9 December.

Many thanks for your generous donations

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



**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.



Joshua Men's Fellowship North Shore

**Wednesday 30 November 2022 at
7.30pm at St Josephs Centre, Takapuna.**

All men together with their spouses/partners are invited. It will be a time to give thanks and celebrate the blessings we have had during 2022 and look forward with hope to the Advent season. With this in mind we will have a shared dinner and request you bring a plate if you can.
For more information contact Russell at 022 034 5678.

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

THE WORD OF GOD

Christ the King

Sunday

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:35-43

Monday

Apocalypse 14:1-5
Luke 21:1-4

Presentation of Mary

Tuesday

Apocalypse 14:14-19
Luke 21:5-11

St Cecilia

Wednesday

Apocalypse 15:1-4
Luke 21:12-19

St Columban, abbot

Thursday

Apocalypse 18:1-2,21-23
Luke 21:20-28

St Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & companions, martyrs

FRIDAY

Apocalypse 20:1-4,
11-21:2

Luke 21:29-33

St Catherine of Alexandria

Saturday

Apocalypse 22:1-7
Luke 21:34-36

News from the Diocese

Marriage & Family Life would like to invite you to consider becoming Marriage Educators. If you have two hours a fortnight and are passionate about helping engaged couples prepare for marriage and have been married for 5 years or more, please contact Gerry on 021 02247442.

Young Leaders Celebration Dinner

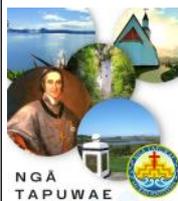
Youth and Young Adult ministry leaders, you're invited to join Bishop Steve on Sunday 27 November for an evening of affirmation, celebration, and some fantastic kai! To attend, email samb@cda.org.nz

G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass Sunday 4 December at 4.30pm, Good Shepherd Church, Telford Ave, Mt Eden. After we will share a light meal after in the G.I.F.T. Centre. All intellectually disabled friends and support people are most welcome.

SCHOLARSHIP for STUDY at TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Applications are open for the *Ruth Miller Scholarship* for study at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education email: catheriner@cda.org.nz. **The closing date for applications is MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2022**

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-tapuwa-e-pilgrimage/> or contact: Stephen Fraser 09 360 3052 or email: stephenf@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>

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



Please join the annual **Coast to Coast Rosary for Life & Faith** on

Saturday 3 December at 3pm which is held to coincide with the **March for Life in Wellington**.
www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz



SENIORS Parish group

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



ALL WELCOME



CARMEL COLLEGE

Christmas Market
19 Nov 10am to 3pm

Auckland Vocations Discernment Retreats

held at the Franciscan Friary in Hillsborough. Come along and discover the plan that God has for you in your life, through active spiritual discernment for young adults 18+.
Men's Retreat: Friday 9-11 December 2022
Women's Retreat Friday 16-18 December
Limited discounted Early Bird spots available
For more information and to register please email: aucklandvocations@gmail.com



A warm welcome to Fr Alfredo's sister, Twinkle who has arrived from Canada and will stay here until Christmas



Christian Broadcasting Association is running **The Star of Christmas** singing competition on the *Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show!*
The grand prize? The opportunity to professionally record any Christmas song with Nathan King, lead singer of Zed. If you're under 13, email your Christmas song audition before 12 Dec: christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz See poster in foyer

See the Holy Land pilgrimage

Places available 21-day pilgrimage, Israel, Jordan and Palestine, leaving 2 May 2023, led by Pat McCarthy, Fr Chris Denham as chaplain. All major sacred sites of interest to Christian pilgrims, as well as Petra and the Dead Sea. Email: patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz or 480-4463. Go to tinyurl.com/43atbdjr for a short 5 min YouTube video.

PROLIFE FACTS

The Registrar of Assisted Dying has presented her report on the patients who have been killed by their doctor or assisted in suicide under the authority of the contentious End of Life Choice Act 2019 for the period 7 Nov, 2021 to 30 September 2022. A total of 214 vulnerable patients were killed out of the 294 applicants who were confirmed as eligible. There were 80 patients who withdrew their request, died before their scheduled killing or were still waiting to be killed.
Reasons for being ineligible for a lethal injection or assistance in suicide: Not experiencing unbearable suffering to be relieved in a tolerable manner (44); Does not suffer from a terminal illness that is likely to end their life in six months (66); Not in an advanced state of irreversible decline in physical capability (44). In a recent media release, Right to Life stated that it is opposed to all euthanasia and is appalled that some vulnerable patients are being killed in public hospitals, aged care facilities and presumably in one hospice in contravention of the hospice movement's prohibition of euthanasia. Right to Life is conducting a campaign to encourage retirement villages to adopt a policy of being euthanasia free.
For pro-life info, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.

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New Catholic Maori Group meets with Bishops
Liturgical formation of the People of God in NZ

'Be amazing young people'



For sale in church foyer



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



Columban Art Calendar 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