



# 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 6 November 2022

## The WORD This Week

It is fortuitous that this passage of the Gospel is normally read near to the beginning of November, when we have celebrated the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, since it is a strong proclamation of the reality of life after death and the resurrection of the body. This Sunday is not without its difficulties, however, since this message is framed in two very sensitive passages: we have a story of cruelty and martyrdom in the first reading, and a controversial (and possibly upsetting) question about marriage in the Gospel.

Remember that the example that the Sadducees bring is ridiculous, legalistic and completely misses the point: Jesus reply does not mean that we are not with our loved ones after death quite the contrary, he proclaims that we will all become one with God and each other as children of God.

## Prayer this Sunday

Lord Jesus,  
 may I always be ready to greet You  
 when You come.  
 I thank You for Your perfect promise  
 of raising all from the dead  
 and bringing forth new life.  
 Use me to gather many into this future  
 and glorious Kingdom, dear Lord.  
 Jesus, I trust in You.

John Paul Thomas

## GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

### The Resurrection of the Body

*"That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." Luke 20:37-38*

Death entered into this world by sin (Romans 5:12). So all will die, with the exception that those who are alive at the return of Christ at the end, will never die (First Thessalonians 4:13-17). In verse 17: "Then [at His return, and after the resurrection of the dead] we the living, will be taken together with them [the risen dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord" (Cf. 1 Cor 15:51). There will be a resurrection of all, as St. Paul explains in First Corinthians chapter 15. Those who have been faithful to Christ will rise glorious, their bodies transformed on the model of the risen body of Christ, who could travel instantly at will, could ignore closed doors and come through anyway, but yet had real flesh. St. Paul says the risen body is "spiritual" (15:44). It is still flesh, but such that the flesh is completely dominated by the soul, so that it can no longer suffer or die. St. Paul insists that because Christ our Head rose, those who are members of Him must also rise. So, to deny the general resurrection would imply a denial of Christ's resurrection (1 Cor 15:13). After the resurrection, each of person will have the same body (except for imperfections) that he had in this life. If this involves having the same matter, this is surely within God's power. No matter what happens to the body after death, He can recall and rebuild the material of the body. In fact, we now know that because of metabolism--in which every cell is constantly being torn down and rebuilt--in a normal life span a person has the material for many bodies. We will, of course be the same persons after the resurrection as we were before death.

Catechism of the Catholic Church: Article 11 - (988-991)

## 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](mailto:laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz)

### YOUTH NEWS

#### World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage

Applications for our incredible 23-day pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal, close at midnight on Sunday 6 Nov. To avoid missing out, register TODAY at: <https://youngpeople.church/wyd/>



#### 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. Visit [facebook.com/AKCYM](https://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](mailto:samb@cda.org.nz).

ENCOUNTER NZ

# THANKS GIVING Dinner

7pm - 9.30pm | Sunday 13 November, 2022  
 St Thomas More, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield

- PLEASE RSVP ON FB EVENT PAGE
- LET US KNOW WHAT YOU'RE BRINGING FOR DINNER (LINK ON FB EVENT PAGE)

BRING A DISH, A DRINK, YOURSELF & YOUR FRIENDS!

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?  
 WE HAVE SOME ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE NIGHT SO YOU KNOW IT'S GONNA BE A FUN NIGHT!

### 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

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Luke 20:27-38

#### Monday

Titus 1:1-9

Luke 17:1-6

#### Tuesday

Titus 2:1-8, 11-14

Luke 17:7-10

#### Wednesday

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

*Dedication of St John Lateran*

#### Thursday

Philemon 7-20

Luke 17:20-25

*St Leo the Great, pope*

#### FRIDAY

2 John 4-9

Luke 17:26-37

*St Martin of Tours*

#### Saturday

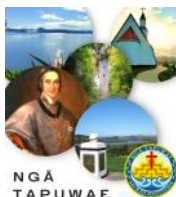
3 John 5-8

Luke 18:1-8

*St Josaphat*

## 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 Tapuwae - 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. **Pilgrimage Information Evening** is on 9 November 6:30pm at 30 New Street, Ponsonby. Outlining what Nga Tapuwae will be like. All are welcome. Light food will be served. Register <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/nga-tapuwae-pilgrimage/> or contact: Stephen Fraser 09 360 3052 or email: [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz) Wiga Autet: [wigaa@cda.org.nz](mailto:wigaa@cda.org.nz) Manuel Beazley: [manuelb@cda.org.nz](mailto:manuelb@cda.org.nz)

### CTC Online Events

**Nothing New Under the Sun: Reading the Biblical text in cinema** Thursday, 10 November 2022, 6:30-8:00pm via Zoom. Speaker: Rev Dr Kevin Waldie sm Register: <https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/nothing-new-under-the-sun>

**Aesthetic 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>

Bethlehem University Vice-Chancellor, Taranaki's New Zealander Br Peter Bray FSC, will give public talks about Palestine when he visits Aotearoa NZ early next year, but meanwhile, he is making videos for the bishops on the subject for a Kiwi audience. You can watch the first -- **Ordinary People in an Extraordinary Place**; Palestinians in the Holy Land - on YouTube here now: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2S\\_A4kBFeU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2S_A4kBFeU)  
Read more about Br Peter and the video project: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/palestine-video1/>

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:michellej@cda.org.nz)



**Columban 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 closed. Orientation meeting at 4.30pm in the parish hall Sunday 6 November.



**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.



### PROLIFE FACTS

The official abortion data for 2021 has recently been published, revealing that 13,257 abortions were carried out in New Zealand last year (a slight increase from the 13,246 abortions carried out in 2020). The number of abortions within Māori and Pacific communities has increased since 2021 and 2020. Of note, 10% more surgical abortions were carried out on Māori than non-Māori, and non-Pacific peoples last year. One small positive is that the abortion ratio (the number of abortion procedures per 1,000 known pregnancies) has dropped slightly from 186 in 2020 to 183 last year. Last weekend, on October 29th, Remembrance Day events were held outside abortion facilities around the country. Crosses were laid to commemorate the lives of children lost because of abortion over the last year, and a minute's silence was observed.

**For pro-life info, visit [voiceforlife.org.nz](http://voiceforlife.org.nz).**



De Paul House Early Childhood Centre needs volunteers. Do you love interacting, playing & caring for babies to 5 year olds. The centre is open 9.30am to 12.30pm. Monday to Friday. Volunteers support the Paid team leaders. The centre is a wonderful, modern facility with lots of equipment. Volunteers usually work one morning a week. Or can be on call when volunteers are away. Contact Lesley Farmer Volunteer Manager [lesley@depaulhouse.org.nz](mailto:lesley@depaulhouse.org.nz) Ph: 480 5959

### TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community. For more information and registration [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

**Kids Korner:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/THIRTY-SECOND-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>  
**Parent Ponderings:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Orphaned-at-11.pdf>

## NZCatholic

The national Catholic newspaper November 8 - 19, 2022 - No. 648

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

**African Mass in NZ**

Prayer and humility essential: Nuncio - p16



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

### Baptism Preparation Courses

Last one for 2022 TODAY

To book, phone or email parish office.

Ph: 444 8624 or [office@stthomasmore.org.nz](mailto: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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