



# 6th Sunday of Easter

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 14 May 2023

## Exploring The WORD

*And I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate*

By now we are some distance away from Easter, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. But today a new dimension of the story comes out:

Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. So in the Gospel today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that Spirit of truth which sets us apart from the world.

This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to proclaim the Christ and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of the world's slander and accusations.

## St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit



Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts may all be holy.  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my work, too, may be holy.  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
that I love but what is holy.  
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
to defend all that is holy.  
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
that I always may be holy.  
Amen.

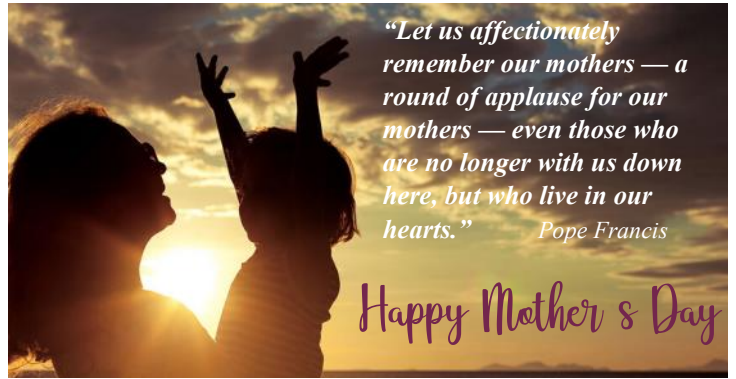
## EASTER SPIRITUALITY GOD WITH US

In today's Gospel Jesus promises us that "I will not leave you orphaned; I will come back to you and you will have life." Our faith, nurtured in this great paschal season, tells us that God-made-flesh is God-with-us, never abandoning us and always filling us with life. It should be a great comfort to all of us, who share in the pain and suffering of ordinary life, to know that the Spirit of Jesus is with us always. It should be especially comforting to know that Jesus will not leave orphaned all those whom the world casts aside: the poor and homeless, the racial and ethnic minorities, the sick and dying, the prisoner and the refugee. "Christ died for sins once for all, a just man for the sake of the unjust."

He rescued us from our attachment to injustice, and then he sent his Spirit to remain with us and within us.

Our prayer is one of gratitude for such a gift and hope that "we feel its saving power in our daily life."

Gerald Darring/ <https://liturgy.sluhostedsites.org>



*"Let us affectionately remember our mothers — a round of applause for our mothers — even those who are no longer with us down here, but who live in our hearts."* Pope Francis

Happy Mother's Day



**Confirmation/First Eucharist**  
Practice next Saturday 20 May 2023 at 2pm in the church in the parish hall.

## Confirmation Mass

34 children of our parish will be confirmed by **Bishop Steve Lowe** at 10am on **Sunday 21 May 2023** at St Thomas More. **All welcome.**



Te Whare Karakia o Hāto Petera

**MIHA MĀORI**

**5.00pm, Saturday 13th May 2023**

with Rosary at 4.30pm

Hāto Petera Chapel, 103 College Road, Northcote.



## NORTH SHORE DOVE FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

next meeting  
Wednesday, 17 May, 2023 at 7:30pm in St Thomas More Catholic Church hall.  
**We will reflect on the Encounter with Jesus of the Samaritan woman at the well.**



## Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Every Wednesday starting 10 May 7-8.30pm.  
**It's not too late to join!** Holy Family Parish Hall, 94 Taikata Road, Te Atatu Peninsula. Based on the method of St Louis de Monfort. This is a course that covers different topics regarding the role of Our Lady and learning more about the teachings and practices of the Catholic church. Come join us!  
To register or for more information 021 201 4603 email: [bml.auckland@gmail.com](mailto:bml.auckland@gmail.com)

## Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life



is a beautiful series that delves into the first pillar of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We start by looking deeply at the 'ache' of human longing and finish by delving into the Apostles Creed.

This series opens the eyes of our hearts to the hope of infinite bliss and fulfilment in Christ.

Dates: **Sat 27th and Sun 28th May 2023**, 8am-6pm, Mission Bay, Auckland.

For more information and to register please visit:

[www.theologyofthebody.nz](http://www.theologyofthebody.nz)

**Kids Korner** [SIXTH SUNDAY of Easter](#)

**Parent Ponderings** [BEING A MOTHER](#)

If you have received this newsletter via email you should be able to right click on the link and then click Open Hyperlink.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

### Monday

Acts 16:11-15

John 15:26-16:4

### Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34

John 16:5-11

### Wednesday

Acts 16:22-34

John 16:5-11

### Thursday

Acts 18:1-8

John 16:16-20

*St John I, Pope and martyr*

### Friday

Acts 18:9-18

John 16:20-23

### Saturday

Acts 18:23-28

John 16:23-28

*St Bernardine of Siena, priest*

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Combined prayer for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** Friday 26 May, 7pm, Takapuna Methodist Church, 427 Lake Road, Takapuna, Auckland 0622.

**Executive Secretary of the Justice & Peace Commission** The Diocese seeks an enthusiastic committed person to work as Executive Secretary of the Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission to promote, encourage and support justice and peace initiatives in the Diocese. The position is full time, with some flexibility around this. For full details & requirements please visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/> Applications close 5pm Wed 24 May 2023.

**University Ministry Coordinator – Catholic Diocese of Auckland** Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time University Ministry Coordinator. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. For more information, please visit: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)

### SUMMIT Young Leaders' Weekend, Friday 26 May – Sunday 28 May 2023

Youth ministry leaders and young adult ministry leaders, you're invited to an incredible weekend of FORMATION, FELLOWSHIP and being spiritually FILLED! Join us at SUMMIT Young Leaders' Weekend from Friday 26 May, 6pm – Sunday 28 May, 2pm at Sonshine Ranch, Clevedon. Registrations close 21 May. Find out more at [Facebook.com/AKCYM](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM)

**Jubilee Bursary Semester 2, 2023** For Theology and RE courses. Applications close Thursday, 8 June 2023. Please contact: [michellej@cda.org.nz](mailto:michellej@cda.org.nz)



**Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College** will be accepting enrolment for Second Semester for Bachelor of

Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology between April 24 – May 19. Full-time or part-time study, in-person or online learning available. Email [admin@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:admin@ctc.ac.nz) call (09)3611053 or check the website [www.ctc.ac.nz](http://www.ctc.ac.nz) for more information.



**Reflecting on St Luke's Gospel** A Social Justice Retreat focusing on social justice aspects of the Gospel of Luke will be held 9.30-4pm on Saturday 10 June 2023 at St Francis Retreat Centre 20 Hillsborough led by Bible Scholar Br Kieran Fenn, FMS who has taught the Scriptures in New Zealand and overseas for

more than 40 years. Cost: \$30 including lunch. Applications to Peter Garrick [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz) or phone 022 1300 730 by 31 May 2023.



### Student Service : Carmel College

Each year our Year 7-13 students carry out service activities

- \* in their own time \* unpaid
- \* beyond their immediate family

... as part of living the Mercy values and as part of their personal development as a member of the community. Read more about the programme here : <https://www.carmel.school.nz/student-life/service-programme/> We are always looking for age-appropriate opportunities for our students to be of service. If you have a person or project that needs help, please contact us: [service@carmel.school.nz](mailto:service@carmel.school.nz)



**Mary in the Scriptures** with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 19/26 June & 3/10 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free. Donation/Koha welcome.

**Focus on Target - Draw Fresh Momentum** with Laetitia Puthenpadath Tuesdays, 27 June & 04/11/18 July, 12.30-1.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$20/session or \$70/4 sessions. For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)



**Seniors Group Morning Get-together**  
Tuesday 16 May 2023  
after 9.15am Mass

ALL are welcome to join us in our Parish Hall

## MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND THE ELDERLY 13 May, 9:15am.

All are welcome to attend!

*"I, the Lord, am your healer." Exodus 15:26*

### An Evening of Beautiful Music

20th May. 7-9 pm \$20.00 p.p.

St Johns 180 Centreway Rd Orewa



Enjoy music? Come to a concert by singer songwriter Chris Skinner.

You will be entertained with everything from toe-tapping to touching songs that delight; you'll leave uplifted. Chris is a Catholic priest with a string of both secular and Christian albums. All concert proceeds go to help 12 Hibiscus Coast young people get to World Youth Day in Lisbon in August 2023.

Light refreshments are included.  
Ample off-street parking.

There will be raffles and Chris's music is for sale. The seating is comfortable, acoustic's great and you will thoroughly enjoy this evening of beautiful music. **See Poster in foyer**  
For enquiries contact Bev 021 041 9728

## Mums & Bubs

Socialise / cuppa / play / songs

Mums and Grandmas bring along your preschoolers for some fun social time together.

**St Thomas More Hall, Glenfield**  
Wednesday 24 May 2023 10.30am to about noon.

For information contact Sylvia: 021 088 22990 or email: [aldonsylvia@gmail.com](mailto:aldonsylvia@gmail.com)

### PROLIFE FACTS

Tragically, since 2016, the bodies of three abandoned babies have been found in Auckland. Right to Life has suggested that the New Zealand government introduce laws to provide safe havens for abandoned babies, to allow safe alternative ways of giving up a baby anonymously. During the Middle Ages, safe havens for babies were provided by the Christian Church, often via a 'foundling wheel', where babies could be delivered safely and anonymously into the care of convents/monasteries through a device built into the monastery wall. Modern versions of safe havens for babies are provided today in many parts of the world, for instance, in Germany, Poland, Italy, Russia, United States, Czechia and Malaysia. The next Voice for Life Auckland Committee Movie Night is showing a beautiful movie about South Korean pastor Lee Jong-rak, who has built a "drop box" on the side of his home to provide a safe haven for babies whose parents cannot care for them. His courageous and inspiring story is a reminder that every human life is sacred and worthy of love. Aucklanders are welcome to come and see the movie free of charge and meet the Auckland committee, at 7:30pm, Tuesday 23 May, 72 Trias Rd, Totara Vale, Auckland. For pro-life info, [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz)

Please **DO NOT double park** in the main carpark. It makes it impossible for a Disability van to drive down to the church to help our disabled parishioners.

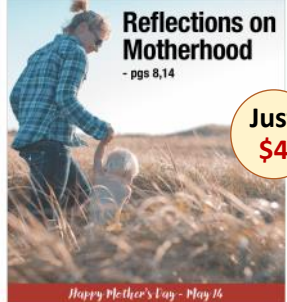


The St Vincent De Paul are here to help if you or someone you know are struggling to make ends meet and a food parcel would help. Please contact the parish office. Phone: 09 444 8624 or email: [office@stthomasmore.org.nz](mailto:office@stthomasmore.org.nz)

## NZCatholic

The national Catholic newspaper May 7, 2023 - No. 600

Bishop Campbell returns to Holy Cross Seminary 3  
Samoan archbishop farewelled in Auckland 13



**Reflections on Motherhood**  
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Just \$4

### All welcome to share

in a cuppa after the 10am Mass hosted by the **Tongan** community

### Baptism Preparation Courses

11 June & 2 July 2023

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 the Parish office if you wish to add names  
[office@stthomasmore.org.nz](mailto:office@stthomasmore.org.nz)



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