



14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 9 July 2023

Exploring The WORD

"I am gentle and humble of heart"

Today's Gospel in an answer to a very simple question: who is this Jesus we follow? What is he like? He tells us himself: he is gentle, and humble of heart. There is a simplicity about this Gospel which speaks very clearly to tired hearts. Indeed, it is often the case that we overlook the simplicity of the Gospel message - which is why it is valuable to be as children, constantly wondering and marvelling at the beauty and fascination of Jesus. How much God must love us: the message of salvation is so easy to receive, the promise is so welcome. This is a Sunday to wallow in the wonder of a God who is kind and full of compassion.

The Yoke Of Mercy

Lord Jesus,

I come to you with my weariness and disillusion
caused by placing trust in things
that are not essential and
distancing myself from you who matter most in my life.

Grant relief and consolation for my soul
to place my trust in you and
my energy at the service of doing good.

Lord Jesus,

help me not be afraid of carrying the cross
and enduring any weariness or burden united with you.

Let me not be scandalized or frustrated
in accepting my sinfulness and limitations.

Teach me to be more understanding, patient,
and merciful with others
who suffer and are overwhelmed.

Show me how you want me
to be an instrument of mercy
by offering rest and help for others.

Keep my eyes fixed on you,
learning how to be merciful and forgiving.
Amen

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Finding A Just Savior

The world looks for strength in power, the ability to control others. It looks for strength in wealth, the ability to own and accumulate possessions. It looks for strength in developing advantages over others, such as superior education and prestigious positions. Revelation presents a different picture. It introduces us to a messiah who is "meek, and riding on an ass." It wants us to believe that our strength is in a man whose boast is that "I am gentle and humble of heart." It praises God for contradicting the wisdom of the world: "for what you have hidden from the learned and the clever you have revealed to the merest children." Maybe we continue to suffer so many miseries because we look for answers in the wrong places. We look "up" at the rich and powerful, expecting to find strength and security, and we are disillusioned with "empty promises of passing joy."

Perhaps we should look "down" at the meek and humble, the little people, the sick and dying, the poor and hungry. For it is among them that we will find our just savior, the God whose "right hand is filled with justice."

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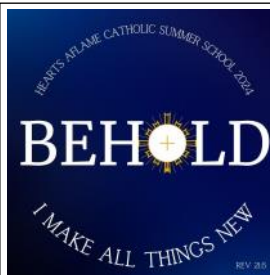
RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA and RCIC)



Are you or do you know anyone who is thinking about becoming Catholic? Or perhaps has missed receiving the Sacraments since their baptism? If so, invite them to join us on a remarkable journey of discovery, discernment and study about the

Catholic faith and how to live it.

The RCIA programme for adults and children starts soon. Invite them to an informal inquiry session **Sunday 30 July or 6 Aug or 13 Aug 3:30-4:30pm** in the parish hall to seek clarification, to know more about the programme or to enrol for it. Following on from that, formal weekly sessions will start during Sunday 10am Masses. For more information contact the parish office phone: 09 444 8624 or email: office@stthomasmore.org.nz or **Ghassan Emmanuel** mobile: 021 23 44 339.



Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024: only 20 spaces left!

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community! Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from 29/12/23 until 7/01/24! Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or to find out more.

Church Life Survey

There is still time to complete the survey.

A nationwide survey of church attenders and a confidential opportunity for you to have your say on the life of our church.



Please copy and paste this link bit.ly/STMSurveynz and complete the survey online or scan the **QR code** to do the survey online or fill in a **hard copy of the survey** There are still some in the church.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER CHANGE

St Thomas More Parish has changed it's bank account number. This change was necessary to comply with the latest banking regulations.

From 1 July 2023 St Thomas More's Parish account is

BNZ 02 0108 0708668 000

Donations Online. If you have an automatic payment set up to the old number, **you don't need to do anything!** BNZ is arranging to transfer your automatic payment to the new number. However, if in the future you set up a new automatic payment or make a one-off payment, direct credit or cash deposits to the parish, please use new account number **02 0108 0708668 000**

Young Adults Ball 26 August 7pm McHugh's of Cheltenham

Back by popular demand, we are excited to bring you The Young Adults Ball 2023! The theme for this year is 'Starry Night'. Here's your chance to put on your best formal attire for an unforgettable evening at McHugh's Of Cheltenham. Get ready to dance the night away with our live band, The Velvet Tones. Cocktail style canapes will be served throughout the night and your favourite drinks will be available at the bar (with one free drink included in your ticket!). Remember this magical evening by stopping by the photo wall where we will have a photographer ready to take some amazing shots of you and your group! Tickets \$110 (Sales close midnight 17 August). *This is an 18+ event. Go to facebook.com/AKCYM for tickets.

Please **DO NOT double park** in the main carpark and block access for drop-offs. Be thoughtful of our neighbours and don't block St Thomas Lane with inconsiderate parking.

THE WORD OF GOD
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Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

Monday

Genesis 28:10-22
Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday

Genesis 32:23-33
Matthew 9:32-38

St Benedict, abbot

Wednesday

Genesis 41:55-57,
42:5-7, 17-24
Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday

Genesis 44:18-21,
23-29, 45:1-5
Matthew 10:7-15

St Henry

Friday

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30
Matthew 10:16-23

St Camillus de Lellis, priest

Saturday

Genesis 49:29-33,
50:15-25
Matthew 10:24-33

St Bonaventure B.D.

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Christchurch priest is Bishop-elect for Palmerston North 2
Auckland diocese celebrates 175 years since formation 16

Wellington Archbishop Installed

Just \$4

"The good news is still with us" - pg 3

Six times judged Australia's leading Catholic newspaper

All welcome to share
in a cuppa after the 10am Mass hosted by the **TONGAN** community




Baptism Preparation Courses
6 August & 10 September
To book, phone or email parish office.
Ph: 444 8624 or office@stthomasmore.org.nz



Please pray for our sick parishioners & their families
Simone Choromanski,
Mary Baker, Israel Nathan,
Lyn Cotter, Tamar Mathews,
Mark Delaurier,
Mary Anne Clark
Contact the Parish office if you wish to add names
office@stthomasmore.org.nz

Holy Cross Seminary
www.holycross.org.nz



Priest VS AI


Workshop by Fr Simon Cleary, LC
336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH HALL

AN EVENING FOR PARENTS TO LEARN HOW TO USE AI AS A TOOL TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN'S FAITH


WEDNESDAY
12th JULY
2023

6:30PM START
6:50PM INTRO / CHATGPT
7:15PM SNACK BREAK
7:30PM Q&A
8:30PM RAP UP




YOU.
LIFE, LOVE, AND THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Theology of the Body for Teens What is love? Where do I get my identity from? Dates : Weekend Course. Saturday 22 July 2-6pm and Sunday 23 July 12-6pm. Age: 13-19 year olds. Venue: Hillsborough, Auckland. To register or more information: theologyofthebody.nz or email tobauckland@gmail.com




World Youth Day Auckland 6th August 2pm at Sancta Maria College.
Join us for an incredible experience at World Youth Day Auckland 2023! Young people aged 13-30yrs old (and their youth leaders!) are invited to join us at Sancta Maria College for this unforgettable celebration of our Catholic Faith. Get ready for uplifting music, inspiring speakers, mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, a delicious (FREE) dinner, reconciliation, adoration and HUNDREDS of young people. Spread the word, tell your youth group, and register now for this taste of the international World Youth Day taking place in Lisbon, Portugal! **Go to facebook.com/AKCYM to register.**
Poster in foyer



Mary in the Scriptures with Kieran Fenn fms.
Mondays, 10 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.
Fee: free. Donation/Koha appreciated.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>


Beauty in Islam with Dr Christopher E. Longhurst
Saturday, 22 July, 10.00-11.30pm. ZOOM.
Fee: \$25/session.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/beauty-in-islam/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz



Our North Shore Regional Talent showcase StarLight is back again this year on the 22 July at Rosmini College. More details on the StarLight FB page <https://www.facebook.com/starlighttalentshowcase>
Questions? call Quintin Fialho 021 188 8847

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND
Kids Korner <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Fourteenth-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>
Parent Ponderings <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/A-beautiful-poem-by-Lee-Tzu-Pheng.pdf>



Mass & anointing of the sick
8 July 2023 9.15am Mass
All welcome.



NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

175 Reflecting on our past by supporting those in need!
By donating \$175 as a parish, a family, a group of friends, or individually, you will support families & people in need throughout our diocese. To donate, www.caringfoundation.org.nz to donate online or to find out other ways to donate.

Forming our Faith "Wings" - Pope Francis calls us to be missionary disciples. Being a missionary disciple means we must know our faith and continue to grow in that faith so that we can pass this on to others. If you are a catechist, a parish volunteer, a teacher, or you just want a non-threatening way of learning more about your faith, then this is for you. Completion of all three days (15 July, 5 August, 7 October) is accredited with a Certificate of Completion for Wings Nga Parirau (Year 1) Register with Dianna on diannaf@cda.org.nz by Thursday 13th July. Light lunch and tea breaks provided.

ALONE AGAIN? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 25-27 August.
The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization that provides support for the grieving single again, and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Information please phone Lynda 027489 8003 or Kelly evenings 027 686 4416 www.beginningexperience.org.nz

Situations Vacant
Seeking a methodical, cheerful, dedicated, and highly efficient person for the role of **PSG Administrator & Communications Officer** to provide administration and operational support to the Leader Pastoral Services Group and providing communications support for the Diocese. This is a full-time role. Although there is some flexibility around this. For a full position description, please visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/> Applications close 12 July 2023.

Catholic Diocese of Auckland IT Systems Administrator/Technician We are looking for an IT Systems Administrator/Technician to join our team. The role is responsible for first and second level support of the Diocese's IT systems, design, and implementation of solutions to meet our needs and assist our people using technology to deliver mission. The role may also assist with the creation of videos (filming and editing) to support our Diocesan ministries. The position is full time, with some flexibility around this. For full details and requirements please visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/> vacancies. Applications close 21 July.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH and SCHOOL 175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS 11-15 August 2023. Please visit the Parish website www.howickcatholic.org.nz to see the details of the Parish and School celebrations of our 175th Anniversary of foundation in 1848. In particular registrations are essential for the Anniversary Luncheon on Saturday 12 August and must be received by 21 July 2023.

Saint Gianna's Home for Mothers & Babies in Pukekohe seeks a House Mother to join our team. A permanent full-time live-in position to cover overnight duties. Role would best suit a single woman who displays strong empathy. For a full Position Description, email: Rebecca rebeccacrowe@fli.org.nz or visit fli.org.nz/join-our-team/