



29th Sunday of Ordinary Time A

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 15 October 2023

Exploring The WORD

Everyone on this earth belongs to God. All are made in his image. Therefore it is right that all men and women, 'from the rising to the setting of the sun', should know the God to whom they belong.

The only desire of our God is that all should know and love him, and find in him the fulfilment that they seek. Even a pagan king like Cyrus is used to further this knowledge of God - just as Jesus uses Caesar's head to make the point again: all belong to God, and the mission of all who acknowledge that belonging is to help others to find it. This is exactly what we see Paul, Silvanus and Timothy doing, as they write to the people of Thessalonica. to whom they carried the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Synod on Synodality

Lord Jesus Christ, Our God and Saviour, You are the Head of the Church, Your spotless Bride and Mystical Body. Look mercifully upon the profound distress to which Our Holy Mother Church has been subjected.

Doctrinal confusion, moral abomination, and liturgical abuse have, in our day, reached an unprecedented height. "The heathens have come into your inheritance, having defiled your holy temple, and laid Jerusalem in ruins" (Ps 79:1). Churchmen who have lost the true Faith and become promoters of a worldly globalist agenda, are intent on changing Your truths and Commandments, the Divine Constitution of the Church, and the Apostolic tradition.

O Lord, with humble spirit and contrite heart we beseech You, prevent the enemies of the Church from exulting in a victory over the authentic Catholic Church obtained by imposing a counterfeit church under the guise of "synodality." Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come to the aid of Your Church with Your almighty strength. For where sin and apostasy in the Church abounds, the victory of Your grace will abound the more.

We firmly believe that the gates of Hell will not prevail against Your Church. In this hour, in which our beloved and holy Mother Church is suffering her Golgotha, we promise to remain with her. Graciously accept our interior and exterior sufferings, which we humbly offer in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of the Church, as a reparation for our own sins and for the sins of sacrilege and apostasy within the Church.

O Lord, send forth your Holy Angels under the command of Saint Michael the Archangel, to bring your heavenly light to the Pope and synod participants, and to frustrate the plans of your enemies within the synod assembly. O Lord, look mercifully upon the little ones in the Church, look upon the hidden souls who sacrifice themselves for the Church, look upon all the tears, sighs and supplications of the true children of the Church, and through the merits of the Immaculate Heart of Your Most Holy Mother, arise,

O Lord, and by Your intervention grant Your Church holy shepherds who, imitating Your example, will give their lives for You and Your sheep.

O Lord, we beseech You: Through the Blessed Virgin Mary, grant us a holy Pope, zealous in promoting and defending the Catholic Faith, we implore You, grant it! Through the Blessed Virgin Mary, grant us holy and intrepid bishops, we implore You, grant it! Through the Blessed Virgin Mary, grant us holy priests, who are men of God, we implore You, grant it!

In You, O Lord, we rest our hope: let us never be put to shame. To You, O Lord Jesus Christ, be given all honour and glory in Your Holy Church. You live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit: God, forever and ever. Amen. **Bishop Athanasius Schneider**

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY THE INNERMOST TRUTH

The god that we make of power, the domination of others and the exercise of control over their lives, is a false god. The god that we make of possessions, the accumulation of wealth far beyond that required for a dignified life, is a false god. The god that we make of pleasure and comfort, soothing our senses with physical satisfaction and enjoyment, is a false god. The god that we make of security, lulling us to sleep in the midst of a world filled with chaos and turmoil, is a false god. "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's." What is God's is the only place of God, and so we "give the Lord glory and honor. We who belong to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ know that all the gods of the nations are things of naught," and so we reject the false gods of power, possessions, pleasure, and security. We place all our hope in the "almighty and ever-living God" who is "our source of power and inspiration." **Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu**

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

Support World Mission Sunday to help people enduring poverty, violence and oppression around the world.

ANNUAL NORTH SHORE ROSARY PROCESSION

St Thomas More Parish invites you to join us in our Annual North Shore Rosary Procession on **Sunday, 29th Oct at 2 p.m. followed by Benediction and shared cuppa.**

Those unable to walk in the procession are welcome to pray in the Church before the exposed Blessed Sacrament.

We desperately need to pray for our families, nation and for the world in these times.



Christmas Giving Tree 2023



Our Parish Annual Christmas Giving Tree drive begins on the weekend of **NOVEMBER 5TH**. If you would like to help, please take a gift tag.

After purchasing the gift, return and place them with its tag attached under the Christmas Tree at the back of the Church.

Your generous donations of gifts, food items/vouchers and gift cards will be distributed in the form of Christmas Hampers to our parishioners in need, St Vincent de Paul and Little Sprouts Charitable Trust.

All gifts and donations must be returned by **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 2023**

All Saints

Sunday, 29 October 2023
Prayer of Service and Remembrance
takes place during the Saturday 5:30pm Mass
and Sunday 8am & 10am Masses



"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25

Those who have lost a loved one THIS YEAR
will be invited to offer a tealight
candle to the altar during Mass.
The rest will offer after the Mass

All Souls



Eftpos is available every **4th Sunday of the month** for SVDP collection. We thank you for your generous contribution.

THE WORD OF GOD
29th Sunday Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1,4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21

World Mission Sunday

Monday

Romans 4:20-25
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday

Romans 5:12,15,17-21
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday

Romans 6:12-18
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday

Romans 6:19-23
Luke 12:49-53

Friday

Romans 7:18-25
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday

Ephesians 2:19-22
Luke 6:12-16

Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles

NZCatholic
Care for Earth
Kohā Catholics and the modern dating scene

Just \$4

Sorry, **NO CUPPA** after the 10am Mass on Sunday

Columban Calendars 2024 - \$12 for sale after Mass or from the parish office Tuesday - Friday 10am - 3pm.

Baptism Preparation Courses
5 November 2023
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

Men's Breakfast with Fr Brian Lange
Topic : Men, called to Leadership in Today's World

Date: 28 October 2023
Time: 7:30 am
Location: Holy Name Parish 6 Alnwick Street Warkworth

For catering purposes, please book your space with Jerome. Contact: jromahd@stthomasmore.org.nz or tel 027 233 4380

Koha on the day to cover costs

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore
All men are invited to a meeting on **Wed 25 Oct at 7.30pm** at St Joseph's Centre, Takapuna. There will be a video presentation on: 'Catholic Masculinity' followed by a discussion on what Joshua 2024 will be like. We value your input and look forward to your presence. There will be time for a cuppa and shared conversation following. For more information please contact **Russell 022 034 5678.**

Testimony Night
Come join us for a truly powerful and deeply moving story of conversion by Nathan Trinham

SEARCHING FOR SUNRISES
Bring a Plate
Sat 4 Nov 2023 6.30pm
St Thomas More Glenfield

Instagram QR code
Website QR code

TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy
The Gospel of Mark with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 13 and 20 November, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free. Donations/Koha are appreciated.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/10/10/the-gospel-of-mark/>
YouTube Recordings
Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>
For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND
Kids Korner : : Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Twenty-Nineth-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>
Parent Pondering : The Teacup Story
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/The-Teacup-Story.pdf>

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Marriage and Family Life Administration Assistant
We are seeking a methodical, cheerful, dedicated, and efficient person with a passion for marriage and family to share the work of marriage preparation. The role involves liaison with Marriage Educator couples and engaged couples, administration, preparation of course material, and some hosting at courses. This is a part time role of 16 hours per week, with occasional evening and weekend work. For full details and requirements please visit the Diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff vacancies

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RUTH MILLER SCHOLARSHIP for STUDY at TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the **Ruth Miller Scholarship** for study at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more theology papers at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2024. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email: scholarships@cda.org.nz.
The closing date for applications is 18 NOVEMBER 2023

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Music plays a vital role in achieving full, active, & conscious participation, and in lifting our voices in worship of God. Part of elevating the importance of liturgical music is gathering as one in song and celebration, to showcase the rich and vibrant musical styles in our parishes, schools, and ethnic chaplaincies. And of course - who doesn't love Advent & Christmas carols!
Gaudete: Advent & Christmas Carols
Music from Parishes, Schools & Ethnic Chaplaincies across the Diocese. 3pm - 6pm Saturday, 25th November 2023 Sir Woolf Fisher Arena (770 Great South Road, Manukau 2104)
For All Ages | Donation / Entry by Koha| Free Parking Available Caring Foundation Christmas Appeal For more information Contact: (09) 360 3061 | liturgycentre@cda.org.nz or visit our webpage: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/gaudete

PROLIFE Voice of Life invites you to be a voice for the voiceless by taking part in the National March for Life in Wellington, Saturday, 2nd December 2023. The aims of the March for Life are to celebrate life, remember the more than 500,000 pre-born babies who have lost their lives to abortion, increase public awareness of abortion, and its impact on women, families and society, peacefully protest the practice and legality of abortion. The March will bring New Zealanders of goodwill together at Parliament, united in the one common vision of making abortion unthinkable. Please join with us in Wellington this December and march for a New Zealand where the beauty and dignity of every human life is valued and protected from conception. For more info: <https://marchforlife.nz/> For more pro-life information, visit **Voice for Life at www.voiceforlife.org.nz.**

Please **DO NOT double park** in the main carpark and block access for drop-offs and emergency vehicles. Also please **DO NOT** park along ST Thomas More Lane as the residents are inconvenienced by the weekly congestion. **Your vehicle will be towed away.** Thank you