



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus

Christ King of the Universe

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 26 November 2023

Exploring The WORD

“Shepherd-King o’er mountain steep,
homeward guide thy wand ‘ring sheep.”

This hymn which we will probably sing today captures the readings perfectly: our King is not a cruel tyrant or despot, but a shepherd who loves his flock, who would (and did) give his life for them.

Love for the flock means that he will have to judge them, separating the sheep from those who do not belong to him. Coming to the end of the Church’s year leads us to look to our final ending, the homecoming the hymn speaks of.

The judgement of the end of time we do not view as a trial or a terror, but as a coming home: look back to the Isaiah reading on the 28th Sunday to see what a homecoming party is offered. All we do is put our lives in order, living just and holy lives, longing for the Day of the Lord to come.

Prayer to Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

O Lord our God,
You alone are the Most Holy King
and Ruler of all nations.

We pray to You, Lord,
in the great expectation of receiving from You,
O Divine King, mercy,
peace, justice and all good things.

Protect, O Lord our King,
our families and the land of our birth.
Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.

Protect us from our enemies
and from Your Just Judgment.
Forgive us, O Sovereign King,
our sins against you.

Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.

We have deserved Your Just Judgment
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We trust in Your Great Mercy.

O most awe-inspiring King,
we bow before You and pray;
May Your Reign, Your Kingdom,
be recognized on earth.

Amen.

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY HUMILITY ENTHRONED

The very concept of Christ the King might seem rather triumphalistic in an age of expanding democratization of society. But look carefully at this king as portrayed in today’s parable:

he was hungry and thirsty and naked and ill and in prison.

Who are his loyal subjects? They are those who give food to the hungry and drink to the thirsty, who welcome strangers and clothe the naked, who comfort the ill and visit prisoners. What a king and what a kingdom! The goal of this king is not to oppress his subjects with his power but rather to “break the power of evil”: in this kingdom the evils of economic, medical, and criminal injustice are confronted and overcome by subjects who not only respect the “King of creation” but also “glory in his justice and live in his love.” The kingdom that we celebrate today is “a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.” Those who respect truth and life, who live in holiness and grace, and who work to bring justice, love and peace, will “inherit the kingdom prepared for them from the creation of the world.”

Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu

PARISH NEW REGISTRATION ONLINE FORM!

Our Parish is now upgrading its Parishioners Database System. Parishioners are encouraged to register via the online. A Registration number will be generated with each registration. The registration number will be the new Pledge giving number for New Parishioners. Existing parishioners will retain their current number. Log on to www.glenfieldcatholic.org.nz to register

Parish Seniors Group Christmas Gathering

TUESDAY DECEMBER 12
High Tea, Entertainment and
Christmas Carols
Bring along a small Gift
for Santa’s Sack -up to \$5
BE CREATIVE!
And yes, Santa will be there!



Congratulation to our Parish Youth Leaders



Lisa Emmanuel and Kyrene Santa Maria!
They have been nominated to receive a
Tu Kahikatea 2023 Award in recognition of the significant contributions they have made to the Youth and Young adult Ministry. The awards will be presented on **SATURDAY, 2nd DECEMBER** during the celebration of the Mass in St Patrick’s Cathedral at 4:30pm. All are invited to attend.

JOIN US FOR A
**children's
christmas
party**
**SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER
7-9PM**
ST THOMAS MORE PARISH HALL
Parents are invited as well, we kindly
request that you bring a plate
There will be games
and prizes to win!

Christmas Giving Tree 2023

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

Christmas Midnight Mass Choir Practice

Tuesday 28 November at 7.30pm in the church.
All singers and classical/orchestral instrumentalists are welcome to join.

Christmas Family Vigil Mass Choir Practice:

Monday 11 & 18 December at 7pm in the church.
All singers and musicians are welcome.

PARISH DONATION MADE EASY

Eftpos machines are now available for a quick, easy, convenient and secure donation before and after the mass. **NO Receipts will be issued.** Eftpost machines are located at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

THE WORD OF GOD CHRIST THE KING

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28
Matthew 25:31-46

World Youth Day

34th Sunday Ordinary Time

Monday

Daniel 1:1-6,8-20
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday

Daniel 2:31-45
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday

Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28

Luke 21:12-19

Thursday

Romans 10:9-18
Matthew 4:18-22

St Andrew, Apostle

Friday

Daniel 7:2-14
Luke 22:29-33

Saturday

Daniel 7:15-27
Luke 21:34-36

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



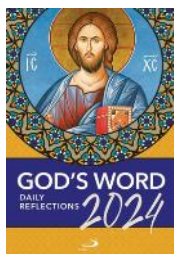
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The national Catholic newspaper



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Calendars 2024
for sale - \$12 dollars



Bible Diary for sale
\$ 28 dollars

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@stthomamore.org.nz



Holy Cross Seminary
www.holycross.org.nz



**First Wednesday -
6 December 2023**
Exposition 6.30pm
Novena to Our
Lady of Perpetual
Help 7pm Mass



**First Friday
1 December 2023**
Exposition 6:30pm
Divine Mercy
Chaplet Novena
7pm

Wed 29th November
7.30pm - 9.30pm



North Shore Dove

Scripture

Rev 7:17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

End of Year celebration

Praise & Worship

Prayer Ministry

Our first Dove Chaplain and Advisor Fr Paul has just passed away in Wellington.

He was a great inspiration to us as we navigated through Dove guidelines and he pastored us well in the early days of Dove. May his soul find its reward for a life well dedicated to God and the service of others.



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore

The end of year meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Wednesday, 29 Nov 23** at St Joseph's Centre, Fred Thomas Drive Takapuna. It will be a celebratory gathering for the successful year we have had in bringing Catholic men together in a spirit of fraternity, comradeship and learning/growing their faith. We warmly invite all men together with their wives/partners for a shared meal and fellowship. Please bring a plate. Refreshments will be available. You may bring a friend. For more information contact **Russell 022 034 5678**.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 1st December 7:00pm

at St Mary's Parish,
20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.



TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

St Nicholas - History, Legend & Culture with Beate Matthies.

Monday, 4 December, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free. Donations/Koha are appreciated.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/st-nicholas/>

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 : Celebrating ADVENT week one
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-one-HOPE.pdf>

Next week : Celebrating ADVENT Week Two
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-two-PEACE.pdf>

Parent Pondering : Embracing God
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-one-HOPE.pdf>

Next week : PEACE during ADVENT
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Mother-Teresa.pdf>

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Celebrate a fantastic year of youth ministry at our end-of-year **Celebration Mass** 02 December 4:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. This special event marks the end of our year-long journey with the young leaders of the Diocese of Auckland. We are excited to celebrate the many ways they have served in 2023. At this mass, we are excited to present the Tu Kahikatea Awards. These awards recognize young people who have made an outstanding contribution in the Diocese. Bishop Steve Lowe will celebrate the mass, present the Awards, and give a special blessing to all our youth and young adult ministry leaders. Young leaders, make sure you don't miss it! All are welcome at this celebration! Bring your whānau, your friends, and your wider faith community as we mark the conclusion of an amazing year of ministry
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Approved Diocesan Marriage Preparation

Course: Are you are getting married? Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation course here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/> Please book 1 year (if getting married in NZ) or 18months (if getting married overseas) in advance of your wedding date. The 3-part course takes about 32 hours to complete and is usually spread over 3 months. For more information email: marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz or call Gerry on **M:021 02247442**.
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Catholic Diocese of Auckland positions available: Youth Ministry Officer – Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who wants to make a meaningful positive impact in the lives of young people? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time **Youth Ministry Officer**. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland.
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Advent Retreat Saturday 2 December 8am-2pm, St Michael's Parish, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera. Discover the mysteries of Advent with the insightful guidance of Dr Robert Loretz. Join us as we interpret the deeper mysteries of the incarnation using the 'Four Senses of Sacred Scripture'. Light lunch provided. Entry by Koha. See our website for more information AdventRetreat
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Taize Prayer for Advent, Friday 8 December at 7pm, Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay *graphic attached*
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Advent Retreat Day Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay Led by Sr Jill McLoughlin, Saturday 9 December 10am – 3pm, \$30 waged/\$20 unwaged Registrations by December 7th MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au MOB 0210710277

East Coast Bays Catholic Parish

East Coast Bays Parish is a parish with two churches, St John the Baptist church in Mairangi Bay and St Francis de Sales church in Torbay. We are currently looking for two part-time staff members for the office in Mairangi Bay.

Position 1: Office & Communications Assistant
To support the office team in communications activities and processes for the parish and ensure all parishioners are kept informed and supported through different channels of communication. This includes preparing the weekly newsletter and assisting with the updating of the parish website and social media.

Position 2: Liturgy & Pastoral Coordinator
Prepare the efficient delivery and coordination of all sacraments and liturgical celebrations which enhance the parish community of East Coast Bays Parish. This role includes supporting and coordinating processes, programmes and volunteers, and making sure that the parish's liturgical and pastoral needs are met.
Hours: 12-15 hours/week (with some flexibility)
Location: Parish Office, 395 East Coast Road, Mairangi Bay, Auckland.
Detailed Job Descriptions are available on request.
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