



2nd Sunday of Lent B

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 25 February 2024

Exploring The WORD

We spool forward a few centuries in the story of the Old Testament, to arrive at Abraham, "our Father in faith". Today we hear of another Covenant (like last week) - even though the word is not used. God promises Abraham descendants like "the stars of heaven", and the showering of blessings. This shows how much God loves Abraham, and all his children. This love is proved for us in Jesus: God loves us so much he sacrificed his only Son (just as Abraham was willing to do); but this is not all: Jesus also rose from the dead, to stand at God's right hand and plead for us. All this is revealed in the story of the Transfiguration, where Jesus is seen in the glory that is rightfully his as the only Son of God. Not until after the Resurrection will the disciples see this fully again.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

"And he was transfigured before them ."

Friends caught a dazed glimpse
of him, as he really was!
In blinding brightness,
his clothes turned dazzling white
as no eyes on earth had ever seen.

O Christ, take us to your mountain.
Transform all our acts,
our very being,
into your love.

*"We are all walking around
shining like the sun."*

Let us see it.
Let us glimpse your glory.
In beauty, in skies, and flowers,
and butterflies; in a happy child's face,
in music that our souls sing,
in joyful folks helping other folks. Amen

LENTEN SPIRITUALITY

A More Just Society

In the midst of our suffering and hardship, we must keep sight of the "light at the end of the tunnel." We know that Jesus is that light and that we must trust in that light the way Abraham trusted in God. We are suffering voluntarily in our Lenten fast. We are also acutely aware in this season of the suffering caused by our sinfulness. Easter, however, awaits us, the hope of resurrection, because "God is for us." Many in our world are suffering involuntarily. They are the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the victims of oppression and war and other injustices. Is there "light at the end of the tunnel" for them? When will Easter come to them? Who is for them besides God? Christians cannot allow the magnitude of social evils to overwhelm them. They must always live by the light of Christ and the hope of resurrection.." *Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu*

PRAY

FAST

GIVE

PARISH LENTEN OBSERVANCES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of LENT

9:45 am and 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS- 9:45 am

THURSDAYS- 6:00pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAYS - all day until 7:00pm



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday	13 March	Orewa	7.00pm
Thursday	14 March	East Coast Bay	7:00pm
Tuesday	19 March	Northcote	7:00pm
Wednesday	20 March	Glenfield	7:00pm
Thursday	21 March	Takapuna	7:00pm
Friday	22 March	Beach Haven	7:00pm
Sunday	24 March	Devonport	7:00pm



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM-PASSION SUNDAY 24 March 2024

5.30pm Saturday - 8.00am and 10.00am Sunday

MONDAY, 25 March 2024

CHRISM MASS

7.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral

WEDNESDAY, 27 March 2024

7.00pm Chaldean Washing of the Feet Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, 28 March 2024

7.30pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Adoration after Mass at the Altar of Repose

Collection for the Caritas

GOOD FRIDAY, 29 March 2024

9.00am STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10.00am DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

11.30am Chaldean Stations of the Cross

3pm COMMEMORATION OF LORD'S PASSION

Collection is for the upkeep of Holy Places, Jerusalem

EASTER VIGIL, 30 March 2024

7.30pm THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Parish to provide T-light candles. **DO NOT** bring your own.

Second collection for upkeep of Auckland Clergy

EASTER SUNDAY, 31 March 2024

9am Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection

Second collection for upkeep of Auckland Clergy

11.30am Chaldean Easter Mass

THE WORD OF GOD

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10

Monday

Daniel 9:4-10

Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday

Isaiah 1:10,16-20

Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jeremiah 18:18-20

Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Luke 16:19-31

Friday

Genesis 37:3-4,12-13,17-28

Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday

Micah 7:14-15,18-20

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

All welcome to share

in a cuppa after the 10am
Mass hosted by the

Indian
Community



Baptism Preparation Courses 2024

3 March 2024

7 April 2024

5 May 2024

9 June 2024

14 July 2024

4 August 2024

8 September 2024

6 October 2024

3 November 2024

Contact the parish office to book

Ph: 444 8624

Email: office@stthomasmore.org.nz

NZCatholic
The National Catholic Magazine

Challenging for living
and for living close
school members

Pasipatu Sings
for national classes
in Wellington

New college blessed

St Ignace of Loyola
Catholic College opens
its doors - pgs 4-5

Our times judge Archbishop's leading Catholic evangelist

St Ignace of Loyola
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its doors - pgs 4-5

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Please pray for our sick
parishioners & their families

Simone Choromanski,
Anselmo Salazar, Gaye
Rhodes, 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



First Friday

on 1 March 2024

Exposition 6:30pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena 7pm

Mass 7.30pm

JOSHUA
CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

NORTH SHORE

An open invitation to all men to join
others in a spirit of learning, camaraderie, prayer and
fellowship. And a special welcome to those who we have not
seen for some time. We look forward to your presence.

Date: 28 Feb 2024 - 7.30pm-9.30pm

New Venue: St Thomas More Catholic Church,
336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland

Speaker: Fr Carl Telford SM

Topic: Fostering a strong Prayer Habit

Private Confession would be available on request.



Eftpos is available every

4th Sunday of the month
for SVDP collection

We thank you for your generous contribution.



**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass
on Friday 1st March 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.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (TOB) – UPCOMING COURSE

**Human Love in the Divine Plan:
Beginners Course** - ideal for

those new to TOB. It focuses on
the meaning and purpose of the
human person, love and the infinite bliss and fulfilment found
in Christ. Dates: **Sat 2 and Sun 3 March, 8am-6pm, Mission
Bay, Auckland.** All adults 20+ are welcome. For more
information and to register please visit: theologyofthebody.nz

Theology of the Body



PROLIFE FACTS

Voice for Life Auckland warmly invites
you to attend their "Real-life Law &
Ethics for Medical and Legal Professionals" Training Day. As
well as medical or legal professionals, anyone wishing to be a
voice for life in their day-to-day interactions will benefit from
attending, with more than 10 incredible, varied sessions. Hear
from legal, medical and ethical experts including policy and
culture experts, legal experts, medical experts, and social
support experts. Learn about the limits of the current abortion
and euthanasia laws. Learn what you can do and say to
maintain your pro-life values while having compassionate
conversations in the workplace. All are welcome to attend this
free event, which will be held at the Reformed Church of the
North Shore, Trias Road, Sunnynook, on 2 March, 2024.
Morning tea and lunch provided. Visit voiceforlife.org.nz/ak24
to find out more.

TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Bible Stories - What do they mean?

Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers
within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms.
Sundays, 04 Feb, 03 Mar, 07 Apr, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm
(Zoom). Koha <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

The Mystery of Miracles

Mondays, 08/15/22/29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm
\$25/session or \$80/series, incl. study material.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

Kids Corner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Celebrating-Third-SUNDAY-of-lent.pdf>

Parents pondering: Lifting our eyes to the Heavens
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Lifting-our-eyes-to-the-Heavens-and-receiving-a-kiss-of-God.pdf>



Envelopes are in the church foyer for your donations.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

"Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering a course on Mission and Ministry for three Saturdays, 02 March, 06 April and 04 May 9am-4pm in Ponsonby Auckland. This can be for personal interest or credited towards Certificate in Christian Studies. Fee is \$374. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply to enrol. For more information go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz"
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The Upper Room. Young adults, this event is a fantastic opportunity to grab a drink, enjoy some (free) bar snacks, meet other young Catholics, and dive into some relevant topics. Our guest speaker for this Upper Room is Danielle Mourits. **Thursday 7th March 7pm** at Good George Mission Bay. Tickets \$10. Go to our Facebook page @AKCYM or email felicity@cda.org.nz for details.
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SUMMIT Young Leaders' Weekend. Young leaders, are you ready for an incredible weekend of FORMATION, FELLOWSHIP and being spiritually FILLED? We can't wait to see you at the SUMMIT **22-24 March** at Sunshine Ranch Clevedon. Go to our Facebook page @AKCYM or email felicity@cda.org.nz for details.
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Parish Renewal Are you a lay leader wishing to learn more about what leadership, renewal and vibrancy in your parish can look like? Then this evening event is not to be missed. Fr Chris Ryan (MGL) Author, Parish Priest and founder of The Arete Mission Discipleship program will be sharing the ways to help in invigorating your parish. Registration is essential <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>
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Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion . The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops across the deaneries, which will cover training/refreshers for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas.

Participants will only need to attend **ONE** of these workshops. All will receive a certificate at completion, which will be posted to their parish and presented at mass on a chosen date/time. Each session will be held on a specific Sunday at a parish within the designated deanery, from 1pm-3pm (with light lunch provided).

3rd March | Central/City (Good Shepherd Balmoral)

10th March | West (Our Lady of Lourdes Glen Eden)

14th April | East (St Mark Pakuranga)

5th May | South (St Anne Manurewa)

19th May | North Shore (St Joseph Takapuna)

Register via the link below or contact your parish office/priest: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/>

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 - **the residents are inconvenienced by the weekly congestion. Your vehicle will be towed away.** Thank you