



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 24 March 2024

Exploring The WORD

In the Cycle of Sunday Readings, the oldest are those of Year A in Lent – these Gospels have accompanied the Church for many centuries. We must realise why: Lent was originally the time of immediate preparation of candidates for Baptism at Easter (something which has been reintroduced to the Church by RCIA): those already baptised used it as a time to prepare for the renewal of Baptismal promises. This is why so much of the Scripture in Lent is about Baptism, New Life and Salvation. What is the new life of Baptism? What are we set free from? What is sin? We begin Lent by hearing about sin and temptation; the Gospel will tell us of Jesus' own temptations, something he shares with us, though he did not sin. The other Scripture readings prepare us for the Gospel, in which Jesus, the new Adam, triumphs over temptation.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

“Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: “Hosanna!”

Look!
Before and after,
the crowds spread their cloaks,
and crying, “Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest!”

They cut down
leafy branches from the fields,
making the way for him to enter Jerusalem.

Hosanna! Jesus of Nazareth, eternal joy!
Our God, walking along beside us!
Our Lord who leads us to grace!
Our king crowned with thorns,
our beloved, our hero!
Loving us all the
way to the
cross! Amen



LENTEN SPIRITUALITY

Making Peace Possible

An ancient tradition says that Jerusalem means City of Peace. Through the centuries Jerusalem has been anything but a city of peace. It has been attacked, destroyed, and plundered on numerous occasions. Today it is the eye of a storm that is causing death and destruction. Jesus rode into Jerusalem to become its messiah. He came not at the head of a conquering army but riding on a donkey, the animal we refer to as an ass. He came not to play God but to “empty himself and take the form of a slave.” He came to face rejection: “with that, all deserted him and fled.” Mark’s picture of Jesus’ rejection is bleak. There are no disciples around at the end, no relatives, not even God: “Why have you forsaken me?” What will it take for us to understand the meaning of the cross, how Jesus made peace possible by his own suffering and dying? We keep thinking that we will bring peace by killing others in war; Jesus showed us that we bring peace by dying for others. **Gerald Darring/ liturgy.slu.edu**



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday	24 March	Devonport	7:00pm
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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

NO MORNING MASS

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

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



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore

An invitation to all men to the next Joshua meeting.

Meeting Date/time: Wed 27 Mar 2024 7.15pm start with cuppa followed by meeting at 7.30pm.

Venue: Parish Hall at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield.

Guest speaker: Dr Ethan Breinhorst

Topic: Mens' Health

Dr Ethan's talk will focus on how men can look after their health and live productive lives.

For more information (or directions to St Thomas More) contact Russell 022 034 5678.

THE WORD OF GOD PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

Monday

Isaiah 42:1-7
John 12:1-11

Tuesday

Isaiah 49:1-6
John 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday

Isaiah 50:4-9
Matthew 26:14-25

HOLY THURSDAY

Exodus 12:1-8,11-14
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

GOOD FRIDAY

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9
John 18:1-9:19:42

Saturday—Easter Vigil

Romans 6:3-11
Mark 16:1-8

Choir Practice

Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm
in preparation for the
**Holy Thursday and
Easter Vigil Masses.**
*We welcome all singers and
musicians to join with us.*



Mums & Bubs

Socialise / cuppa / play / songs / fun

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



**St Thomas More Hall,
Wednesday 27 March, 10 & 24 April
2024 from 10-11am**

Contact Sylvia on 021 088 22990

Divine Mercy Feast at St Benedict's Parish Sunday 7th April at 5:30pm.

1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Benediction, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed.

Free Parking at Wilson carpark



All welcome to share

in a cuppa after the 10am Mass
hosted by the



**Tongan
Community**

Baptism Preparation Courses 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

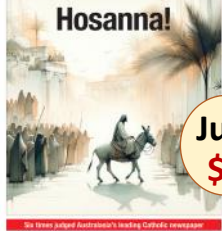
Contact the parish office to book

Ph: 444 8624

Email: office@stthomasmore.org.nz

NZCatholic

Holy Cross welcomes six new seminarians



**Just
\$4**

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

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession



On Good Friday, the Diocese will continue our traditional Stations of the Cross procession through Auckland CBD. We will begin by gathering at Albert Park Rotunda at 9am. The procession will conclude at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. We would love you, your family, and your faith community to join us in this powerful public witness through the streets of Auckland.



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

PROLIFE FACTS

St Joseph's Parish Takapuna has held two open sessions on the recent document published by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops: Te Kahu o te Ora—A Consistent Ethic of Life. The sessions addressed the theological, scriptural, and historical foundations of a consistent life ethic, with particular reference to the work of the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, who stressed the importance of viewing life as a "seamless garment." In this view, life and human dignity must be upheld in all areas, circumstances, and demographics, since the devaluing or destruction of life in one area constitutes a moral dilemma in all areas. Both sessions have been challenging, enlightening, and thought-provoking, as they provided a space in which to consider the impact of, and possible responses to various life issues in Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond. **For more pro-life information, visit Voice for Life at www.voiceforlife.org.nz.**

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

Kids Corner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Celebrating-EASTER-SUNDAY.pdf>

Parents pondering: [The CENTURION](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/The-Centurion.pdf)
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NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

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. To learn more, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Northland Region Corrections Facility (Ngawha) - Catholic Prison Chaplaincy

We are seeking to employ a suitably qualified person to work as a member of Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa Chaplaincy Team, which delivers Ecumenical Chaplaincy services to men in prison at the Northland Region Corrections Facility. The position is a permanent part-time position of 20 hours per week – days to be determined but with the expectation of some Sundays per month for Sunday Services. To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. Applications close 5 April 2024.

Vacancy: Director, National Liturgy Office

The NZ Catholic Bishops are seeking applications for the role of Director of the National Liturgy Office. This important role promotes sound liturgical practice, supports the liturgical aspects of the work of national agencies and provides resources for parishes and schools in Aotearoa. Ad hoc projects include preparing national liturgical events and providing an Aotearoa point of contact for major liturgical initiatives of the universal Church. Key to the role is good working relationships with people involved in liturgy at the diocesan level and sharing the bishops' commitment to a bicultural and inclusive approach to liturgy. If you have a passion for the liturgical life of the Church, qualifications and experience in liturgy and good relationship-building skills, please consider applying. The role is part-time (minimum 20 hours per week negotiable) and fixed term (two years). The office has space alongside the NZCBC Secretariat in Thorndon, Wellington; however the role can be based remotely. For a full role description, email NZCBC Executive Director, Damian Dempsey via secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz. Role posting closes Thursday 28th March.

Concert with Fr Chris Skinner SM, Mary

MacKillop Chapel, Sunday 7 April at 2pm,
Suggested koha \$10

Join Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

for its new webinar series, A Taste of Theology from April-December 2024 every first Tuesday of the month. These are one-hour sessions with topics on Philosophy, Canon Law, Spirituality, Scripture, Moral Theology, etc. Four sessions revisit the documents of Vatican II. Cost of \$60 one-off. For more information and to register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology.

Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, the Apostolic

Nuncio to Aotearoa New Zealand, has left for Rome as he continues his recovery from a stroke. Bishop of Auckland Stephen Lowe, the President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, asks Catholics to keep Archbishop Rugambwa in their prayers. He suffered a stroke last 27 October and has been recovering and undergoing rehabilitation in Wellington. "It is with much sadness that we farewell Archbishop Novatus," says Bishop Lowe. "The bishops acknowledge our deep gratitude for his services to the Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific. We pray for his safe travels to Rome, and we invoke the prayers of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven, our New Zealand patroness, for his healing and continued wellbeing."

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