



## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 31 March 2024

### Exploring The WORD

**"Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord."**

When the Word is proclaimed, it is real and active – the Lord is present, and what is described is, in a sense, happening now. On certain days this is made more obvious by the selection of scripture that refers to a particular time or day. Such a selection occurs this morning, when we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to make – with her – a momentous discovery: the tomb is empty, he is risen!

### PRAYER THIS WEEK

*"They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first ... !"*

An angel.  
Dazzling light.  
Boulders upheaved.  
Burial head cloth rolled up.  
Women running to tell disciples.  
Disciples racing to see for themselves.  
Empty tomb proclaiming the good news!

He was not there!

*"Where is he?"*

*"Mary!"*

The one who has loved us  
into wholeness is alive.  
And with us now.

We say with her,  
"Rabbouni!" Amen

### EASTER SPIRITUALITY

#### Rising to New Life

**"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."** Easter is the great celebration of victory of life over death. Ours is an Easter religion. We do not deny or turn away from the evils that surround us: the wars that have killed some 100 million people in our (last) century; the poverty that grips more than half of the human race; the hunger that kills millions every year and ruins the lives of millions more; the discrimination that divides the human family into contending parties. We do not deny these miseries, but we refuse to surrender to their power because of our faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Suffering will be vindicated; death will be overcome; a new life will arise: that is the Easter message of the paschal mystery. **"Let us feast with joy in the Lord."** Just as Christ passed through death to resurrection, so too will the world pass through its suffering to the glory of a new life. There is no room for despair: our Easter faith tells us that God will **"raise us up and renew our lives."** *Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu*



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Share Lent 2024 Development and Peace

Envelopes are in the church foyer for your donations.



## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

### 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**

### 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.



### DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

will be celebrating **40 years** this year and North Shore Dove will be hosting a celebration at St. Thomas More Catholic Church on

**Saturday, 20th April 2024, from 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.** starting with Holy Mass. Come and meet and hear stories and miracles from women who have been involved in Dove for the past 40 years. Please bring food to share.

Contact Sylvia 021 088 22990 for more info.

### Easter Message from the Parish Priest

Wow!!! Such Awesomeness!!! This wonderful Mystery of Holy Week culminates in the momentous and joyous Feast of the Resurrection. On behalf of our parish staff and representatives of the various parish committees, ministries, sacramental & pastoral groups and ethnic communities, I would like to wish you all our dear families of St. Thomas More Parish, the greatest of Easter Blessings - an Easter that is felt with unadulterated JOY because of the profound peace we feel deep within us knowing that death has no more power over us. I am humbled & grateful for all you do for our parish and it is my sincere prayer that this joyous time of Easter will renew our love & zeal for what we do for our family, the disadvantaged and our parish.

**Happy Easter to one and all!!!!**

Fr. Pio Fong Waqavotuwale SM.



**Second collection TODAY Sunday  
for the upkeep of Auckland's Retired Clergy**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

### Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-32

Matthew 28:8-15

### Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41

John 20:11-18

### Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10

Luke 24:13-35

### Thursday

Acts 3:11-26

Luke 24:35-48

### Friday

Acts 4:1-12

John 21:1-14

### Saturday

Acts 4:13-21

Mark 16:9-15

### Daylight savings

Clocks go back 1 hours at  
3am on **7 April 2024**

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



## 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

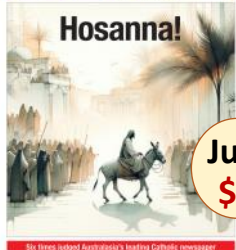
Contact the parish office to book  
Ph: 444 8624

Email: [office@stthomasmore.org.nz](mailto:office@stthomasmore.org.nz)

**NZCatholic**  
The national Catholic newspaper

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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](mailto:office@stthomasmore.org.nz)



**Holy Cross Seminary**  
[www.holycross.org.nz](http://www.holycross.org.nz)



**First Friday**  
**on 5 April 2024**  
Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena **6.30pm**  
Mass **7.00pm**

## THE STUDIO OF JOHN THE BAPTIST PRESENTS DIVINE MYSTERIES FOR OUR TIME



### OPEN STUDIO & SACRED ART EXHIBITION

- Sacred Art for sale
- View a legacy of  
20 year's work

10am – 4pm

8th–13th, 15th–20th  
April 2024

1 Fred Thomas Drive,  
Takapuna, Auckland.

### 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**



### PROLIFE FACTS

Anthony is an Auckland who has been involved in prayerful, pro-life witness near Greenlane Hospital (at a busy intersection) for over 30 years now. Interesting, although abortion has now been legalised in New Zealand, he has not noticed any increase in negative responses from the public to their biweekly pro-life witness. Passers-by are just as likely to toot and wave in support as to give negative responses. Anthony has also had the joy of learning of babies' lives saved because he and his fellow pro-life witnesses were there. He recalls one mother bringing her child to meet him in a pram. Another mother said, "One of my sons is alive today because of you." However, Anthony believes that the very existence of the Safe Zone Legislation and the creation of "safe zones" around several abortion clinics and hospitals in New Zealand indicates a determined effort by the "powers that be" to push the abortion agenda in this country. **For more pro-life information, visit Voice for Life at [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).**

## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

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

**Parents pondering:** Don't Judge others before you Know them!

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Dont-judge-others-before-you-know-them-1.pdf>

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

## Confirmation/First Eucharist

Classes resume on  
**Sunday 21 April 2024 at 4:30pm** in  
the Parish Hall.



## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

### Accountant - Catholic Diocese of Auckland

The Accountant role will assist the Diocesan Accounting Manager and CFO with operational leadership for the financial management of the Diocese and its related entities. In this role, you will be responsible for ensuring all financial reporting requirements, imperatives are delivered accurately and add value to the organisation. You will provide accurate, timely and relevant statutory and monthly management reporting information for entities which ensures the Diocese both fully meets its statutory requirements and to support the Diocese in the achievement of its strategic goals. To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. Applications close 19 April 2024.

### 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/](http://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](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. Applications close 5 April 2024.

### Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand Executive Assistant (EA) vacancy

to support the Chief Executive Caritas. Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic Bishops' agency for justice, peace and development, part of a global federation. We're on the hunt for an experienced Executive Assistant (EA) to support the Chief Executive. The ideal candidate will have plenty of EA experience, excellent communication skills, and the ability to manage time well. Reporting to the CE, they will need to be able to handle sensitive matters with discretion, demonstrate attention to detail, and understand modern business systems. Affinity with Caritas' mission is a plus. This role offers an exciting opportunity within a close-knit Wellington-based team. For more information, visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>

**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](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology).

**Towards October 2024** Local Churches are invited to contribute to the Synod on Synodality by deepening aspects of the Synthesis Report. These contributions are guided by the question: "HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?" The diocese is offering sessions in the ten days post Easter for the Church of Auckland to participate in this phase of the consultation. For more details and to register (which is required) <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/towards-october-2024/>