



3rd Sunday of Easter Year B

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 14 April 2024

Exploring The WORD

We continue to think about the Resurrection this week, from three different perspectives: the Gospel gives us another story of Jesus appearing to his disciples - this time the beautiful story of the meeting in Jerusalem, when Jesus proves he is alive and not a ghost by eating some grilled fish: he reminds the disciples of all that he suffered and had to rise so that the "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" could be preached to the whole world. The first reading shows us Saint Peter doing just that, as he addresses the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost: he takes them through recent events (fifty days earlier), highlighting the important point, that he and the disciples can witness to the raising of Jesus from the dead, and calling them to "repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out." The second reading brings this into our lives: the resurrection is not just a historical event, which we remember. By baptism (which we renewed at Easter) we become part of Jesus in his dying and his rising, as he 'becomes the sacrifice that takes our sins away'. So all that Saint John tells us about the commandments and avoiding sin is our way of living the Resurrection.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

"Touch me and see. "

The disciples are surprised,
no, amazed, awed!
He is alive!
After
death!

Christ,
you let them feel and see
your hands and feet,
and you unlock
their minds.

Oh Jesus, release our own minds. Let us see you
in the beauty of sun and moon and stars,
in the faces of the needy and forlorn,
in all those risking lives to help,
in the breaking of the bread,
in loving our friends.

Let us find you
a hundred
ways,
every
day. Amen

EASTER SPIRITUALITY

A Positive Force

Isn't it interesting that, right in the middle of this season of Easter joy, the church focuses our attention on the suffering of the messiah? The prophets announced long ago that God's messiah would suffer; "it is written that the messiah must suffer; Christ had to suffer." Jesus' followers never have been able to come to terms fully with the idea of redemption through suffering. Surely suffering cannot be good, cannot be God's desire for us! Jesus, however, turned suffering into a positive force, buying redemption with the single coin that has suffering and death on one side and resurrection on the other. The amount of suffering in our world is staggering. Apart from the suffering that comes naturally with life, there is the suffering we inflict on ourselves through injustice, violence and war. The suffering of Jesus continues in our day, and we still have difficulty seeing its victims as our redeemers. "Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu

Confirmation/First Eucharist

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



A gentle reminder to collect your Sacramental Handbook from the Parish Office if you have not already done so. Thank you



Parish Seniors Group

Our next gathering will be on
Tuesday April 16.

Join us in the Hall after Morning Mass.
We look forward to seeing you for Fun
and Fellowship.

THE WORD OF GOD 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

Monday

Acts 6:8-15

John 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51-8:1

John 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1-8

John 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40

John 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20

John 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42

John 6:60-69

Please be mindful of the neighbours when congregating at night in the carpark area. Thank you

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



Tongan community



Baptism Preparation Courses 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 News Service

Washington's Sacred Heart Cathedral to open in June
From doubter to devotee: a conversion story

Saints' relics to visit NZ

Tour to deepen Eastern and Western Catholic Churches' bond - pg 2

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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



Bonds of Love NZ invite you their upcoming preparation to the Consecration to Jesus through Mary, following the method of St. Louis de Montfort. This transformative **10-week course** will take place every Wednesday (details below).

Throughout this course, we will delve into the profound teachings of St. Louis de Montfort, exploring the beautiful and time-honoured path of consecration to Jesus through Mary. By embracing this spiritual journey, participants will have the opportunity to deepen their faith, cultivate a closer relationship with Jesus, and experience the profound love and guidance of our Blessed Mother.

Whether you are new to the concept of consecration or seeking to renew your commitment to Jesus through Mary, this course offers a welcoming and enriching environment for spiritual growth and discovery.

Details of the course:

- Dates: Every Wednesday from 3rd April to 5th June
- Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- Location: Holy Family Parish Hall / 94 Taikata Road, Te Atatu Peninsula
- Consecration Day Ceremony: 8th June (Time TBC)

We encourage you to mark your calendars and join us for this meaningful and transformative experience. Feel free to invite family members, friends, and fellow parishioners who may benefit from this journey of faith.

To REGISTER, please visit: <https://www.catholicchub.co.nz/event-details/bml-consecration-classes-2024-04-03-19-00>



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/](https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/ref=search-standalone&type=standout#sol=278caafac6b24e378a06a5f58605aabb0724dc792)

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

PROLIFE FACTS

The Creation Museum in the US state of Kentucky is a state-of-the-art museum that has attracted millions of visitors. It has an amazing array of displays, from a planetarium, botanical gardens and a zip-line adventure course. One of the exhibits is entitled "Fearfully & Wonderfully Made". This exhibit focuses on both scientific and Biblical truth about life in the womb, with breath-taking life-like models of preborn babies. A special lighting effect called "Pepper's Effect" enables visitors to get an inside view of the development the preborn baby experiences, including the growth of its bones and internal organs. Other parts of the exhibit include fascinating animations explaining what happens from the moment of fertilisation until birth. The exhibit promotes a sense of wonder for every human life from the moment of fertilisation, made in the image and likeness of God. **For more pro-life info, visit Voice for Life at www.voiceforlife.org.nz.**

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

Kids Corner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Celebrating-Fourth-SUNDAY-of-EASTER.pdf>

Parents pondering: The Fire

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/The-Fire-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

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Pilgrims of Hope -Bishops create special webpage for Jubilee 2025 –

The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together towards Jubilee 2025–Pilgrims of Hope: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/>

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Relics Tour From 26 April to 5 May there is a unique and historic opportunity to welcome the relics of saints from both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches. This promises to be a spiritually enriching experience. More details: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/

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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/

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The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart

have a new executive management position available, **NZ Services and Property Manager**.

This role supports the Sisters throughout NZ and is a member of the executive team. It calls for an experienced manager in either business and/or philanthropy, with collaborative and genuine care for the Sisters values, services, and mission. Diverse capability in strategy and hands-on management of planning, communications, property, IT, HR, Health and Safety is sought and ideally a tertiary degree in business, social services or similar. Further information is available on the ad in Seek, under the heading "Community Services & Development: Management." Applications close 6 May 2024 <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/74987075?ref=search-standalone&type=standout#sol=278caafac6b24e378a06a5f58605aabb0724dc792>

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Upcoming Events at Mary MacKillop Centre

A Day with Henri Nouwen April 20, 10am – 4pm, Led by Eamon Butler Mary MacKillop Prayer Room, 26 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay, 20,\$35 /\$25. Please Register by 17 April

Card Crafting Workshop Saturday 20 April 10am – 3pm Mary MacKillop Centre, 26 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay, Facilitated by Meg Hills RSJ, \$35/\$25.Register by 17 April. (All Registrations to Sr Jill McLoughlin MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au Mob: 021 091 15260

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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).

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/>