



Exploring The WORD

This is traditionally called “**Good Shepherd Sunday**” because of the Gospel narratives (from John 10) read each year, in which Jesus talks of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his flock. A general “theme” to the Scriptures is the person of Jesus and what he has achieved by the Paschal Mystery (his dying and rising): the first reading talks of his name, and the power of the name of Jesus to save: one of the results of the “power of this name” is that in him we are all God’s children, and are promised an eternal reward. All this is summed up in the Gospel, in which Jesus talks of himself as the real shepherd, who is prepared to do anything for his flock, even to the point of giving his life. This he said before his passion, but in Eastertide we read it with the benefit of hindsight. His words are true, and by his dying and rising he has truly saved his flock.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

“I am the good shepherd.”

The Good Shepherd knows his sheep
and calls them each by name.
They listen, they wait for
the sound of his
voice.

We are
so like them.
O Jesus, Shepherd,
we harken to hear you call us.

Hold us in your arms awhile.

Then help us take your unconditional love
—the lay-down-your-life kind of love
that you got from your Father—
and wrap it around us
and into the lives
of all people
every
where. Amen

EASTER SPIRITUALITY

Who Cares?

The image of the good shepherd is the image of a person who cares. He is not like the other, “who has no concern.” He takes the time to get to know others, and he cares so much that he will even give his life for others. We belong to a church populated by caring individuals who give their lives for others: priests and nuns martyred in El Salvador; missionaries struggling in the remotest parts of the world; peace activists challenging the consciences of nations; sisters caring lovingly for the sick and dying. What would happen if all of us cared, really cared, about our brothers and sisters who are hungry, homeless, helpless, mistreated, victimized, suffering, unemployed, impoverished, threatened, rejected? What would happen if all of us became good shepherds and cared? Wouldn’t the consequences be monumental if everyone in the Christian community became a good shepherd?
”Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

It is our endeavour to push forward with another major project, that being the CANOPY at the front entrance of the Church and an upgrade of the main car park.

The parish can not do this without the support from our parishioners. Please make use of envelopes in the foyer if you would like to donate towards this project.

Every penny counts and we thank you for your generous donations.



Confirmation/First Eucharist

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



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore

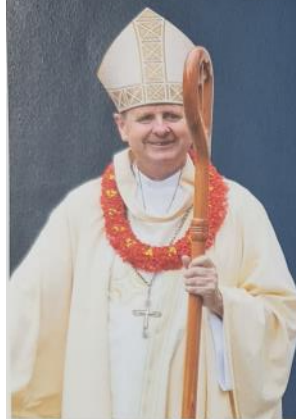
An invitation of all men to the next Joshua meeting.

- Date/time:** Wed 24 April 2024 7.15am start with cuppa/ fellowship followed by meeting at 7.30pm
- Venue:** Parish Hall, St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield.
- Guest speaker:** Dr David Legg, Lecturer in Philosophy & Theology at the Catholic Theological College, Auckland.
- Topic:** Importance of Philosophy in the Christian Tradition.

For more information contact: **Russell 022 034 5678**

Bishop's Appeal 2024

Supporting Auckland Seminarians



On Sunday 21 April we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday also known as Vocations Sunday. In his appeal, Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to take a moment to offer your support to our seven Auckland seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your gift is one of the best ways to positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland.

Your gift to the appeal ensures that our newly formed priests will be well-equipped to serve the faithful throughout their lives. If you are able to donate, please prayerfully consider a donation in support of our future priests.

DONATE ONLINE

To make a gift :

Scan the QR code, go to

AucklandCatholic.org.nz/donate

or phone the Diocese

on 09 3603069



THE WORD OF GOD 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

National Vocations Awareness Week

Monday

Acts 11:1-18
John 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26
John 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24-13:5
John 12:44-50

Thursday

Isaiah 9:1-6
Ephesians 2:13-18
John 14:23-29

ANZAC DAY

Friday

Peter 5:5-14
Mark 16:15-20

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52
John 14:7-14

ANZAC DAY

Thursday, 25 April 2024
There will be Morning Mass at
9:15am

**NO ADORATION, CONFESSIONS
and EVENING MASS**



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 24 April 2024
from 10-11am

Contact Sylvia on 021 088 22990

2024 Tax Donation receipts. If you have supplied me with an email address, you should have received your **Tax Donation receipt via email** on Friday. Otherwise please collect your receipt from the church foyer. Any problems please email Trevlyn at the parish office office@stthomasmore.org.nz



St Vincent de Paul is humbly appealing for donations of Rice, Cereals, Tin Soups, Tin Fruit, Tin Spaghetti and Hygiene supplies
Thank you for your generosity.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES



Credit Controller & Administration - Pompallier Centre – Part time – Fixed Term 7 months.

This six-term Parental Leave, part time role is to provide credit control and administration support to the Operations Manager for the collection of Attendance Dues for schools in the Auckland Diocese. Key Tasks include: Collection of compulsory school Attendance Dues; contact with school parents via outbound phone calls; follow up of unpaid accounts and Debtor ledger management. To view the full advert and position description, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

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/

PROLIFE FACTS

Dame Colleen Bayer, DSG, has served for thirty-two years as Family Life International (FLI) Chief Executive, and now her daughter Michelle Kaufman has been appointed as the new Chief Executive/National Director, taking on the role of leading this vital pro-life and pro-family apostolate into the future. Michelle is passionate about educating people on various life issues and motivating them to take action. She has written numerous articles, spoken at local and international events, and produced several resources. Colleen will retain an active role as Founder and Senior Executive, and will remain on the Board of FLI. She will also continue to lead Gianna's Choice Pregnancy Options and Support (which includes Saint Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies and the Mobile Life Centre). **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/2024/04/Celebrating-Fifth-SUNDAY-of-EASTER.pdf>

Parents pondering: The Ultimate Test
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/The-Ultimate-Test-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

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. If attending the Cathedral event see their website <https://www.stpatricks.org.nz/> for information regarding parking. More details: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/.

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=278caafac6b24e378a06a5f58605aab0724dc792>

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/>

Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer Group invites young adults (18 to 30 years) to: **CALL OF DUTY** - A Life in the Spirit Seminar for Young Adults Join us for an unforgettable experience where you'll rekindle your faith, connect with like-minded seekers, and uncover the unique role you play in God's extraordinary plan. The one-day event includes talks from great speakers, worship, Mass, rejuvenating conversations, and good food. When: Sat 27 Apr • 8:30am-4:30pm Where: St Joseph's Church Hall, 10 Dominion St., Takapuna Register for FREE at bit.ly/calloffduty

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering a lecture series called A Taste of Theology. Topic 2 is entitled "Celebrating Christian identity, life and mission rooted in the Word of God", revisiting *Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on divine revelation. Speaker is Rev Dr Kevin Waldie, sm. This is on Tuesday, 07 May 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom. For a fee of \$60 you get access to all 9 courses in this lecture series. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology to register.

Ignatian Spirituality NZ is offering three individually guided retreats in Auckland this year. 8-days 21st - 29th July, \$950; 6-days 18th - 24th August, \$720 and 6-days 22nd - 28th September \$720. All retreats will be given at the Mary MacKillop Centre in Mission Bay and include full board and daily accompaniment by a director. Each retreat is limited to 8 spaces. For bookings email info@ignatianspirituality.nz

Let's Talk About Mary 8 May 7.30pm Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre and on zoom. In May traditionally the month of Mary join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore **Mary**, missionary disciple. Please register pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

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



Indian 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

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The Pope's Easter message and blessing

Order of the Holy Spirit

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