



5th Sunday of Easter Year B

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 28 April 2024

Exploring The WORD

Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, and our belonging to him, our being part of him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. This is, as was stated earlier, the period of Mystagogy, when the newly baptised are helped to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasising the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to “belong” to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

“Remain in me as I remain in you . . .”

The branches
move and live and
have their being—in the vine.

The prayer of the spindly branches
is one with the prayer of the anchor vine.
Abba hears and listens to the beseeching of the vine.

Lord, you tell us to ask for whatever
we want and it will be done for us.

We want: no wars, no hunger,
no violence, no prejudice, no pandemics
no global warming, never suffering children,
never suffering immigrants
We want to learn to love.

Lord please hear
our prayers. Amen

EASTER SPIRITUALITY

The Vine

The heart of Christian community is the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the vine; we are the branches. Living within the vine, we “will produce abundantly.” Separated from the vine, we are, “a withered, rejected branch which can do nothing.” The commandment that binds together this community is twofold: to believe in Jesus and to “love one another as he commanded us.” When following this commandment of faith and love, “we are at peace before him.” Such a community of faith, love and peace is possible, and Luke assures us that “throughout all Judea, Galilee and Samaria the church was at peace.” Our world is not at peace; there is war and division everywhere. For our Church to speak peace to this world, it will have to be a peaceful community. There must be that faith in, and reliance on Jesus, and there must also be that love for one another. The world must be able to look at us and say that we are at peace. Only then will our message of peace get through to others.” *Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu*



First Friday

on 3 May 2024

Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena 6.30pm

Mass 7.00pm

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.



NORTH SHORE DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

invites all women to come and learn more about **THE GIFT** over two sessions at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield



There will be two sessions about the Holy Spirit over two Saturdays, 11th and 18th May 2024 at 10 a.m.

Please bring your own lunch.

For more info. please contact Sylvia Hartley 021 088 22990 or email aldonsylvia@gmail.com



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



We need volunteers to teach primary school aged children during Holy Mass at all three Sunday Masses. The teaching will be about the Sunday Gospel at children's level after the Gloria and will finish before the Offertory. All resources are available from the parish. Please contact the parish office 4448624 or office@stthomasmore.org.nz

SEMINARY APPEAL—2ND COLLECTION Sunday 27th April 2024

Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your contribution will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland.

Donate at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate/ use the blue envelopes provided.

Please continue to pray for our seminarians



THE WORD OF GOD 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Monday

Acts 13:44-52
Luke 6:27-38

St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28
John 14:27-31

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6
John 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21
John 15:9-11

St Athanasius, B.D

Friday

1 Corinthians 15:1-8
John 14:6-14

Sts Philip and James, Apostles

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10
John 15:18-21

Sorry

NO CUPPA

after the 10am Mass
this weekend



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 magazine

April 21 - May 4, 2024 - Vol. 802

Call to reduce rising cost pressures on state integrated schools 3

Religious identity defined: feature dignity in new document 11

Pope Prays for Peace

The Pope's Easter message and blessing 'urbi et orbi' - April 9



Just
\$4

See Steve Jopke Auckland's leading Catholic magazine

Please pray for our sick parishioners & their families

David McNeill, 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



The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** from
**Thursday, 25 April 2024 until
1 May 2024**. Please note that I will have
access to emails during this time.

Normal office hours will resume **2 May 2024**.

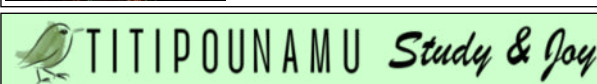
Check out the parish website for Mass times etc.
www.glenfieldcatholic.org.nz for mass times.

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 last week. Please collect your receipt from the church foyer. Any problems please email Trevlyn at the parish office office@stthomasmore.org.nz.



PENTECOST SUNDAY, 19 May 2024

Please wear your ethnic clothing to celebrate the Catholic Church's birthday at all three Masses



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



Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday
3rd May 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish,
20 Kiteui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

PROLIFE FACTS

Medical abortion involves a pregnant woman taking two medications to bring about an abortion, which frequently occurs at home. Some women take the first pill and immediately realise that they don't want to follow through with aborting their baby. In Britain, pro-life organisations can help, by referring them to specialised medical professionals. Dr Keaney is an expert in what is called "abortion reversal", which enables women to continue with their pregnancies and go on to have their babies. For his invaluable work on abortion reversal, Dr Keaney has been awarded the Anton Neuwirth Prize in Slovakia, named after the prominent Slovak doctor, diplomat and thinker who was a founding member of the Forum for Life. **For more pro-life information, visit Voice for Life at www.voiceforlife.org.nz**

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

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

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

Parents pondering: An Angel Gave Me A Ride Home
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/AN-ANGEL-GAVE-ME-A-RIDE-HOME.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

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

2024 Bishop's Appeal. Please support our seminarians as they follow Christ the Good Shepherd in their priestly vocations www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate. Thanks all those who have already supported the appeal. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood.

Thinking about the priesthood? Come and meet with seminarians and priests exploring your vocation in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. This is a great opportunity to connect, share experiences, and support one another on your journey of faith. 4 May at noon - www.aucklandvocations.org.nz for more details.

Homestays for pre-seminary students The Diocese has a few students from Vietnam discerning vocations to the priesthood. They are learning English with a view to entering our seminary at the start of 2025. They need homestay hosts for the next 8-10 months. The Diocese will cover the full cost of their board. If you can offer them a supportive home with a room of their own and would like to find out more, please email alisonm@cda.org.nz or phone 09 360 3003.

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.stpatrick.org.nz/> for information regarding parking. More details: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/

Jubilee Bursary Semester 2, 2024 For Theology and RE courses at tertiary level. Applications close Thursday, 6 June 2024 please contact: michellej@cda.org.nz

Marriage and Family Life Ministry at the Diocese is seeking married couples of 5 years or more who would like to train as Marriage Educators to prepare engaged couples for marriage in the church. This is a very rewarding and significant role in the church. Enquiries Gerry on 021 02247442 or gerrys@cda.org.nz

Fr Chris Skinner Concert Rescheduled Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay Sunday 5th May Suggested Koha \$10

Building a Thriving Parish part 2 of the Go Make Disciples series of presentations on Parish Renewal. We will be sharing experiences, challenges, and practical tools and insights to help you as Lay Leaders to help your parish thrive. This will be held at 7pm - 9PM Wednesday 24th April 2024 at St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Hillsborough. Koha on the night. RSVP to stephen@cda.org.nz

CDA Connect Catch up with happenings in the diocese and get the heads-up on upcoming events. The latest edition of CDA connect is now available <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

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. 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/>



Holy Cross Seminary
www.holycross.org.nz