



The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 12 May 2024

Exploring The WORD

Ascension is not just a feast that happens to fall in Eastertide: it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: "I am going to prepare a place for, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me." The resurrection presumes the Lord's return to the Father. This is therefore a feast of hope: our hope in the Lord's return, as he went. Our hope that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits on the Father's right.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

"Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."

Jesus,
put your Gospel in our hearts,
as you put it in theirs;
put it within our
minds and souls.

Let us
take your Word to every living creature,
in daylight and in the dark of night,
from housetops, pulpits and
from our hearts,
wherever we are.

Consecrate us in your truth.
As you are one, in love,
with the Father and
with the Spirit,
make us one in
your love. Amen

EASTER SPIRITUALITY The Mission In The World

Having ascended into heaven, Jesus can now say that "I am in the world no more, but these are in the world." He is not physically present in the world the way he was in the first third of the first century. It is now up to us to deal with the world. During the period dominated by Trent and Vatican I, the Catholic Church was defensive in its approach to the world, which was regarded as an occasion of sin. Vatican II heralded a new approach based on dialogue rather than confrontation. The world is viewed not as the enemy but rather as the object of service. This positive approach is much closer to our biblical roots: "I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living." "Time is the unfolding of truth that already is." The world and its history are where we encounter the eternal God, "reaching from end to end of the universe." We are not called to abandon the world but to remain in it and to take responsibility for its well ordering. The paschal mystery is a challenge to us to lift the world to the heavens.

Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu

PENTECOST SUNDAY, 18 & 19 May 2024

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



Please bring a plate to share after 10am Mass.

CANOPY & CARPARK FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Parish Works & Finance Committee, thank you very much for your enthusiastic and generous response so far, as the Parish embarks on a long and costly journey of necessary renewal and improvement. This will help to keep this sacred site, a safe and fit-for-purpose place of worship.

Fr Pio and the Committee are committed to ensuring that every Parishioner enjoys a fulfilling experience, which includes maintaining and improving our site to a safe standard.

We are at the start of a long journey, that will take several months to complete the First Phase of this upgrade. By the end of this year, we hope to have raised enough funds and completed the improvements on our Carpark and Main Entrance, – part of the welcoming face of our Parish.

You will soon start to see dedicated EFTPOS Machines inside the Church, have Special Collections and see continual reminder notices. We will of course keep you up to date on progress, as the year unfolds and our fundraising goals are nearing completion.

Again, our thanks for your faithful and generous support moving forward.



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 over the past 3 weeks

*In the spirit of giving,
we thank you for
your generosity!*



THE WORD OF GOD

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Mark 16:15-20

Monday

Acts 19:1-8

John 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 1:15-17,20-26

John 15:9-17

St Matthias, Apostle

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38

John 17:11-19

Thursday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

John 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13-21

John 21:15-19

Saturday

Acts 28:16-20,30-31

John 21:20-25

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



Tongan community

Baptism Preparation Courses 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 Australian Catholic newspaper
New name sought for Christchurch cathedral
Strengthening relationships after marriage

Symbol of Hope



Just \$4

Please pray for our sick parishioners & their families

Michael Wecke, 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



Holy Cross Seminary
www.holycross.org.nz

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MASS OF WELCOME

19 MAY 4.30PM

CATHEDRAL OF ST PATRICK AND ST JOSEPH

Come and celebrate the gift of faith and acknowledge the newly welcomed members of our community.

ROSMINI COLLEGE ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

Enrolments for Year 7 students for 2025 are open online at www.rosmini.school.nz.

There are also limited spaces available in Years 8-13. Enrolment enquiries to Eunice 09 488 3750 or email enquiries@rosmini.school.nz.

We will be holding an **Open Day** at the college on **Thursday 16 May at 1.30 pm**. All interested parents and their sons are very welcome to attend.

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

Homestay needed: Darragh, a 21 year old Irish lad is looking for a homestay starting in the next two weeks in Albany or Massey in Auckland for 3 months while he is doing a rugby coaching stint. Darragh has a disability (cerebral palsy) but doesn't have any special requirements, other than meals being provided and his laundry done. If you are interested please email Kate Mahony at k.mahony@xtra.co.nz

PROLIFE FACTS The End-of-Life Choice Act is due for a review in November this year. Issue 72 of the Nathaniel Report published by The Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics features a very useful summary of the conflicting issues that are likely to be debated in the review. Entitled "The Sharp End" by Sophie Olszowski, a medical and science writer, she comprehensively covers the for-and-against arguments that arise, but also examines the real situation of lack of palliative care. "We need to address assisted dying by tackling end-of-life care. The shortage of such care should not lead us to argue that, if someone is dying in pain, we must kill them. We must instead find ways to give them, in the widest sense, better pain killers." Access the summary at: www.tekupenga.ac.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Nathaniel-Report-72.pdf. 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-PENTECOST-SUNDAY.pdf>

Parents pondering: What does Pentecost have to with my life right now?
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/What-Does-Pentecost-Have-To-Do-With-My-Life-Right-Now.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

Mass of Welcome On Pentecost Sunday 19 May at 4.30pm in the Cathedral Bishop Steve and the diocesan community invites all those that were baptised at Easter or incorporated then or at other times in the last 12 months to the Mass of the Neophytes (newly planted in the faith) to give thanks for the gift of faith. All are welcome.
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The Israel Palestine Conflict – A Perspective from Professor Mazin 18 May, 1pm, St. Mary's Parnell, The talk will be livestreamed. Professor Mazin is a Palestinian Christian and works at Bethlehem University where New Zealander Brother Peter Bray was Vice Chancellor till very recently. Professor has exceptional knowledge about the situation and has a sharp, clear understanding of the issues.
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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 gerys@cda.org.nz
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Part time Executive Officer for the Society of the Sacred Heart at Baradene. This new executive management position is a mix of strategic, finance, governance, HR and legal responsibilities, with help to advance the purpose of the Society's mission. For more information, please refer to Seek, Community Services, Management roles. EO part time
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Pentecost Celebration 19 May, 2024 at Christ the King Church, Owairaka from 4pm to 6pm. Starting with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass, Prayer Ministry, and Fellowship (Please bring a plate). Organised by Current of Grace, Auckland (part of CHARIS NZ)
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St Peter's College PN 50th Jubilee St Peter's College in Palmerston North is celebrating their 50th Jubilee on Labour Weekend. More information and registrations at <https://www.stpeterspn.school.nz/50-jubilee>.
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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity | Sun 12 – 19 May 2024 This week is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in New Zealand. The theme for the Week in 2024 was prepared by different Christian traditions in Burkina Faso. The choice of biblical and liturgical texts is inspired by the image of the good Samaritan from the parable (Luke 10: 25-37) in which Jesus demonstrates what it means to love one's neighbour. "You shall love the Lord your God ...and your neighbour as yourself..." (Luke 10:27) Resources are available on the diocesan website the relevant area is linked from the front page. Gather into groups of different cultures and religious churches to pray the 'Eight Day of Prayer.' And join us, with the other Christian Churches in Auckland on 25 August 2024, 5PM at the St Elias Melkite Catholic Church, 5 Mount Lebanon Crescent, The Gardens, Manurewa for the combined Prayer Service.