



## The Solemnity of Pentecost

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 19 May 2024

### Exploring The WORD

We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.

### PRAYER THIS WEEK

*"And when he has said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*

Fear locked the door.  
It always loves to do this.  
But real love entered in anyway,  
bringing (within its wounds) God's peace.  
This peace went to all around; joy and peace!  
He breathed upon them and sent them  
everywhere, to all the earth,  
out of love, not out of fear.

God,  
remember us:  
*Veni Sanctae Spiritus.*  
Come, Holy Spirit  
of life and love to us,  
and send us out  
to all  
corners of creation. Amen

### GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

#### People of God

The sinful spirit of the world divides and separates people; the Spirit of Christ unites people and brings them together. It was the sinful spirit of the world that caused the people of Babel to become confused and scattered. The Spirit of Christ, on the other hand, enabled people to understand those who were different from them. What would happen if we carried the Spirit of Christ into the sinful structures of the world? What if we brought the Spirit of Christ into the dead bones of our broken relationships among races and sexes and cultures and regions of the world? Wouldn't those dead bones rise to life, as in Ezekiel's prophecy, if we were able to breathe into them the Spirit of Christ! Paul wrote to the Romans that "all creation groans and is in agony." We long for unity, and so we pray that the Spirit may "unite the races and nations on earth and disperse the divisions of word and tongue." We Christians "have been given to drink of the one Spirit," whom the sequence names "Father of the poor." When we have done away with the human divisions represented by the poor, then, indeed, the Spirit shall have renewed the face of the earth, and we shall be able to say to people, as Jesus did, "Peace be with you." **Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu**

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



### PARISH NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION!

The Parish is updating our Parishioners Database System. Parishioners are encouraged to register online. The online system will allow parishioners to update details thereby keeping it current. Parishioners can be assured that the information remains confidential. To register please log on to [www.glenfieldcatholic.org.nz](http://www.glenfieldcatholic.org.nz).

If you are having issues registering online, please feel free to contact the Parish Office and make an appointment with Trevlyn to update the information for you. Thank you



### Confirmation/First Eucharist

Class on **Sunday, 19 May 2024 at 4:30pm** in the Parish Hall.

Today's Lesson: 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit  
Fruits of the Holy Spirit

### Parish Seniors Group

Our next gathering will be on **Tuesday May 21.**

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



## 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 a dedicated EFTPOS Machine 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.

**NEW!!** We are excited to announce that **02-0108-0708668-003 GLENFIELD FUNDRAISIN** is our new dedicated bank account for Fundraising.

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



## THE WORD OF GOD

### Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

### Monday

Genesis 3:9-15, 20

John 19:25-27

**Mary, Mother of the Church**

### Tuesday

James 4:1-10

Mark 9:30-37

### Wednesday

James 4:13-17

Mark 9:38-40

### Thursday

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:41-50

### Friday

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

James 3:13-18

Luke 1:39-56

**Our Lady, Help of Christians**

### Saturday

James 5:13-20

Mark 10:13-16

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



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

**NZCatholic** \$4

The National Catholic Magazine

May 11 - June 1, 2024 - \$4

Pope calls pastors to be missionaries of mercy

New photos show many sides of St. Peter's

10 St. Peter's

**New Bishop has NZ link**

Bishop ordination in Cook Islands

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



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

**Trinity**  
An Invitation to God's Table

**Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart**

Reflection day at Mary MacKillop Centre  
Date: Saturday 8 June – 9am – 4pm  
Cost: Waged \$35 Unwaged \$25  
Registrations to Sr Jill [mbspirituality@sosj.org.au](mailto:mbspirituality@sosj.org.au)  
Ph 021 091 15260

**Please partner with us to help the most vulnerable in our community.**

De Paul House supports families and senior citizens needing housing, advocacy and help to address significant material hardship. We have 45 transitional houses and 11 social houses, that offer long term affordable housing. We also provide help to those struggling to sustain tenancies in the community, especially senior citizens. The demand on our food bank has increased. Over the past 3 weeks, in partnership with Kainga Ora over 20 families have moved mostly into the new builds. From our donated goods banks we support families with the basics to set up home.

**Can you Help?** We are very low on new or nearly new furniture: good quality bed and base, single and Double/Queen, dining suites, lounge suites, drawers. We try to help with the basics for setting up a kitchen – good condition electric appliances especially kettles, toasters, rice cookers, slow cooker, toastie maker. Quality pots and fry pans, plastic storage, kitchen ware. Basic items to help make a house a home. Perhaps you can do a collection with your family, church, community group, or neighbourhood. Goods can be delivered to 92 Onewa Road, Northcote Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm Thank you. Contact De Paul House - Helping families for over 38 years. Phone Reception on 09 4805959. [reception@depaulhouse.org.nz](mailto:reception@depaulhouse.org.nz)

**PROLIFE FACTS** Rising abortion rates lead to decreases in birthrate, which can have long-term consequences at the population level. Fewer working age young people will be around to support growing numbers of senior citizens. This problem is confronting France. In March this year, the French Parliament voted overwhelmingly to enshrine the freedom to have an abortion in the constitution. However, The Spectator UK recently reported that President Emmanuel Macron had demanded that French citizens act to solve a "catastrophically collapsing birth rate." He announced the need for "demographic rearmament" to encourage more babies. New and higher maternity and paternity allowances will be paid. **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/2024/05/Celebrating-TRINITY-SUNDAY.pdf>

**Parents pondering:** The Hummingbird Story <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/The-Hummingbird-Story.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

**World Youth Day Auckland | Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 10am – 8:30pm at Victory Convention Centre 98 Beaumont St Freemans Bay**

Save the date for this incredible experience! Young people aged 13-30yrs old (and their youth leaders!) are invited to join us for an unforgettable celebration of our Catholic faith.

Get ready for praise & worship, a special guest speaker, Mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, free kai, time to connect with other young Catholics, and so much more!

Registrations opening soon! Go to [facebook.com/AKCYM](https://facebook.com/AKCYM) for updates or email [felicitym@cda.org.nz](mailto:felicitym@cda.org.nz) for more info.

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**Masterclass | Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 3pm – 8:30pm at Te Kupenga 40 Vermont St Auckland.**

If you're a youth ministry leader or young adult ministry leader, you're invited to our quarterly event dedicated to equipping, empowering and energising you for ministry.

Registrations now open: Go to [facebook.com/AKCYM](https://facebook.com/AKCYM) to register or email [felicitym@cda.org.nz](mailto:felicitym@cda.org.nz) for more info.

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**Young Adults Ball Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 7pm – 11pm at Muhughs of Cheltenham 46 Cheltenham Road Auckland**

Back by popular demand, we are excited to bring you The Young Adults Ball 2024! The theme for this year is 'Wonderland'.

Early bird tickets on sale now: Go to [facebook.com/AKCYM](https://facebook.com/AKCYM) to get your ticket or email [felicitym@cda.org.nz](mailto:felicitym@cda.org.nz) for more info.

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**Auckland Interfaith Council** invites you to "Dialogue & Learning" Saturday, 13 July 2024, 11am - 3pm Browns Bay, Bahi Centre.

Guest speaker Professor Emeritus Peter Lineham on "Diverse Faiths in New Zealand - Challenges & Opportunities". For more information please check out our website at <http://www.aucklandinterfaithcouncil.org.nz/events/diverse-faiths-in-new-zealand-challenges-opportunities/>

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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 [gerry@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerry@cda.org.nz)

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Heavenly Father,  
we thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, the giver of life,

who makes us more open to each other,  
resolves conflict, and strengthens our bonds of communion.

May we grow in mutual affection  
and in the desire to announce the Gospel message more faithfully,

that the world may come together in unity  
and welcome the Prince of Peace.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

[From the resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity]