



11th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 16 June 2024

Exploring The WORD

How does a tree grow? The scientists can give us their answers, but the miracle of life on our earth, in all its dazzling complexity and variety is exactly that a miracle. God is responsible for the miracle of Nature and growth how, we don't know, but we accept God's guiding hand as a fact of our faith. This mysterious growth in Nature is used as a parable today, for the life of the Church and the Kingdom of God. Just as a seed, planted and watered, turns by miraculous processes into something different and bigger and beautiful, so the seed of the Gospel will grow into something else, by some means we can never fully understand. And that is the grace of God, encouraging, prompting and helping all men and women of good will to swell the coming Kingdom of our God.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it?"

O God,
plant in us,
like you do the
tiny mustard plant,
all your blessed roots

Please, dig down deep into our souls!
Rain into our hearts and minds!
Grow us into so large a bush
that all of our actions,
all of our ideas,
all of our loves
nestle and shelter
in your branches.

Make the birds of the sky
and all of creation
dwell in your
shade. Amen

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Confidence

It is difficult at times for Christians to maintain their hope in the coming of the Kingdom. The power of evil seems overwhelming, and the world presents itself as a formidable foe. The weapons of prayer and good works seem insignificant in a world of multi corporations and intercontinental missiles. Paul assures us, however, that "we continue to be confident," and "we are full of confidence." What is the source of this confidence? It comes from having a God "who is our hope and our strength, who brings low the high tree and lifts high the low tree." Having a God who makes the withered tree bloom gives us the courage to continue in the face of overwhelming odds. It also helps to know that the Kingdom is not like the world, which prides itself on its longest bridges and tallest buildings and biggest cities and most powerful armies. The image of the Kingdom is the mustard seed, "the smallest of all the earth's seeds." In the Kingdom, one does not have to be president or king to make a difference; the smallest person is great and powerful. In the Kingdom, you don't have to lead successful military campaigns to change the course of history; the smallest action has unlimited potential." **Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu**



Confirmation Mass

44 children of our parish will be confirmed by
**Bishop Steve Lowe at 10am on Sunday 23
June 2023**

at St Thomas More.

All welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

Confirmation/First Eucharist

Practice Sunday, 16 June 2023 at 4pm in the
parish hall.



Ethnic Food Festival

....exploring new flavours and tantalizing our taste buds!!!!



Let's come together to support this very worthy cause on
Sunday, 14 July 2024
after 10am Mass.

A flavour explosion of cultural foods will be on sale.

North Shore Catholic Youth Ministry presents

2024 TALENT SHOWCASE

StarLight

SATURDAY 27th JULY, 7 PM

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CANOPY & CARPARK FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

On behalf of the Parish Works & Finance Committee, thank you very much for your response to date, as the Parish continues along our long and costly journey of necessary renewal and improvement, starting with our Main Entrance, Carpark and Property Boundary.

Your ongoing, weekly support for this initiative is critical and is needed to address a series of serious HS&E issues that are arising more regularly, as the external structures continue to decay and cause damage (the result of virtually no maintenance, in over 40 years).

The resurfacing of the Main Carpark and other stabilisation of the boundary is a key component of our Upgrade Project, along with internal maintenance to arrest water damage caused by leaking seals. Urgent work, that allows the Parish to meet its binding HS&E obligations, on both the interior of the Church and on the external property, must be undertaken as soon as funds can be raised.

Helping to keep this sacred site, safe and fit-for-purpose, as a centre for worship, ensures that every Parishioner enjoys a fulfilling experience.

Please give generously and consider becoming part of our; **Fundraising Planned Giving Program**, soon to be launched (along similar lines to your weekly standard donations).

For those who prefer electronic donations, you will soon start to see a dedicated EFTPOS Machine inside the Church.

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

Account Name: **GLENFIELD FUNDRAISIN**
Account Number: **02-0108-0708668-003**
Reference: **Parishioner's name and Pledge Number**

THE WORD OF GOD

11th Sunday of Ordinary time

Ezekiel 17:22-24
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34

Monday

1 Kings 21:1-16
Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday

1 Kings 21:17-29
Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday

2 Kings 2:1,6-14
Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday

Ecclesiasticus 48:1-14
Matthew 6:7-15

Friday

2 Kings 11:1-4,9-18,20
Matthew 6:19-23

St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

Saturday

2 Chronicles 24:17-25
Matthew 6:24-34

All welcome to share

in a cuppa after the 10am Mass hosted by the



Filipino community



Eftpos is available every 4th Sunday of the month for SVPD collection.

We thank you for your generous contribution.



Baptism Preparation Courses 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

Caritas needs to Government's Budget

New Zealand's Central Government Debt to State

Fast falls the eventide

Thanks for your loyal readership

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

Parish Feast Day

22 June 2024



Sir Thomas More was born in 1478 to a Catholic family in London. A man of letters, he composed Latin and English poetry and wrote several significant works, the most famous of which is *Utopia*. As a lawyer and layman he constantly reminded clergy of duty to God over King. Through his connections with Henry VIII, More eventually earned the office of Chancellor of England, but he resigned from his post when Henry VIII veered from the Catholic Church over its refusal to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon. King Henry VIII eventually interpreted More's resignation as an act of treason and ordered his execution. On July 6, 1535, this defender of the Catholic Faith was beheaded on Tower Hill. His execution did not have the effect the King had hoped for, however, as More offered, even in death, a model of conscience and fidelity in contradiction to prevailing cultural tides.



NORTH SHORE DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

invites all women to join us on
TUESDAY, 18th JUNE, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
at St. Thomas More Catholic Church hall,
336 Wairau Road, Glenfield.

SOUP will be served at 7 p.m.

The topic is *BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT*

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

PARISH ONLINE REGISTRATION!

All **new** and **existing** parishioners are humbly urged to register your family online.

Thank you to all the families who have registered. No computer access, then please complete an Online Registration form available in the foyer and email it to the Parish Office or log on to www.glenfieldcatholic.org.nz. Thank you



TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Elijah - Prophet of Fire with Beate Matthes
The Prophet Elijah - his life, his miracles and how he is bridging the narratives of the Old Testament with those of the New Testament. Monday, 24 June 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom). Koha <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/05/29/elijah/>

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<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/video-clips/>

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PROLIFE FACTS

Jenny, a pro-life New Zealander and member of Voice for Life, has triumphed over health bureaucrats, thanks to the Ombudsman. Jenny first contacted her local health authority three years ago to request details about the number and nature of abortions performed in her region. However, despite straightforward questions, the information was not supplied. Finally, Jenny lodged an official complaint with the Ombudsman. Three years after her first Official Information Act request to find out details about abortion in her region, the Ombudsman ruled in her favour on almost all the issues she raised. **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/2024/05/Celebrating-Twelfth-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>

Parents pondering: [TEAMWORK](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Teamwork.pdf)
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Teamwork.pdf>

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

World Youth Day Auckland - Saturday 17th 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 for updates or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for more info.

Database/Grants/Administration/Fundraising Coordinator.

The Catholic Caring Foundation is seeking a well-organised multitasker, loyal team player with a dedication to caring for people and community for their small, busy, and welcoming organisation. This position is a full-time position, Monday to Friday. The main functions of the role are donor database/donations coordination and administration, Grants coordination and support, Fundraising support and donor care, Basic accounting and Liaison with key stakeholders. To view the full advert and position description, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. **Applications close 20th of June.**

YCC Day for school Friday July 5

Caritas YCC Day is Friday July 5 for Catholic schools across Aotearoa-NZ. All six of our bishops are in this video promoting the event, which this year will support Holy Trinity School in Papua New Guinea. Have fun enjoying a non-uniform day knowing that our gold coin fundraising will help provide new desks, chairs and resources for the students at Holy Trinity, where many are going without at the moment. Last year we combined and raised more than \$32,000 to help Oecusse School in Timor Leste to fix their toilets to bring smiles to their 800 students. Resources for students are available at www.caritas.org.nz/ycc-day. If July 5 doesn't work then schools are encouraged to join in on any other day that suits this year. Let's do it! Watch the video to learn about the event and find out what YCC stands for https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqEsNb_22Dg

Masterclass | Saturday 22nd 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 to register or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for more info.

You are all invited to **Building a Thriving Parish** Part 3 – Come and meet with clergy and parishioners to learn, share experiences, and challenges in building a thriving parish. Be inspired and empowered with practical tools as Dcn Steve Fraser shares how the Holy Spirit has shaped his purpose and mission. 7pm, Wednesday 26th June 2024, at the St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough, Rd Mt Albert Register directly with Dcn Steve Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz Light refreshments provided.

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