



## 12th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 23 June 2024

### Exploring The WORD

There is a strangely simple theme to this Sunday: that God has power over the forces of nature, because he created them in the first place. This is what the first reading tells us, and also what the gospel shows us, when Jesus "rebukes the wind". This tells us something about Jesus (that he is God made man), and also something about our faith. It's also interesting that the disciples react to this miracle with fear and awe - as if their minds were suddenly opened to a reality they had not realised before. They had chosen to follow the Christ who had called them, but we see their understanding of who he is growing and developing. Perhaps this is of comfort to us, as we see our relationship with the Lord who controls the waters grow and develop, and alerts us to be ready for the surprises that following the Lord can bring.

### PRAYER THIS WEEK

"Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not have faith?"

Raging waves of discord break all around us  
and squalls whine through our lives.

We call, out of sinking boats,

"We are going down!

Jesus, save

us!"

O

calm

our storms.

"Quiet! Be still,"

we long to hear you say!

Give us faith to know that in

sunny days or climate crisis, wars,

or homelessness, or housed and fed well,

you never leave our boats. Make our life holy,

Lord of wind and sea. Amen

### GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

#### Primal Forces

We humans are full of pride. We depend on our own resources and think we can solve any problem by applying our wit and energy. Meanwhile, the problems pile up. Wars proliferate. Hunger abounds. The ecology deteriorates. There is poverty, homelessness, unemployment. Frustration drives some to crime. Others seek relief in drugs. Perhaps one day we will realize that it will take more than our feeble efforts to rid the world of these problems. It will take the power of God, the one who "shut within doors the sea and made the clouds its garment." Humans alone against the great injustices of the world are like the disciples in the boat during the storm. They are helpless, unable to control these primal forces. If only they would realize that they have with them the Lord of the universe, the one who can make the wind and the sea obey! If only they would not be so lacking in faith, then maybe, by joining their efforts with the power of the almighty God, they could say to all the warmongers and haters and oppressors of the world: "Quiet! Be still!" *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 2024 at St Thomas More.

All welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

## 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.

### StarLight Talent Showcase 2024

North Shore Regional Talent showcase StarLight on the  
27 July 2024 from 7pm at Rosmini College.

Tickets sold online and at the door.

If there is any of our youth who would like to participate encourage them to enrol online. More details on our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/starlighttalentshowcase>



### Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore

An open invitation to all men to join others in a spirit of learning,  
prayer and fellowship. We look forward to your presence.

**Date:** Wed 26 June 2024 - 7.30pm-9.30pm

**Venue:** St Thomas More Catholic Church,  
336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland

**Speaker:** Harry Lowe

**Topic:** Dealing with Conflict

For more information contact Russell 022 034 5678



## CANOPY & CARPARK FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

The Parish Works & Finance Committee, thank you for your faithful and generous support thus far. We humbly appeal for your continued support of this very necessary project.

Automatic Payments similar to your regular Planned Giving donation, could be set up through your bank using the following details.

Account Name:

**GLENFIELD FUNDRAISIN**

Account Number:

**02-0108-0708668-003**

Reference :

**Parishioner's name and  
Pledge Number**

Donations received

\$10, 012.49

**Thank you for your  
generosity!!**



## THE WORD OF GOD

12th Sunday of Ordinary time

Job 38:1,8-11  
2 Corinthians 5:14-17  
Mark 4:35-41

### Monday

Isaiah 49:1-6  
Acts 13:22-26  
Luke 1:57-66,80

Birth of John the Baptist

### Tuesday

2 Kings 19:9-11,14-21,31-36  
Matthew 7:6,12-14

### Wednesday

2 Kings 22:8-13,23:1-3  
Matthew 7:15-20

### Thursday

2 Kings 24:8-17  
Matthew 7:21-29

### Friday

2 Kings 25:1-12  
Matthew 8:1-4

St Irenaeus, B.M

### Saturday

Acts 12:1-11  
2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18  
Matthew 16:13-19

Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles

## All welcome to share

in a cuppa after the 10am Mass hosted by the

Indian community



## Baptism Preparation Courses 2024

21 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)



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



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



St Vincent de Paul are desperately in need of cereals, pasta, rice, tea/coffee, tins of soup/fruit/spaghetti.

Eftpos is available every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month for SVDP collection.

*We thank you for your generous contribution.*

## PARISH ONLINE REGISTRATION!

All **new** and **existing** parishioners are humbly urged to register your family online. To Register, please log on to [www.glenfieldcatholic.org.nz](http://www.glenfieldcatholic.org.nz). Thank you for the registrations thus far



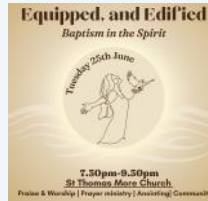
## NORTH SHORE DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

invites all women to join us on **TUESDAY, 25th JUNE 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](mailto:aldonsylvia@gmail.com)



## DIOCESAN VACANCIES

### 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](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

**Applications close 20<sup>th</sup> of June.**

### SEEKING: Faith Formation Coordinator

Ponsonby Herne Bay Parish is in need of someone to coordinate their adult and children's faith formation programmes. Remuneration will be on an hourly basis. If you're interested in this position, please contact either Fr Rory ([priest@phbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:priest@phbcatholic.org.nz)) or the parish office ([office@phbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@phbcatholic.org.nz)) so we can tell you more!

## PROLIFE FACTS

From a prime mover and shaker in the US abortion rights movement, Dr Bernard Nathanson embarked on a spiritual journey of redemption. Professor Sir William Liley, co-founder of the pro-life cause in New Zealand, pioneered blood transfusions for babies still in the womb and greatly advanced the understanding of foetal development. His research had a profound effect on Dr Bernard Nathanson's conversion through his scientific evidence that the pre-born baby was a developing human person from conception. Dr Nathanson ran the world's largest abortion clinic in New York for five years in the 1970s. Exhausted by the workload, he took a sabbatical during which he read Sir Professor Liley's research. The scales fell from his eyes, as he wrote in a bombshell open letter to the US Medical Association: "I have personally taken part in the killing of 16,000 human beings." In 1982, the first of four visits to New Zealand, Dr Nathanson flew from New York to meet his "hero" Prof. Sir William Liley. He then devoted the rest of his life unsparingly to the pro-life cause. His spiritual journey took him from atheistic secular humanism and abortion rights, to a deep Christian faith and redemption. **For more pro-life information, visit [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-Thirteenth-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>

**Parents pondering:** Why do we Complain that God doesn't hear our prayers!  
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Why-do-we-complain-that-God-doesn.pdf>

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

**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](http://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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqEsNb_22Dg)

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"Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding its fourth lecture in the series, A Taste of Theology. Topic is titled **"The Liturgy as an expression of our Christian identity, life and mission: Revisiting Sacrosanctum Concilium"**. Speaker is Sr Susanna Yun, pddm, on Tuesday, 02 July 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom. For a fee of \$60 you get access to all 9 courses in this lecture series and join the remaining live sessions. Go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology) to register."

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**Celebrate Matariki ki Kaipatiki at Te Kāmaka Marae!** Nau Mai Haere Mai ki Matariki ki Kaipatiki. Join us for another Matariki Series, proudly hosted by Te Kāmaka Marae with the support of Kaipātiki Local Board, Kāinga Ora, and the Kaipātiki Community. **Opening Ceremony**, 24th June, 5:30am - 8:00pm Be part of a magical journey as we share the rich history of Matariki, its significance, and ceremonial traditions. Enjoy hot soup and homemade bread to warm your soul. Workshops and Activities Throughout the two weeks explore [www.hatopetera.com](http://www.hatopetera.com)

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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](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz) Light refreshments provided.

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The Diocesan Faith Formation Team are offering refresher education sessions across the regions of the diocese for the ministries of **1st Sacraments for Children and Baptism preparation**. This is open to all educators and volunteers involved in these ministries. Sessions will be occurring through July, August and early September. Please register on <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/formation/> to attend for your parish, or any of the other session that may suit you. For any further information please contact Dcn Steve Fraser on [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz) or 021439407

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