



13th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 30 June 2024

Exploring The WORD

Today we are invited to marvel at one of the most dramatic and amazing of the Lord's miracles – the raising back to life of the daughter of Jairus. The story is told with a level of emotional realism: the calm faith but dreadful fear of Jairus, the servants who bring the news of his daughter's death, the calm reassurance of Jesus and even the laughter of the servant who mock Jesus – all these make this a story that can engage us and speak to us. And what it says is something profound: all the miracles of the Lord proclaim the Kingdom of God – the world the way God wants it to be. God does not want us to die: death is not part of God's plan for us. This is reinforced by the unfamiliar first reading from the book of Wisdom, which opens our listening to God's Word today with the dramatic phrase: "Death was not God's doing." God created us to live forever, and the raising of Jairus' daughter to life is a vivid and outstanding proclamation of this truth.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!"

An official, Jairus, falls at Jesus' feet and pleads.
A suffering lady boldly touches his cloak.
And you grant their wishes
through your touch.

Jesus, we believe.
Let your healing flow into us, too:
through your poor, your hungry, your troubled;
your daisies, hummingbirds, skies, music, books.
Let us find you everywhere, in all things.
Please touch us with
your grace. Amen

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Life: the Essence of Salvation

"God did not make death," the book of Wisdom declares. Our God is a God of life, whose will for us is expressed in such words as being, wholesome, undying, imperishable. This God calls us "to walk in the light of Christ," which is life, and not in the "darkness of hatred and sin," which is death. We must, therefore, be on the side of life, opposed to death. This should include opposition to all those things that diminish life. The [Gospel](#) is about two healing incidents in the life of Jesus, healings which show that Jesus willed life, and willed full life. The Greek word for being healed also means being saved: to be brought to full life is the essence of salvation. The [Second Reading](#) mentions another form of the diminution of life: poverty. No one should live on the survival level: "there should be a certain equality." We live in a society that pays lip-service to respect for life, and does not even do that much for quality of life. Jesus Christ challenges us to create a society that values life and rescues people from all forms of death and dying. [Gerald Darring/liturgyslu.edu](#)



First Friday on 5 July 2024

Divine Mercy Chaplet
Novena **6.30pm**
Mass **7.00pm**

Second Collection TODAY, 30 June 2024 Peter's Pence

This money goes directly to the Pope via the Nunciature in Wellington to use in whatever projects he thinks necessary.



First Eucharist

Will be celebrated on
Sunday 7 July 2024
at 10am Mass.

All welcome to share in this wonderful celebration.

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.

Fundraising Dinner

THE GREAT GLORIOUS ASSUMPTION BANQUET

A Feast of Heaven & Earth

An evening of beautiful human & spiritual
reflections on the theme:

*Our Blessed Mother – The Masterpiece of God
Her place in the Eucharist, Marriage & Family Life*

Guest Speaker : Mere Duilomaloma Fong
From the Diocese of Suva, Fiji. She is an eloquent speaker on
matters of the Catholic Faith.

A **Ceremony of Lights** will precede the talk to highlight the Glorious Assumption – to be performed by some youths of the parish and choreographed by Fr. Pio.

To follow this spiritual nourishment is a **Scrumptious Array of Fine Gourmet Surf & Turf Foods, Desserts** and quality live music and entertainment for your physical nourishment and enjoyment.

Ticket price: \$200 per head

Limited to 100 tickets so don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and purchase your ticket from the Parish office now

Venue: St. Thomas More Parish Hall

Date: Friday 16th August, 2024

Time: 7.00pm – 11.00pm

Dress code: Formal - In keeping with the evenings' colour theme of *Royal Blue & Gold*



CANOPY & CARPARK FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

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**

Thank you for your generosity!!



THE WORD OF GOD

13th Sunday of Ordinary time

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24
2 Corinthians 8:7-9, 13-15
Mark 5:21-43

Monday

Amos 2:6-10, 13-16
Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday

Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12
Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday

Ephesians 2:19-22
John 20:24-29
St Thomas, Apostle

Thursday

Amos 7:10-17
Matthew 9:1-8

Friday

Amos 8:4-6, 9-12
Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday

Amos 9:11-15
Matthew 9:14-17

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

Youth
group



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

NZCatholic
The national Catholic newspaper
June 20, 2024 • No. 888

Life through
the lens



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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



Holy Cross Seminary
www.holycross.org.nz

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION PAST AND CURRENTLY SERVING EMS.

There will be a compulsory re-training of all involved in
this Ministry on

**Saturday, 20 July at 1.00pm—3.00pm (please
note change of time),**
and **Tuesday, 23 July at 7.30pm—9.30pm.**

Please ensure that you attend either **ONE** of the above
dates. We need all on board as we are introducing the
Precious Blood from August.

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](https://www.facebook.com/starlighttalentshowcase)



Mums & Bubs

A social gathering for women and preschoolers to learn
through music, stories and play. A great way for mums
to meet other women to fellowship and share a chat.

WHERE: St. Thomas More Church Hall,
336 Wairau Road, Glenfield.

WHEN: On alternate Wednesdays at 10 - 11am

Next sessions are on Wednesday,
3rd, 17th & 31st July 2024.

Contact Sylvia on 021 088 22990



**The Pontifical Society of St Peter the
Apostle**, one of the Pope's missionary arms,
currently supports 81,393 seminarians
training in third world countries. The Church
in NZ has been blessed by priests from the
Philippines, Indonesia, India and Uganda
serving our people. Can you offer a donation
or financial support for this work? Donate to
MissionNZ 06-0411-0021447-00 or scan the QR
code.



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. Thank you for the
registrations thus far

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday

5th July 7:00pm at St Mary's Church,
20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Chapel of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass,
followed by Veneration of St Faustina's
relic. All Welcome.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

Kids Corner: [https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-
content/uploads/2024/05/Celebrating-Thirteenth-SUNDAY-of-
OT.pdf](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't.pdf](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Why-do-we-complain-that-God-doesn't.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 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 face
book.com/AKCYM for updates or email
felicitym@cda.org.nz for more info.

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) or the parish office
(office@phbcatholic.org.nz) so we can tell you
more!

"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 to
register."

Josephite Spirituality the Sisters of St Joseph
invite you to a reflective workshop on Josephite
Spirituality facilitated by Sr Ann Gilroy rsj.
Saturday 6 July 10am-12pm at Mary MacKillop
Chapel, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay. rsvp
MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au

**Parish Secretary Vacancy at St Dominic's
Parish:** Role involves administrative tasks,
financial reporting processes and managing
invoices. Must be able to handle website and
MYOB. Part-time role of 20 hours per week.
Please submit your CV and covering letter
outlining your interest in this role to Fr Ephrem
Tigg OFM Cap on 027 714 9660 or
fretigga@gmail.com or the parish office at
stdominicsparish@xtra.co.nz The last date for
submitting the application is COB 14 July 2024.

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School:
Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back
again this summer with ten days of world-class
lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic
community! Hearts Aflame is a life-changing
experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who
want to know more about their faith, have an
authentic encounter with Christ and meet
other Catholic young adults from all over New
Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa
Diocesan School, Marton, from January
3rd-12th 2025! Registrations open July 14th at
2pm: we sell out fast so be in quick!
Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out
more.

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/](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 stephen@cda.org.nz or 021439407