



10th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 9 June 2024

Exploring The WORD

A constant theme throughout human his-tory has been the conflict between dark and light, good and evil. From the earliest legends and myths to the latest films and books this eternal conflict between the two forces has been central. Our faith, of course, is no different: good and evil are opposed, and in real conflict, be-cause the one cannot tolerate the other. Our own story of Creation tells of the origins of this conflict, where the evil of selfishness, pride and falsehood opens a doorway to the long story of the fight between God's will and sin. In Jesus, good finds a new champion: the One who most perfectly unites the divine and human will, in whom there is no sin, takes up arms on our behalf to conquer sin and evil. By sharing in his life (by doing the will of God) we share in his final victory over evil on the cross, and so are strengthened and sustained in the continuing contest between sin and virtue

PRAYER THIS WEEK

"Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Jesus,
is it what
you came to do?
Make us your family?
We are all your sisters and brothers
as we do the will of your
Father.

We know him
because we know you.
Give us the grace
to love him, and
the desire
to do the will
of Our Father. Amen

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

God's Promise Of Salvation Is Fulfilled In Jesus

The Gospel shows the promise of salvation as being fulfilled in Jesus. He overthrows Satan and establishes the Kingdom of God. For those who believe in him, and who do the will of God, a new kinship is formed.

Relatives are not always the people to whom we are closest. In fact our best friends are usually people with whom we have no blood relationship. Blood relationship is important but it is not everything. It does not automatically confer closeness. The natural family is only the beginning. Jesus was calling people to a new community, into a spiritual family. Our belief in Him and the practice of God's will are what create community.

Ethnic Food Festival

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



Let's come together to support this very worthy cause on **Sunday, 30 June 2024** after 10am Mass.

A flavour explosion of cultural foods will be on sale.



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

Confirmation/First Eucharist

Saturday, 15 June 2024

PARENTS & SPONSORS meeting with Fr Pio from **12:30—2pm** in the Parish Hall



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



We are in need of 2 volunteers for the 5.30pm Mass & 1 volunteer for 8am Mass
Resources will be made available.

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.

THE WORD OF GOD

10th Sunday of Ordinary time

Genesis 3:9-15
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

Monday

1 Kings 17:1-6
Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday

Acts 11:21-26, 13:1-3
Matthew 10:7-13
St Barnabas, Apostle

Wednesday

1 Kings 18:20-39
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday

1 Kings 18:41-46
Matthew 5:20-26

Friday

1 Kings 19:9,11-16
Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday

1 Kings 19:19-21
Matthew 5:33-37

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

Caritas Vacancies

Come work for us – Advocacy Lead at Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic bishops' agency for justice, peace and development, part of a global federation. We're on the hunt for an Advocacy Lead to join our team and bring about positive social justice through education, advocacy, and Māori engagement. The ideal candidate will have strong writing and research skills, experience in an advocacy and/or policy position, and a relevant tertiary qualification. Reporting to the Chief Executive of Caritas NZ and the Regional Coordinator of Caritas Oceania, they will be responsible for contributing towards the establishment of the advocacy function and framework for Caritas Oceania and Caritas NZ and coordinating programmes aligned to the Caritas mission. This role offers an exciting opportunity within a close-knit Wellington-based team. Visit <https://mclaren.co.nz/vacancies/?ja-job=4240637>



Elijah - Prophet of Fire with Beate Matthies
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/>

Videos & Podcasts on the Bible, Liturgy, Religions and more. Free and available anytime online. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/video-clips/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

PROLIFE FACTS

40 Days for Life is a pro-life endeavour that began in 2007 and has flourished, spreading throughout the world to an amazing 64 nations. It has involved a staggering 1,000,000 volunteers and 20,000 churches. 12,358 campaigns have now taken place, where the volunteers provide constant prayerful witness nearby to abortion facilities over a 40 day period. The campaigns have had wonderful results, with the lives of 24,801 unborn babies saved, 261 abortion workers leaving their jobs, and 154 abortion facilities closed. Shawn Carney, co-founder of 40 Days for Life, has co-authored a book: "40 Days for Life: Discover What God Has Done ... Imagine What He Can Do".

For more pro-life information visit Voice for Life at www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

The Diocese has made the decision to transition **NZ Catholic** from a fortnightly printed publication to a monthly digital publication due to falling circulation numbers, subscribers and advertisers. The issue published on 30 June will be NZ Catholic's last printed fortnightly edition. Subscribers will receive a letter from Bishop Steve this week. We give thanks for the work of the NZ Catholic staff, past and present. They have been amazing. They have told the stories of our Church and society. We ask for your prayerful support as we make this transition. More information: <https://nzcatholic.org.nz/>

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

Kids Corner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Celebrating-11TH-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>

Parents pondering: The DUCK and the DEVIL <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/The-Duck.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

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.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding its third lecture in the series, **A Taste of Theology**. Topic 3 is entitled "What is spirituality? The answer depends on what you value". Speaker is Dr Peter Ryan, fsc. This is on Tuesday, 04 June 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.

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.

Catholic Diocese of Auckland Vacancies

Videographer/Storyteller

The Diocese is seeking a dynamic and experienced individual to join our team as the Digital Videographer/Storyteller. This newly created role is responsible for developing and implementing proactive digital and video content for the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, to ensure effective social media presence with all stakeholders of the Diocese. We are looking for a creative person with strong storytelling abilities and creative vision to deliver compelling narratives through video and social media content.

Digital Editor – Part Time

The Diocese invites applications for the role of part-time EDITOR. This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in the digitisation of our current printed *NZ Catholic* newspaper, to write and lead the editorial function as part of a small and dedicated news/digital team. We are looking for a creative person with strong editorial and writing abilities along with an innovative vision to deliver compelling and relevant news and commentary.

To view the full adverts and position descriptions, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. **Applications close 14th of June for both.**

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

Tongan community



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

NZ Catholic
The national Catholic newspaper June 1 - 16, 2024 - No. 326



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