



14th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B

Sf Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 07 June 2024

Exploring The WORD

A prophet's job is to open people's eyes to the reality of their situation - pointing out to them the things they would rather forget or ignore. A prophet is a sort of "national conscience", always awake to situations of injustice and always speaking out about them. A prophet is commissioned to do this by God, who sends the prophet on his mission Jesus is just such a prophet - teaching and preaching about the Kingdom of God and the best way to live. Despite the welcome his message has received elsewhere, when he comes to his hometown he is faced with rejection -such that "he was amazed at their lack of faith." What is curious is that they seem to accept his wisdom, and his miracles, but because he grew up among them, they cannot accept him as a teacher from God. We should remember that it is often hardest to stand up for the truth among those who know us well.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

"And many who heard him were astonished !"

Who is he?
-- Is he merely son of Mary?
Just a carpenter?

What if this amazed crowd found out that
*in the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God
and the world came
to be through him?*

God's world does not know its maker.
Christ, artist, get us to know you,
so that we can love you well.
Healer of hearts, minds and souls,
take us into your holy body and
blood. Amen

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

A Prophetic Race

The first reading deals with the witness of the prophet Ezekiel. The Gospel deals with the witness of the prophet Jesus. Both accounts leave no doubt that the prophet is in for trouble: the people, "rebels who have rebelled against God," find the prophet "too much for them." Paul describes what awaits the prophet: mistreatment, distress, persecutions and difficulties. Our age has had its prophets: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther King, Dorothy Day, Archbishop Oscar Romero, Thomas Merton, Mahatma Gandhi, Pope John XXIII. Theirs were not easy lives, and many of them were killed by "rebels who have rebelled against God." Because of their lives, which bore witness to "the power of Christ," the rest of us have been able to grow in faith. "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites." (First Reading) That message to Ezekiel echoes in God's sending of today's prophets. It would be a mistake to think that only Romero and Gandhi and those like them had a calling to be prophets. We believe that we are a prophetic race, called to be prophets in the midst of "a rebellious house." Our task is "to bring Good News to the poor," to speak God's word in such a way that "they shall know that a prophet has been among them." The consequence of such prophecy will inevitably be trial and difficulty, but also the victory of the God whose "right hand is filled with justice." *Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu*

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 – God's Masterpiece
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. Please click on the link to register online <https://bit.ly/stm-banquet>

Venue: St. Thomas More Parish Hall
Date: Friday 16th August, 2024
Time: 6.00pm – 11.00pm

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



NORTH SHORE DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

invites Mums with children on Sat 20th July, 10 am to midday at STM church hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. The topic is PIZZA, PIE and THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The speaker is Rita Nepumucino



For more info please contact
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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!!



Donations Received
\$13,620.39

THE WORD OF GOD

14th Sunday of Ordinary time

Ezekiel 2:2-5
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6

Monday

Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22
Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday

Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13
Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday

Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12
Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday

Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9
Matthew 10:7-15

St Benedict, abbot

Friday

Hosea 14:2-10
Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday

Isaiah 6:1-8
Matthew 10:24-33

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>



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 stdominicparish@xtra.co.nz. The last date for submitting the application is COB 14 July 2024.

The Diocese is seeking a methodical, cheerful, dedicated, and highly efficient person for the role of **Administration Assistant to the Leader of Pastoral Services** to provide administration and operational support to the Leader Pastoral Services Group and providing communications support for the Diocese. This is a part-time role of 20 hours per week, Monday to Friday, with flexibility of hours between 9.30am and 3.30pm. Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills, along with proficient IT competency in Word, Excel, Free Source Design e.g. Canva and knowledge of websites (WordPress), social media, Facebook. Can work under own initiative be creative and have a can-do approach to work and is efficient, accurate and organised. For more details, and a full position description, please visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/> Applications close on 23 July 2024.

TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Bible Stories - what do they mean? with Beate Matthies
Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group.

Sunday, 07 July 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/05/07/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

Shining the Light - Women who changed the course of the biblical narrative with Debbie Miller
Sunday, 28 July 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Fee: \$20. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/shining-the-light-women-in-the-bible/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

Kids Corner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Celebrating-Fifteenth-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>

Parents pondering: Pope reveals the enemy of Faith <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Pope-reveals-the-great-enemy-of-faith.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

The Upper Room / Thursday 18th July 6:30pm at Good George Mission Bay Young adults, you don't want to miss the next Upper Room! This event is a fantastic opportunity to grab a drink and dive into some relevant topics that don't usually feature in your Sunday mass homily! We're excited to announce that our guest speaker for The Upper Room is James van Schie, who will be covering the topic of Defeating Discouragement: How to Overcome Discouragement and Be a Person of Hope. This awesome evening of great fellowship and formation will be held at Good George Mission Bay, 71 Tamaki Drive, Mission Bay, Auckland 1071. Free on-street parking is available nearby. *Event is 18 years and over Tickets: <https://The-Upper-Room-July.eventbrite.co>

World Youth Day Auckland | Saturday 17th August 10am – 8:30pm at Victory Convention Centre 98 Beaumont St Freemans Bay. Get Ready for World Youth Day Auckland 2024! Calling all young people aged 13-35yrs old (and their youth leaders!) Join us and over ONE THOUSAND young Catholics for an unforgettable day at Victory Convention Centre **HOPE IS HERE!** Experience a full day of fun, friendship, and faith, inspired by our theme scripture for World Youth Day 2024: "Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary" (Is 40:31). Get excited for inspiring guest speakers, uplifting music, delicious (free kai), mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, powerful prayer experiences, and one BIG celebration of our Catholic faith. Spread the word, rally your youth group, and get registered now! Register: <https://WYDAK24.eventbrite.com>

Young Adults Ball / Saturday 14th September 7pm at McHughs of Cheltenham Back by popular demand, we are excited to bring you The Young Adults Ball 2024! The theme for this year is 'Wonderland'. Here's your chance to put on your best formal attire and fall down the rabbit hole and into a world of whimsy, where the fantastical realm of Alice in Wonderland awaits! Throughout the evening, be enchanted by the melodies of our live band, whose music will set the tone for a night of dancing and revelry. Indulge in canapes fit for a tea party, and select some of your favourite beverages available at the bar (With one free drink included in your ticket). Capture memories that will last a lifetime with our professional photographer, who will be on hand to snap photos of you and your friends against the backdrop of this magical event. Don't be late for this very important date! - secure your tickets now: Earlybird tickets are \$100 (until the 15th July). Standard tickets \$120 (Ticket sales close 31st August or if sold out). *This is an 18+ event. Tickets: https://Young_Adults_Ball.eventbrite.com

The latest **CDA Annual Report** sharing a snapshot of the breadth and depth of the Church's work the Diocese is now available online at: aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/annual-report/.

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.

South Deanery | Sunday 21 July 11.30 – 1.30 St Joseph and St Joachim, Otahuhu

City/Central | Sunday 28 July 1-3pm Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Epsom

West | Sunday 18 August 1-3pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Glen Eden

East | Saturday 31 August 1-3pm St Pius X, Glen Innes

Northshore | 15 September 1-3pm St Joseph's, Takapuna

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 or 021439407

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

South African 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 30, 2024 - No. 666



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