

15th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 14 June 2024

Exploring The WORD

There is no break between Christmas and Ordinary Time – one flows almost seamlessly into the other through the Baptism of Jesus. We ended our Christmas Season thinking about the “revelation” of the Son of God – people realising who this “Jesus of Nazareth” actually was – and this continues today, as we interject a passage from Saint John before we begin our weekly reading through Saint Matthew’s Gospel. New Year is about beginnings, and as we return to the beginning of Our Lord’s public ministry there is a sense of something exciting about to happen – even though we know the story, we dive into it once more, like returning to a favourite novel or film. So it is with joy that we stand in the country of the river Jordan, and recognise Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God, who offers himself to do God’s work.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

“Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two”

Sent on a mission.
That is why we are here.

Lord, help us.
Let us take your healing love
to all our neighbors,
thru all our back-streets,
to the borders and the ends
of this earth and beyond,
to the environment you lovingly
give to us.

No money in our belts,
no clean socks,
no backpack no food.
Give to us this day,
complete and total trust
in you. Amen

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

A Genuine Apostolate

The readings from Amos and Mark tell about people who receive a mission. In both cases the people with the mission are rather ordinary: Amos is a shepherd and tree dresser, the apostles are mostly fishermen. The latter symbolize the ordinary people through whom God works for the salvation of the world. Many people stay out of the struggle for a better world, believing that only important people and the specially talented make a difference. They should remember this shepherd and these fishermen. These messengers carry similar messages. The apostles preached the need for repentance, that is, the need for people to change their way of living. Amos also spoke about the need to live differently, and that is why the priest was throwing him out of Bethel. The established religion of the Northern Kingdom, centered in Bethel, felt threatened by this prophet of social justice. In the religion of Amos, “God proclaims peace to his people and justice shall look down from heaven so that justice and peace shall kiss.” Amoziah wanted nothing of that. The apostles were to take nothing with them on the journey but their companionship (“two by two”) and the authority they received from Jesus. Their mission was to confront the evil embodied in society and to “reject what is contrary to the Gospel.” **Gerald Darrig/liturgy.slu.edu**

Second collection for Caring Sunday, 21st July 2024

The Catholic Caring Foundation is the Bishop’s charity which assists vulnerable children, at risk youth, older people living in isolation, victims of domestic violence, refugees, homeless and all living in extreme hardship

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*



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*

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
\$17,346.39



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

A Journey of Faith

Are you or do you know anyone who is thinking about becoming Catholic? Or perhaps has missed receiving the Sacraments since their baptism?

If so, invite them to join us on a remarkable journey of discovery, discernment and study about the Catholic faith and how to live it.

The RCIA programme for adults and children starts soon. Invite them to any one of the informal inquiry sessions **Sunday 28 Jul or 4 Aug or 11 Aug from 3:30-4:30pm** in the parish hall to seek clarification, to know more about the programme or to enrol for it.

Following on from that, formal weekly sessions will start during Sunday 10 AM Masses. **For more information contact the parish office (444 8624) or Ghassan Emmanuel (021 23 44 339)**

JUNIOR YOUTH
8-13 YEARS OLD

PIZZA-MAKING

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 19 July

6-8pm

Parish Hall

St Thomas More

THE WORD OF GOD

15th Sunday of Ordinary time

Amos 7:12-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:7-13

Monday

Isaiah 1:10-17
Matthew 10:34-11:1
St Bonaventure, B.D

Tuesday

Isaiah 7:1-9
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday

Isaiah 10:5-7,13-16
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday

Isaiah 26:7-9
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday

Isaiah 38:1-6,21-22,7-8
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday

Micah 2:1-5
Matthew 12:14-21

Sorry,
NO CUPPA
after the 10am Mass on
Sunday due to Ethnic
Food Festival

**Parish Office will be
CLOSED from
Friday, 19 July to
Monday, 22 July 2024**



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

Life through
the lens



Just
\$4

**Please pray for our sick
parishioners & their families**

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 CURRENT EMS.

There will be 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**
Training Venue: Church
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.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

Delivery Manager – Education The Diocese is seeking a
motivated property professional to join our small property team
in a Delivery Manager role focused on the delivery of capital
works for our Diocesan Schools. The role includes all aspects
of project delivery - scope clarification, design input, seeking
appropriate approvals, delivery and closeout of projects. This
is a varied and busy role and we seek applications from
candidates who can demonstrate the following experiences
and attributes: A tertiary qualification (ideally property related)
or relevant professional experience in the construction sector;
Understanding of NZ Building Code requirements; In-depth
Construction/Property contract knowledge; In-depth
understanding of Ministry of Education building design
standards and guidelines; Excellent organising, planning and
computer skills; Strong customer focus and excellent
relationship building skills. To view the full job description and
download the application form, please visit our website
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz- Diocesan Services & staff
vacancies. Please send CV, application form and a cover
letter to Leanne Killgour, People & Support Manager by email:
leannek@cda.org.nz. Applications close 26 July 2024.

Temporary Cover for **Parish Secretary at St Patricks
Cathedral** St Patricks Cathedral's parish Secretary is going
on leave, so they are looking for someone to cover the office,
ideally for 20 hours a week, from 9 am to 1 pm (hours and
days can be negotiated) during the period 15 October to 11
November 2024. Duties would be general Parish duties:
Reception, Clearing emails, Distribution of materials such as
readings, prayer of the faithful weekly to our Readers,
handling enquiries for weddings, baptisms, sacraments
generally, and occasionally (very occasionally) funerals,
Preference certificates, Preparation of the Newsletter, Manage
weekly updates on the Cathedral website. If you are
interested in assisting the Cathedral, please contact Rebecca
Knibb on 09 303 4509 ext 0 or email info@stpatricks.org.nz.

Marriage and Family Life - Administration Assistant

Marriage & Family Life are seeking an exceptional
hardworking administrative assistant to join their team of
marriage educators. This is a Part - time role of 16 hours,
working 4 hours a day 10am -2pm Mon, Tue, Wed and Fri
every week (with some evening and weekend work in ven-
ues) at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre in Saint Mary's Bay.
For full details and requirements please visit the Diocesan
website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, under Diocesan Ser-
vices and Staff vacancies. Closing date 23 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/](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/) Applications close on 23 July 2024.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

Kids Corner: [https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-
content/uploads/2024/07/Celebrating-Sixteenth-SUNDAY-of-
OT.pdf](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Celebrating-Sixteenth-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf)

Parents pondering: An Acrobat, a Wheelchair, and a
Challenge of Faith
[https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/
uploads/2024/07/An-Acrobat-A-Wheelbarrow-a-Challenge-of-
Faith.pdf](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/An-Acrobat-A-Wheelbarrow-a-Challenge-of-Faith.pdf)

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

**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](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://
YoungAdultsBall.eventbrite.com](https://YoungAdultsBall.eventbrite.com)

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.**

**North Shore | 15 September 1-3pm St Joseph's,
Takapuna.**

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 stephenf@cda.org.nz or 021439407

ALONE AGAIN ? A weekend away to help those
suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or
Widowhood on 6-8 September at the Friary. **The
Beginning Experience** is a non-profit organization
that provides support for the grieving single again,
and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss
into an experience of positive growth. The cost for
2 nights' accommodation, meals, and materials and
follow up event is \$350 with EARLY BIRD cost
\$325 if paid by 31 JULY. For further information
please phone Lynda 0274898003 or Kelly evenings
0276864416 www.beginningexperience.org.nz

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