



16th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 21 July 2024

Exploring The WORD

Jeremiah indicts the official leaders for neglecting their duties towards the people (First Reading). They must shoulder the blame for the misfortune that has befallen the people. But God will not let his people languish. He himself will assume the mantle of leadership, and entrust the flock to good and faithful shepherds. This ties in neatly with the gospel. Jeremiah's promise is fulfilled in Jesus. We see Jesus, the Good Shepherd in action. Firstly, we see his care for the Twelve, who have just returned from their missionary work and need a break. Secondly, we see his care for the ordinary people, whom he teaches at length. What a contrast there is between him and the official leaders of his time. Little wonder the people flocked to him. In Jesus we see the divine compassion in action.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

"When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things"

Yesterday,
like sheep with no shepherd,
they fled to you.

You saw them.
You were moved with pity.
You began to teach them many things.

Today, we are the crowd desperate
that you look on us with pity
and teach us many things.

How to care for each other;
to care for all the planet;
to end war and
the need for immigration;
to stop violence,
to care for all children,
and to feed all hungry people
everywhere, with your food and your truth.

Make us your good shepherds. Amen

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

The Care from the Shepherd

Speaking through Jeremiah the prophet, God promises the coming of shepherds "who will shepherd (the people) so that they need no longer fear and tremble." Specifically, a king will arise who "shall do what is just and right in the land." Mark portrays Jesus as the fulfillment of this prophecy, the teacher of those who were "like sheep without a shepherd." The image of shepherd presents a problem for some, who resent being compared to sheep, those docile animals instinctively following the directions of the shepherd. The focus of the biblical image of the shepherd, however, is not on the docility of the sheep but on the care that the shepherd provides. The shepherds of Israel are being castigated by Jeremiah because they "have not cared" for the people. Jesus, on the other hand, feels for the people and will eventually give his life for them. [Psalm 23](#) is a great tribute to God as shepherd, who watches over us so that "there is nothing (we) shall want." Jesus is, to use the words of Jeremiah's prophecy, "The Lord our justice, and it is he who is our peace." Jesus is our justice and our peace through the cross and his blood, so there is nothing sheepish about Jesus, the shepherd, or about his followers. Notice that in Jeremiah's prophecy God "will appoint shepherds," not just "a shepherd." God appoints all of us Christians to care for God's people. .
Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu

On behalf of Fr Pio and the Fundraising Committee, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our Parish Community and Auckland Fiji Catholic Community for your generous contributions, participation and support at a very successful Ethnic Food Festival. We have raised a very encouraging **\$13,179.80**. Thank you to everyone!!

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YOU

*Your generosity
made a difference*

Caring Sunday – special collection for the Caring Foundation Sunday the 21st of July

"Poverty makes me feel invisible and forgotten."

For Caring Sunday, the 21st of July, please support Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation's annual appeal and help those in poverty be seen, heard, and helped.

A donation to Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation is needed more than ever this year as our brothers and sisters battle with the cost-of-living crisis, job losses and food and housing insecurity.

To make your donation please scan the QR code, use a donation card, donate through their website www.caringfoundation.org.nz, use a special collection envelope, or donate directly to BNZ 02-0100-0242648-00 using your surname and initials and 'Caring' as references.



You can also donate directly into our parish bank account with your pledge number and 'Caring' as reference.

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*



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)**

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**



Donations Received
\$28,907.40

Thank you for your generosity!!

THE WORD OF GOD

16th Sunday of Ordinary time

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34

Monday

Songs 3:1-4
John 20:1-2,11-18

St Mary Magdalene

Tuesday

Micah 7:14-15,18-20
Matthew 12:46.50

Wednesday

Jeremiah 1:1,4-10
Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday

2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Matthew 20:20-28

St James, Apostle

Friday

Ecclesiasticus 44:1,10-15
Matthew 13:24-30

Sts Joachim and Anne,
parents of Mary

Saturday

Jeremiah 7:1-11
Matthew 13:24-30

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

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.

Parish Seniors Group

Our next gathering will be on **Tuesday 23rd July 2024**



After morning Mass this month, we are gathering for Brunch at **Mayfield Sports Bar Wairau Road**

Please see the Notice Board in the Church Foyer. Put your name on the list if you would like to join and please indicate if you require / can provide transport to the venue.

Any queries contact **Elizabeth Auger 021 201 8914**

The Works and Finance Team are looking for Volunteers to serve in this very important Ministry with knowledge and/or expertise in General Maintenance, Construction, Accounting and Health & Safety. If you are interested, please attend the meeting on Wednesday, 24 July 2024.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore



An invitation to all men ...

July meeting: Wed 31 July 24 starting 7.15pm with a cuppa.

Venue: St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield

Guest speaker: Clive Goodman

Topic: The Deacon: A Role Model for Men in the Church

For more information contact Russell 022 0345678

St Vincent de Paul are looking for new members to join our team.



Are you looking for ways to live out your Christian faith? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers a practical way to serve God by helping people in need in our community. We are looking for parishioners to help prepare and deliver food parcels, visit the sick and lonely and offer practical help to those in need in the Glenfield community. If you feel that God is calling you to this ministry, please phone **Kevin on 021614996**.

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

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

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

Parents pondering: 3 Lessons from Loaves and Fishes
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/3-Lessons-from-Loaves-and-Fishes.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. 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>
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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.

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/> 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
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"Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding its fifth lecture in the series, A Taste of Theology. Topic is titled **"What is Philosophy? A short introduction to the fascinations and frustrations of philosophical questioning"**. Speaker is Rev Dr John Owens, sm, on Tuesday, 06 August 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."
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Mindful that many Catholic university students in Auckland "don't know what's out there for them," **University Students, Mass and FREE lunch** every Tuesday, 12:10pm, at Maclaurin Chapel, 18 Princes St, Auckland CBD Join us every Tuesday during semester at 12:10pm for mass, followed by a delicious (free) lunch. If you'd like to find out more about what's going on for Catholic university students in Auckland, please check out [instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/](https://www.instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/)
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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>

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



Filipino Community



Baptism Preparation Courses 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. 108

Life through the lens



Just \$4

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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