



17th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 28 July 2024

Exploring The WORD

For this and the next four Sundays the Gospel readings come from Chapter Six of St John's Gospel. John has no account of the institution of the Eucharist. But this chapter more than compensates for that. The miracle described in the First Reading shows God's concern for his people during a time of famine. The bread in question was the bread of the first fruits, which was meant to be offered to God. But instead of offering it to God, Elisha, the prophet of the old covenant, gave it to the people. The left-overs stress God's generosity. Like Elisha, Jesus, the prophet of the new covenant, feeds hungry people and does so even more astonishingly. There are clear Eucharistic overtones in the way the miracle is related. Jesus *took* the loaves, *gave thanks*, and *distributed* them to the people. Such language is meant to remind us of what he did at the Last Supper, and of what happens every time we celebrate the Eucharist. Even though both feedings are miraculous there is an essential human element in each, without which no miracle is possible.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

"Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near."

The large crowd was coming to him.
They were hungry for his words
and to get some food.

There was a boy with
five loaves and two fish.

The mysterious and plentiful power of God
uses what we have.

They ate more than their fill,
and so much was left over.

Please take the gifts of our lives,
bless them, grow them, make them holy.

Let us use them
to care for this needy world. Amen

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Feeding the Hungry

The prophet Elisha fed a hundred people with twenty barley loaves, and there were leftovers. Jesus fed about five thousand with five barley loaves and a couple of dried fish, and there were leftovers. That is God's desire for us: everyone should find food in abundance. Today's reality is different. Every three days more people die from malnutrition and disease than from the bombing of Hiroshima, and every year more people die from preventable hunger than died in the Holocaust, even though we grow enough grain in the world to provide every man, woman, and child with a satisfactory diet of 3000 calories. The [Second Reading](#) from Ephesians tells us to "make every effort to preserve the unity which has the Spirit as its origin and peace as its binding force." The problem with the world is its fragmentation; it lacks unity and peace. The problem is not with God's providence, for God has provided us with enough food for everyone, and then some. The problem is the divisions in the world that prevent food from getting to people or keep people away from the food. God has given blessings to the world: if only we could learn to use those blessings for the benefit of all." *Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu*



First Friday

on 2 August 2024

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

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*

Only 30 tickets left. Get yours now!!



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 Ghassan Emmanuel (021 23 44 339)**

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**

* **Health & Safety**

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office on 09 444 8624 / office@stthomasmore.org.nz. Thank you

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

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
\$39,483.60

Thank you for your generosity!!

THE WORD OF GOD
17th Sunday of Ordinary time

2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15
Monday
1 John 4:7-16
John 11:19-27

St Martha

Tuesday

Jeremiah 14:17-22
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday

Jeremiah 15:10,16-21
Matthew 13:44-46

St Ignatius Loyola, priest

Thursday

Jeremiah 18:1-6
Matthew 13:47-53

St Alphonsus Liguori, B.D.

Friday

Jeremiah 26:1-9
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday

Jeremiah 26:11-16,24
Matthew 14:1-12

St Dominic, priest

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

Iraqi

Community



**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



**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

**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

**Novena in preparation for the Solemnity of the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**



This will begin on
6th Aug and finish
on **14th August**
after morning Mass

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 session is on Wednesday,
31st July 2024.

Contact Sylvia on 021 088 22990



Mrs Mere Duilomaloma Fong from the Diocese of Suva, Fiji
will be presenting

Parish Renewal Talks

Synodality: Saturday, 10th August 2024 at 7:30pm

Music at the Service of Liturgy: Tuesday, 13th August
2024 at 7:30pm



Join us for a cuppa from 7pm in the
Parish Hall before each talk.
All Welcome.

**Vacancy—Good Shepherd Balmoral
PARISH SECRETARY**

We are seeking a highly skilled and enthusiastic person to
work in our busy parish office for 15 hours per week. The
position requires someone who has initiative, highly
developed computer skills and excellent communication
and interpersonal skills. Duties will include - Secretarial
services, Accounts and finance management (MYOB),
Managing parish records, parish accounts and other office
processes and systems, General office work. Applications
are invited with current CV, covering letter and two
professional referees. Enquiries and applications to:

Leanne Killgour leannek@cda.org.nz

Applications close: **4 pm Monday 29 July.**



Eftpos is available every

4th Sunday of the month for SVDP collection We
thank you for your generous contribution.

**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**.



**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on
Friday 2nd August 2024 — 7:00pm** at

St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet
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/2024/07/Celebrating-Eighteenth-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf>

Parents pondering: Pearls of Wisdom
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Pearls-Of-Wisdom.pdf>

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Special Mass for Loss of a Child A Mass will
be offered for those who have experienced loss
of a child. The Catholic Sacraments of
Reconciliation and Eucharist help facilitate
healing through fully knowing God's love and
mercy. St Michael's Catholic Church, Beatrice
Ave, Remuera Saturday 7th September 5.00pm
Reconciliation & Adoration from 4.30pm For
more information contact: Brenda Brightwell on
behalf of St Michael's Parish, 027 6415615

"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."

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://instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/)

G.I.F.T. THANKSGIVING AFTERNOON After
48 years we are leaving the Telford Ave Centre
and moving to the Pompallier Centre. Please
join us on Saturday 3rd August, 1pm to 4pm at
28 Telford Ave, Mt Eden. All intellectually disa-
bled friends and support people WELCOME.

**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>

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.

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 Jo-
seph'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
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