



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 1 September 2024

Exploring The WORD

We now return to Saint Mark, for the rest of the year. The Gospel brings out one of the central problems of all religion: the way in which peripheral laws and customs gradually take over the more fundamental commandments, and the way in which "externalism" and a concern with superficialities gradually suffocates a true "internal" faith which is lived out. Here we see the angry Jesus: he calls them "hypocrites", as he condemns their "worthless worship".

He teaches a central truth: it is what comes from within that determines whether we are clean or unclean, good or evil. The commandments of God, which Moses puts before the people with such great pride, become the source of justice when they are given a place in the heart. When other rules and regulations about how to wash and what to eat displace them, then they are stifled and justice is practised no longer.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

"This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

Lord, please dwell in our hearts!

When we tend the sick,
 feed the hungry, clean up our planet,
 be within us,
 so that all that we do,
 we may do in your love.

Stretch us, please.
 Let us reach out to our neighbor
 when we are too busy or much too tired.

Let the world know we are your disciples
 not because our hands are clean,
 but because they are dirty
 with the mark of all
 your children. Amen

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Free and Responsible

The theme of the liturgy is the law of God. God's law is just, it demands careful observation, and it is the key to life on earth. It is not a matter of clinging to what is human tradition but rather of practicing justice: "He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord." The Pharisees misunderstood what the law was all about, or as Isaiah foretold, "they teach as dogmas mere human precepts." For them obeying the law meant such things as "scrupulously washing their hands and the washing of cups and jugs and kettles." James, on the other hand, understood the meaning of the law of God, and he provides us with a pointed definition of the religion of Yahweh/Jesus: "Looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself unspotted by the world make for pure worship without stain before our God and Father." The law of God forbids all those things that set people against each other: theft, murder, greed, etc. The positive command of God's law is "to serve God in each other," to walk blamelessly, do justice, and to not harm one's fellow-man."

Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu



First Friday
 on 6 September 2024
 Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena
 6.30pm
 Mass 7.00pm

Liturgical Service
 on Monday,
 2 September 2024 at
 9:15am



Father's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your son Jesus, the child of Mary to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
 Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience: support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to You for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ Our rock and defender, in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
 St Joseph, pray for all our fathers. Amen.



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore

Invitation of all Men!

Our Lord Jesus invites us - as His followers to draw closer to Him that we may imitate Him in our lives.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship are hosting a **One-day Men's Retreat**, directed by **Bishop Steve Lowe**, titled **"He Emptied Himself"** (Philippians 2:7).

This will be held on **Saturday 19 October (8am-4pm)** at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield, Auckland.

It will be a special time of formation, prayer, worship, fellowship and will end with Mass celebrated by Bishop Steve.

Please bring a packed lunch or plan to buy from shops nearby.
 Suggested Koha of \$20 to cover costs.

All men are welcome.

Use the QR code to register, or contact Greg Sullivan (021) 437747 or Russell Sobotker (022) 0345678

LAPTOP OPERATORS NEEDED for 10am MASS

If anyone is willing to do this once a month, please contact Sylvia Hartley on 021 088 22990 or email: aldonsylvia@gmail.com



Thank you to everyone who generously supported our initiative.

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 FUNDRAISING**
 Account Number: **02-0108-0708668-003**
 Reference : **Parishioner's name and Pledge Number**



Thank you for your generosity!!

Donations Received
\$58,418.38

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Kids Corner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Celebrating-Twenty-Third-SUNDAY-OT.pdf>

Parents pondering: The CENTRE of the BIBLE

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/The-Centre-of-The-Bible.pdf>

THE WORD OF GOD

22nd Sunday of Ordinary time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8
James 1:17-18,21-22,27
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Monday

1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Corinthians 2:10-16
Luke 4:31-37

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Wednesday

1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday

1 Corinthians 3:18-23
Luke 5:1-11

Friday

1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Luke 5:33-39

Saturday

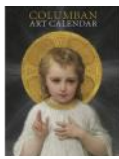
1 Corinthians 4:6-15
Luke 6:1-5

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



**South African
Community**

**Columban
Calendars
2025 - \$15**



for sale after Mass
from next weekend

PARISH ONLINE REGISTRATION!

All **new** and **existing**
parishioners please 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

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



2 Peter 3:18 "Grow in the grace and knowledge of
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ"

Christian Life Seminar

Saturday, 7th September 1pm-5pm
Saturday, 14th September 1pm-5pm
venue: St Joseph Takapuna Hall

Contact:

Dads Dizon 021 912795

Afternoon Tea provided



**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on
Friday 6th September 2024 — 7:00pm** at
St Mary's Church, 20 Kiteui Ave, Mt Albert.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet
of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by
Veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

**Ulm Minster - The highest church building in the
world** with Beate Matthes

A journey through the history and architecture of the
German Ulm Minster from the laying of the foundation
stone in 1377 to today.

Monday, 02 September 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom). Koha
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ulm-minster-the-tallest-church/>

YouTube Recordings

YouTube and Muffin Talk recordings are available
online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/video-clips/>
For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

PROLIFE FACTS

A special Mass is being offered at St
Michael's Catholic church, Beatrice Ave
in Remuera, Auckland, for parents and families who
have experienced the loss of a child. The Mass will
take place on Saturday, September 7th at 5 PM, with
Reconciliation and Adoration starting from 4:30 PM.
This event is open to anyone who has been affected by
loss of a child, providing an opportunity to come
together, find solace, and experience God's love and
mercy. If you have been affected by the loss of a child,
you are warmly invited to attend this special Mass to
find comfort, support, and healing. For more
information, please contact Brenda, on behalf of St
Michael's parish, mob. 027-641-5616. **For more
pro-life information, visit Voice for Life at
www.voiceforlife.org.nz.**

JESUS TO MANKIND - BOOK OF TRUTH - OCEANIA SEMINAR

MILFORD CRUISING CLUB, 24 Craig Road, Milford.
21 & 22 SAT/SUN September 2024 -- 9AM TO 5PM

THE FULFILMENT OF DANIEL 10:21 IS HAPPENING NOW!

Come and witness to the goodness of the Lord
For more information: email: PaulM333@protonmail.com



We pray for all those who have died recently
Josephine Griffiths -14 August 2024,
Alia Abdul Razak Selim Atto -17 August 2024
Kevin Mulcahy - 26 August 2024
and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

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 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. Regional
sessions in West Auckland, East Auckland, and
Northshore will be occurring through August and
early September Please register on [https://
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/
formation/](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/formation/) to attend for your parish. For any
further information please contact Dcn Steve
Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz or 021439407
Look forwards to seeing you all there!
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Young Adults Ball / Saturday 14th September

7pm at McHugh's 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: tickets \$120 (Ticket
sales close 31st August or if sold out).*This is
an 18+ event. **Tickets:** [https://
Young_Adults_Ball.eventbrite.com](https://Young_Adults_Ball.eventbrite.com)
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Positions available St Joseph's Takapuna

Following restructuring of the parish staff, two
positions have become available:
Executive assistant, a 25 hours per week role;
and (b) **Property manager**, 10-15 hours per
week. For position descriptions and to apply for
a position, contact Fr Mark Napa
fmark@stjoseph.org.nz Applications close 27
September 2024.
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G.I.F.T. a very warm welcome to all
intellectually disabled people, their whānau and
support worker for our first session at the
Pompallier Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby on
Saturday 7th September from 1pm to
4pm. Come and see our fabulous new home!
Please come to the back of the building, park
near the tennis courts and come to the cafeteria/
back door.
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Cans for Christmas is a Charity that has run
for 10 years now - We coordinate Catholic
Primary Schools and Colleges to collect canned
food items for St Vincent de Paul. During the
last 9 years we have collected 160,000 cans
and \$10,000 for St Vincent de Paul Society to
help those in need. Please join us by donating
to our page - This money goes directly to St
Vincent de Paul.
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The Catholic Diocese of Auckland promotes for
a strong and inclusive communities for
missionary discipleship. Come to the **Ethnic
Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival** to
be held on Saturday 21 September to Sunday
22 September | at the Malaeola Samoan
Catholic Community Centre |16 Waokauri Place,
Mangere | A time of celebration with Food,
Music, and Cultural Shows on Saturday
9am - 3pm, and Thanksgiving Mass in the
various languages and culture on Sunday at
1pm. Be involved, Be there.