



19th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 11 August 2024

Exploring The WORD

The First Reading gives us a glimpse into the heart of a prophet and we see how very human he is. Elijah the great champion of God, flees into the desert, a broken & dispirited man. But like the Israelites of old, he is fed with 'bread from heaven.' Strengthened by this food he continues his journey to Horeb, the mountain of God. In the Gospel Jesus declares that he is "the bread that comes down from heaven." The bread in question is primarily the revelation given to people by Jesus. Only at a secondary level does it envisage the Eucharist. The fundamental reaction called for is one of 'coming to him', which is a synonym of belief. Even though faith is a gift from God it does demand openness on our part.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life."

They went on murmuring.

Bread, they said?
Coming down from heaven?
Well, we know his mother and father.
They live down the street!

Jesus answered:
forget about knowing.
It's about believing.

Believe that I love you,
that I give my life for you,
not just to get you across the desert,
but because I want you
to be a part of me forever.

And I want you to take me with you
and let me transform the
world through you.

Christ, we do our best to believe.
Be our food and drink!
Be our *everything!*. Amen

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Becoming Food

The prophet Elijah is weak from hunger, but the angel of the Lord feeds him with a hearth cake and a jug of water. Elijah is no longer hungry, but what is more important, "strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights." There was work to do, a journey to be made, and the food made it possible. When Jesus talks about the bread that he is giving, he compares it to manna, which performed a role similar to Elijah's food: it enabled a journey to take place (out of the desert and into the promised land). So it is obvious that Jesus intends the bread of life not just to satisfy hunger but also to make possible the accomplishment of a task, the completion of a journey. In one sense, this journey is on the road to salvation: "bring us to our promised inheritance," we pray in the opening prayer. Jesus has to have something else in mind also, because he talks about not just feeding but also becoming food: "the bread I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world." We are to sacrifice ourselves, as Jesus on the cross and in the Eucharist, for the sake of the poor ones, the lowly and the afflicted. The Eucharist challenges us to become their food, so that they may complete the journey "to the mountain of God." *Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu*

Fundraising Dinner

THE GREAT GLORIOUS ASSUMPTION 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*


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To compliment this event, 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 7:00pm


All Welcome.



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, 15th August

National Patronal Feast for Aotearoa New Zealand.
Mass Times: 09.15am and 07.30pm



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 **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 Ghasan Emmanuel (021 23 44 339)**

LAPTOP OPERATORS NEEDED

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

NORTH SHORE DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN



invites all women to our meeting on **Tuesday, 20th Aug 2024, 7:30 p.m** at St. Thomas More Church Hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield.


Scripture: 2 Cor 3:18 *And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.*

For more info please contact Sylvia Hartley on 021 088 22990 or email aldonsylvia@gmail.com

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 **\$47,196.80**

Thank you for your generosity!!

THE WORD OF GOD
19th Sunday of Ordinary time

1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2
John 6:41-51

Monday

Ezekiel 1:2-5,24-28
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday

Ezekiel 2:8 - 3:4
Matthew 18:1-5,10-14

Wednesday

Ezekiel 9:1-7,10:18-22
Matthew 18:15-20

St Maximilian Kolbe, priest. M

Thursday

Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10
1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Luke 1:39-56

Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Friday

Ezekiel 16:1-15,59-63
Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday

Ezekiel 18:1-13,30-32
Matthew 19:13-15

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

Tongan
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**

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

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 sessions are on Wednesday,
14th & 28th August 2024.

Contact Sylvia on 021 088 22990



Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Bishop Steve Lowe will be presiding. Mass will be celebrated at **7pm on Monday, 02**

September 2024 at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass. Any Parishioners who wish to join us, are most welcome.

The weekends we would like this in are:

- 10/11 August
- 17/18 August
- 24/25 August



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.

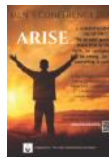
Monday, 02 September 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom). Koha
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ulm-minster-the-tallest-church/>

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

The **Lamb of God Community** would like to invite all men to a Men's Conference from 23 - 25 August at Willow Park Christian Camp as we equip ourselves to stand firm in the faith. It will be a great time to rejuvenate and uplift your spiritual life by joining other brothers walking alongside you in faith. The theme this year is "ARISE" and is founded on the scripture from 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love." For more details, please feel free to get in touch with Patrick Amaral patrick_amaral@hotmail.com / 0210381984. Register on <https://bit.ly/3LaqD2b>



Time Out Days

For those who seek a day retreat
- 9:30am - 2:30pm (\$30 includes
lunch) | Wed 21 Aug | Thu 12 Sep | Tue 15 Oct

24Hr Quietude - For those who seek a short retreat
Fri 7pm - Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accommodation + food)
| Sep 6th/7th | Nov 22nd/23rd

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

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

Parents pondering: Am I a Fireman yet?
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Am-I-A-Fireman-Yet.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>

The Seminary in 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby has a unit available for short-term occupancy for 6-months from 02 August 2024 to 02 February 2025. 3-bed/2-bath/Internal laundry/Double internal access garage Rent per week: Given it is a short-term occupancy, rental rate is to be determined. Please contact Rochelle Pinto Office Manager at Holy Cross Seminary (09) 360 6768 office@holycross.org.nz for further details.

Accountant - Fixed Term 1-year Parental Leave Cover. We are looking for a CA qualified Accountant to provide full-time parental leave cover for a fixed term period of one year. The role will assist the Diocesan Accounting Manager with operational leadership for the financial management of various entities under the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. In this role, you will be responsible for ensuring all financial reporting requirements, imperatives are delivered accurately and add value to the organisation. You will provide accurate, timely and relevant statutory and management reporting information for entities which ensures the Diocese both fully meets its statutory requirements and to support the Diocese in the achievement of its strategic goals. To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. **Applications close 12 August 24.**

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/> 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!

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