



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 4 August 2024

Exploring The WORD

The First Reading tells how God fed his people in the desert with manna. This is regarded as a classic example of God’s care for his people. Jesus too fed people who were hungry. But the gospel makes it clear that the Son of Man did not come down from above merely to satisfy physical hunger. He came to give a heavenly bread that people will eat and never become hungry. The manna was but a foreshadowing of the spiritual food which was now being offered by Jesus to his followers. The manna nourished people physically and sustained life temporarily. The new bread will nourish people spiritually and sustain life eternally. The ‘bread’ in question is primarily the teaching given by Jesus. Only at a secondary level does it refer to the Eucharist.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

“When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus.”

Lord, we seek you. We follow.
Because we are hungry for
infinite life and love.

Your Father gave us you.
In all creation,
in searching, repairing, giving,
in every friendship, love, joy and grief,
in all that is difficult, challenging, good, beautiful and
true, be with us always and everywhere, in everything.

Give us, this day,
the bread that is you.
Fill our hungry hearts and minds
with your love. And give life to all the world. Amen

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Becoming Providers

The Israelites were out in the desert, and they began to suffer from hunger. So great was their hunger that they longed for the ‘good old days’ of slavery in Egypt, when at least they had their fill of bread. What they did not know was that soon they would be eating “the bread of the mighty.” All of us are in a desert, so to speak, suffering from spiritual hunger. So great is this hunger that we long for the ‘good old days’ of innocence, when life seemed simple and all our needs were satisfied. Jesus comes to us in this desert and gives us “the bread of life” so that we shall never be hungry again. The readings from Exodus and John are about *justice and holiness*: providing all the people with our daily bread, and satisfying our spiritual hunger with “the food that remains unto life eternal.” The Church puts these readings together in this Mass to suggest to us that there is a connection between the ‘justice’ issue of hunger and the ‘holiness’ issue of the Eucharist. The work of God is to feed, and if we should want to join in that work, we must become providers, doing all we can to see that no one goes hungry and to bring people to the Eucharistic table of the Lord .” *Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu*

“I, the Lord, am your healer.” Exodus 15:26



COMMUNAL CELEBRATION
OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND
THE ELDERLY WITHIN MASS
Saturday, 10th August 2024 at 9:15 am

Fundraising Dinner

THE GREAT GLORIOUS ASSUMPTION BANQUET



Ticket price: \$200 per head
**Last chance to get your tickets to this
once-in-a-lifetime event.** 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*

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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 7:30pm

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



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)**

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

beginning on **6th Aug** and finish on **14th August** after morning Mass



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
\$44,154.58

Thank you for your generosity!!

THE WORD OF GOD

18th Sunday of Ordinary time

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
John 6:24-35

Monday

Jeremiah 28:1-17
Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Peter 1:16-19
Luke 9:28-36

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Wednesday

Jeremiah 31:1-7
Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday

Judith 8:11-17, 28-31
Matthew 6:25-34
St Mary of the Cross

Friday

Nahum 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday

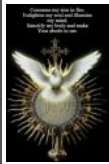
2 Corinthians 9:6-10
John 12:24-26
St Lawrence, D.M

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

CONGRATULATIONS

to our very own Altar Server, **Jarius Joseph** on receiving 3rd Prize in the **STARLIGHT Talent show**



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**.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Thursday, 15th August
Masses at the Cathedral
7 am, 12.15 pm & 5.30 pm

\$4.50 MASS PARKING is available for the 5.30 pm Mass only at the Wilson's car park on Hobson St using the ParkMate App. Promo Code STPAT5



TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Muffin Talk is remembering two great ladies: Elaine Wainwright rsm

Snippets of an interview on how to read the Bible ecologically: <https://youtu.be/UWsvEFAHloU>

Pat Lythe

Snippets of an interview on the importance of Ecumenism:

https://youtu.be/V39nB_AQkqY

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

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

Parents pondering: Good Morning <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Good-Morning.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>

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>

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.

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 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 stephenf@cda.org.nz or 021439407

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/)

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

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

South African 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