



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 15 September 2024

Exploring The WORD

As we follow through the Gospel of Saint Mark, we come to an important turning point this week: after the preaching, the miracles and the journey so far, Simon Peter publicly recognises Jesus as the Messiah. But there is an important point, which is brought out by the choice of first reading today: this Messiah is a king who is destined to be rejected and killed. Jesus knows this very well, and rebukes Peter when he tries to lead him on a different path. From this point on, Saint Mark's Gospel leads to the cross: Jesus himself accepts his own cross, and reminds all his followers that the cross is a part of following him. If we are considering the question "Who is Jesus?", these scripture passages give us a deep insight into the mission of salvation that he accepts for us.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

"But who do you say that I am?"

Jesus,
you ask us
over and over,
"Who do you say
that I am?"

Show us who you are.

In every joy, hold us close.
In every sorrow, take our hands.
Then we will know you well,
love you well.

Bearing up your cross will not be so hard
if you are there with us,
holding us
close. Amen

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Genuine Service of Others

The First Reading is from the third song of the Servant of Yhwh found in the book of Isaiah. Service is a theme of this liturgy, which links it to the theme of peace. After asking God to "give peace and to hear the prayers of your servant," we pray that God will "show us how great is the call to serve, that we may share in the peace of Christ."

The service that our faith calls for is genuine service, the actual performance of deeds that benefit those in need. James talks about this kind of service: what good is it, he asks, if we wish others well "but do not meet their bodily needs." The problem with commitment to genuine service of others is that it threatens the people of this world, who do not want to carry the burden of caring for people who have nothing to wear and no food for the day. The result is that those who work for peace in society by serving the needy must suffer. Peter did not understand this principle at first, thinking that liberation could come without the need for suffering. Jesus has to correct him and teach him God's standard: the Christian life of service amounts to carrying one's cross in the footsteps of Jesus. The struggle for justice is no party! ." *Gerald Darring/ liturgy.slu.edu*



North Shore Dove
Catholic Women's Fellowship

2024 THEME:
He comes with Holy fire 

Burning Bush

Tuesday 17th September, 7.30-9.30pm
St Thomas More Church, Glenfield

Exodus 3: 1-2, 10 "Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.....The Lord said: now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

Talk: Derek Prince
Praise & Worship
Prayer Ministry

Food & Fellowship
For women



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

Special Second Collection

Cathedral Appeal - NEXT Sunday September 21, 2024

This money is used to support long term maintenance of our Mother Church - St Patrick's Cathedral, a precious heritage entrusted to us.

Parish Seniors Group

Our next gathering will be on
Tuesday 17th September 2024



There will be morning tea and fellowship in the Hall after the morning Mass. All Welcome
Contact Elizabeth Auger 021 201 8914

IMPORTANT: Please collect your Pledge envelope packs for 2024/2025 from the church foyer. Thank you

SAFE CHURCH ~ SAFE GUARDING

As Catholics we believe that every person is created in the likeness and image of God. Therefore, we continue to ensure that our parish is a place where everyone is treated with respect and dignity. We foster an environment which is welcoming, and in which all our parish family feel safe. If you have any complaints or concerns, contact the National Office for Professional Standards 0800-114-662.



Let your voice be heard and send your confidential feedback online to <https://forms.office.com/r/a0uNT5q5it>



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

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Have you been thinking of Volunteering, giving back to your community. Our SVDP shops are looking for volunteers to help. If interested please contact Janet Lee 443-5274 or 022 356 3811

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
\$60,536.82

Thank you for your generosity!!

THE WORD OF GOD

24th Sunday of Ordinary time

Isaiah 50:5-9
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

Monday

1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33
Luke 7:1-10

Sts Cornelius, P.M & Cyprian,
B.M

Tuesday

1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31
Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 7:36-50

Friday

1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 8:1-3

Sts Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul
Chong Hasang & Comps. Mm

Saturday

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13
Matthew 9:9-13

St Matthew, Apostle &
Evangelist

All welcome to share

in a cuppa after the 10am
Mass hosted by the

Filipino
Community



Baptism Preparation Courses 2024

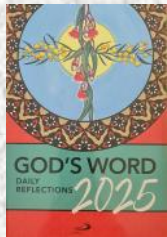
6 October 2024
3 November 2024

Contact the parish office to book
Ph: 444 8624

Email: office@stthomasmore.org.nz



Columban
Calendars
2025 for sale
- \$15



Bible Diary
for sale - \$28

Please pray for our sick parishioners & their families

David McNeill, 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

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.



INVITES YOU TO

Get Connected, Stay Connected With God

YOUTH

Entry Camp

"Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His
presence continually." I Chr 16:11

27-29 SEPT
PETER SNELL YOUTH VILLAGE
WHANGAPARAQA
EMAIL: mariellerod@yahoo.com

TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Muffin Talk with Fr Douglas Al-Bazi

On 14 September, we will celebrate the Feast of the Exal-
tation of the Holy Cross. This celebration recalls the resto-
ration of Jesus' cross in 629 AD.

In my interview with Fr Douglas Al-Bazi, the priest of the
Chaldean Community in Auckland we talked about how
this feast is celebrated by his Community.

<https://youtu.be/no72fg1MaWl>

Exploring Sacred Spaces

This series of events is organised by the Auckland Inter-
Faith Council, led by a team of volunteers appointed by
their communities or their religious leaders.

I have been appointed by Bishop Steve Lowe to serve on
this Committee.

You are invited to join us at the events mentioned on the
poster attached.

See also: <http://www.aucklandinterfaithcouncil.org.nz/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

PROLIFE FACTS

During the Parliamentary debate of the
Abortion Legislation Act 2020, National
MP Simon O'Connor put forward a

Supplementary Order Paper that would have made it a
legal requirement to provide appropriate medical care and
treatment to a child born alive after an unsuccessful late
term abortion. However, most NZ Parliamentarians voted
against it. In 2021, Voice for Life was made aware of a
case involving a healthy New Zealand infant born alive
after an unsuccessful late term abortion and then left
gasping without medical assistance for two hours before
dying. This incident took place at a hospital and was
witnessed by a healthcare student who was present during
the ordeal. She was left traumatised. She says that this is
not an uncommon occurrence, and that normally "in these
situations, the baby is just left to die." For more pro-life
information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.



We pray for all those who have died recently
and all those whose anniversaries occur at
this time

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

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

Parents pondering: When I am a CHRISTIAN
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/When-I-say-I-am-a-Christian.pdf>

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Building a fruitful Parish is an event not to be
missed. Cathy Kennedy - Evangelisation
Director of St Declan's Parish in Sydney will be
sharing practical experience and knowledge on
how to help your parish grow in vibrancy by
understanding "what next" in parish growth.

Please register at <https://brushfire.com/divinerenovationministry-nz/thefruitfulparishintentionallybuildingacultureofev/585438>.

Evening includes nibbles and refreshments and
has a registration of \$15.00 per person. Event
to be held at St Francis Friary on **Monday,**
14 Oct 2024 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm NZDT. If you
have any questions, please contact Emily on
finance@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or Cheryl
on cheryl.surrey@divinerenovation.org.

All are welcome!!

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St Mary's College Past Pupils Association
Sunday 22nd September 2024. Mass will be
celebrated by Fr Peter Tipene in Old SMC
Chapel, New St, Ponsonby at 2pm. Followed by
afternoon tea and AGM. Please RSVP to
cathieharrop@gmail.com

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NZ Catholic Medical Association Networking Event

with Dr Mary English on 20 September.
The event will be for healthcare students and
professionals and is an opportunity to connect
with each other, learn and be inspired.

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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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Cans for Christmas is a Charity that has run
for 10 years now - We coordinate Catholic Pri-
mary 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 Malaela Samoan
Catholic Community Centre |16 Waukauri 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.

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Please prayerfully consider supporting the
**Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph's
annual appeal**, held 21 September. As the
Mother Church of our Diocese, it stands as an
oasis of peace for all in Auckland. Bishop Steve
invites all in the diocese to make a pilgrimage to
the Cathedral.

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