

Exploring The WORD

There is a peculiar type of pettiness that will not allow someone to do what others do (even if - or perhaps especially if - they are good at it) because they aren't part of the group, or club, or circle. Unless you wear the uniform, the badge or tie, you can't share in the work. When this is applied to doing good or following the Lord, it seems even more petty than ever: if someone does a good thing, does it matter that she or he is not a Catholic? The words of the Lord, "Anyone who is not against us is for us," should be taken to heart this Sunday. Let us recognise anyone who helps the poor, serves peace and justice, does what the Lord Jesus wants as our co-worker, whatever the 'label' they work under.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

"For whoever is not against us is for us"

Who is for us?

Those who
give welcome to the refugee?
Who shelter the homeless,
who care for the earth,
who feed the hungry,
teach the ignorant,
stand for justice,
who give a
drop of water
in his
name?

Jesus, all we want is to be on your side.

To care for your children, to serve your poor, to welcome the immigrant, to free the prisoner.

Lord, we ask you, give us all only your grace. Amen

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

At the Same Table

We believe in a God in whom "justice and mercy meet." Our God cares about the plight of the downtrodden (mercy), but also does something about their condition (justice), giving food to the hungry and sight to the blind, setting captives free, protecting strangers, and sustaining the fatherless and the widow. The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of salvation that will involve opening the eyes of the blind, clearing the ears of the deaf, and even brightening up the environment. Mark presents Jesus as the kind of savior prophesied by Isaiah, one who "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." Those of us who have a calling from the God of Jacob to be followers of Jesus must combine concern for the downtrodden (mercy) with action on their behalf (justice). We must reject the religion of favoritism for the rich, and imitate God who "chose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and secures justice for the oppressed." We must combine preaching the Good News of the Kingdom with healing the sick. This is the way to offer "true worship" to the "God of peace and love." Gerald Darring/ liturgy.slu.edu

First Friday on 4 October 2024

Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena 6.30pm Mass 7.00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

from 10am—12 midday only on Thursday, 10 October 2024

IMPORTANT NOTICE—Thursday Evening Mass!!

From October onwards there will be **NO** more Thursday Evening Mass in the parish. It follows too that there will be no confessions on Thursday evenings. However there will be confessions after the Thursday morning masses and the Exposition of the Eucharist. There is, also confessions every Saturday morning after the 9.15am mass. The Reposition of the Eucharist on Thursdays will now be at 4pm before the locking up of the church.

Thanking you for your understanding

Sacramental Preparation









Sacramental Programme 2025

Registration for our 2025 Sacramental Programme is now open!
Requirements: Baptized children 8 years old and upwards to
receive their First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First
Eucharist. Registration closes on 31 December 2024.
Enrolment Forms are available at the church foyer.
Submit completed Form together with a copy of the Baptismal
Certificate to the Parish Office.

Please contact the Parish Office on **09 444 8624 / office@stthomasmore.org.nz** if you would like to

ADVERTISE ON OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



18 spaces available!



MARIAN DAY

You are invited to the MARIAN DAY

on Saturday, **5th Oct 2024**, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 130 Church Street, Onehunga Face to Face Safeguarding Workshop



Wednesday, 6 November 2024

from 7pm—9pm Glenfield Parish Hall, 336 Wairau Road



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore

A One-day Men's Retreat, directed by Bishop Steve Lowe will be held on Saturday 19 October (8am-4pm).

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The retreat will be titled "He Emptied Himself" (Philippians 2:7) and held at St Thomas More Church. This will be a special day of formation, prayer, worship, fellowship, and will end with Mass celebrated by Bishop Steve.

Bring a packed lunch or buy from the local shops. Suggested Koha of \$20 to cover costs. All men are welcome.

Use the link below to register, or contact *Greg Sullivan on 02137747*.

Click on the link to register: https://nsjoshua.wufoo.com/forms/z1orcm750bgcubb/

CANOPY & CARPARK FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

The Works & Finance Committee would like to thank our parishioners for your continued support and generosity towards this initiative. We are hoping to start working on certain aspects of Phase 1 during the summer months. Watch the space for more information!!

Donations Received thus far \$63,047.82

Account Name: **GLENFIELD FUNDRAISIN**Account Number: **02-0108-0708668-003**

Reference: Parishioner's name and Pledge Number

Thank you for your generosity!!

THE WORD OF GOD

26th Sunday of Ordinary time

Numbers 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Monday

Job 1:6-22 Luke 9:46-50

St Jerome, priest D

Tuesday

Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23 Luke 9:51-56 St Therese of the Child Jesus, D.V.

Wednesday

Exodus 23:20-23 Matthew 18:1-5,10 The Guardian Angels

Thursday

Job 19:21-27 Luke 10:1-12

Friday

Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5 Luke 10:13-16 St Francis of Assisi

Saturday

Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 Luke 10:17-24

All welcome to share

in a cuppa after the 10am Mass hosted by the

Youth Group





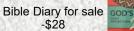
Baptism Preparation Courses 2024

6 October 2024 3 November 2024

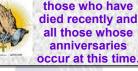
Contact the parish office to book **Ph**: 444 8624 Email: office@stthomasmore.org.nz



Columban Calendars 2025 \$15







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



The Sisters of Compassion founded by Venerable Suzanne Aubert, and the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference agreed that the first Sunday of October would be marked as a day of celebration for the



Venerable Suzanne Aubert-Meri Höhepa

The purpose of this important national day of celebration is to promote and celebrate the spirituality and good works of Venerable Suzanne Aubert-Meri Hōhepa to as many people as possible. This year it will be on ,6 October.

These resources are also available on our website. https://compassion.org.nz/celebration-sunday/

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE





Please support the South African Fundraising initiative on Sunday, 13 October 2024 after 10am Mass.

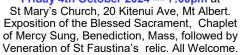
Chicken Biryani, Mince & Vetkoek, Chicken Bunny Chows, Sausage sizzles and lots more on sale. Please support this worthy cause.

Volunteers Needed to help with weekly washing of Church Linen which include Purificators, Altar and Tables cloths, etc. Instructions will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact Margaret Russell on 027 660 8647 or email i.mrussell@xtra.co.nz

IMPORTANT: Please collect your Pledge envelope packs for 2024/2025 from the church foyer or notify the parish Office if you would require a pack. Thank you

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 4th October 2024 — 7:00pm at







The Eucharist - A meal that unites and divides. 500 years of debates between Catholics and **Protestants** with Dr Nicholas Thompson Monday, 21 October 2024,7-8.30pm (Zoom). https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/09/24/debate-about-theeucharist/

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

Almost three years ago, the New Zealand Parliament passed the End of

Life Choice Act (EOLC Act). The government is now reviewing the law and Thursday 26 September, 5pm was designated as the deadline for the public to give feedback. There is a push from some to expand euthanasia and physician assisted suicide. For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

Kids Corner: https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wpcontent/uploads/2024/09/Celebrating-Twenty-3.pdf

Parents pondering: What I really want my kids to know about being Catholic

https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/What-I-really-want-my-kids-to-knowabout-being-Catholic.pdf

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

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Copyright Reporting Training. As part of the Risk Management plan in the Catholic Diocese of Auckland it is a legal requirement that all parishes who project lyrics or print off lyrics on a song sheet or bulletin report their use. We are offering a zoom training session for how to do this on Tuesday 1st October 2024 from 6.30pm Registrations essential to tinac@cda.org.nz by Monday 30th September 2024. A zoom link will be sent to you along with your OneLicense login details before the start time.

Masterclass Saturday 05th October 3:00pm -8:30pm at 30 New Street Ponsonby. If you're a youth ministry leader or young adult ministry leader, you're invited to our quarterly event dedicated to equipping, empowering and energising you for ministry. Registrations now open: Go to facebook.com/AKCYM or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for more info.

The Upper Room Thursday 17th October 6:30pm-9:00pm at Good George Mission Bay. Young adults, this event is a fantastic opportunity to grab a drink, enjoy some (free) bar snacks, meet other young Catholics, and dive into some relevant topics. Our guest speaker for this Upper Room is Tim Wilson. Tickets are \$10: Go to facebook.com/AKCYM or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for more info.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is accepting **enrolments** for first semester 2025 from 23rd September to 22nd November 2024. Courses offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies, and a new microcredential on Managing Church Organisations.

Pregnancy Choice & Abundance Op Shop Opening 18th October @ 272 Ti Rakau Drive, East Tāmaki. Demonstrating love by fully informing and supporting women to explore their options in a stress-free, nonjudgmental, safe

space. For more information contact Rebecca 021 149 1320, rebecca@pregnancychoice.org.nz. Follow our progress and learn more: FB@abundanceopshopeasttamaki | www.pregnancychoice.org.nz

SCHOLARSHIP for Theological Study

Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for Theological Study. This scholarship will be available ideally for those already teaching in a Catholic school, who intend to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2025. For further information about this scholarship

and to receive an application form, please email: scholarships@cda.org.nz. The closing date for applications is 15 NOVEMBER 2024

The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students. If you are a fourth- or fifth-year medical student in 2025, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. Applications close 15 November 2024. For more information, please email scholar-

ships@cda.org.nz

Liturgy is a quarterly magazine, curated to support liturgical life in parishes, schools, and faith communities. The Liturgy Centre, from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland in New Zealand, has been producing this magazine for nearly 50 years. Liturgy is available online on the diocesan website. It is r free: https:// www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/

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