



## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

St Thomas More Parish - Glenfield, 29 September 2024

### 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)**.  
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/z1orcm750bqccubb/>

### 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



Columbian  
Calendars 2025  
- \$15



Bible Diary for sale  
-\$28



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

## 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

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 Hōhepa.

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](mailto: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

St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui 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

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-the-eucharist/>

### 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](http://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](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz)**

## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

**Kids Corner:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/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-know-about-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  
you

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 from 6.30pm  
Registrations essential to [tinac@cda.org.nz](mailto:tinac@cda.org.nz)  
by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. A zoom link will  
be sent to you along with your OneLicense login  
details before the start time.

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**Masterclass Saturday** 05<sup>th</sup> 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](https://facebook.com/AKCYM) or email  
[felicitym@cda.org.nz](mailto:felicitym@cda.org.nz) for more info.

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**The Upper Room Thursday** 17<sup>th</sup> 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](https://facebook.com/AKCYM) or  
email [felicitym@cda.org.nz](mailto:felicitym@cda.org.nz) for more info.

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**Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College** is  
accepting **enrolments** for first semester 2025  
from 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**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](mailto:rebecca@pregnancychoice.org.nz).

Follow our progress and learn more:  
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[www.pregnancychoice.org.nz](http://www.pregnancychoice.org.nz)

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**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](mailto:scholarships@cda.org.nz). **The closing date for  
applications is 15 NOVEMBER 2024**

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**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 [scholarships@cda.org.nz](mailto:scholarships@cda.org.nz)**

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