



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 8 September 2024

Exploring The WORD

What shows us the presence of God? In the Biblical world it was miracles - signs, which pointed towards the emergence of a new Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. This had been prophesied from of old: it was said that One would come, and also that certain things would be associated with this Messiah which would display the perfection of the Kingdom God wanted to establish. Jesus, in both his preaching and his miracles, proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand, in his own person. He fulfils the prophecies of the past, as he displays to the people of his own time, and to us, the nature of Gods Kingdom: in it all diseases and afflictions are abolished: so opening the man's ears and eyes tells us two things: first that Jesus is God, present in our midst, and secondly that he calls us into a Kingdom where all is perfect.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

"He said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!"— And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impeded was removed, and he spoke plainly."

Jesus, please, open our ears
so we can hear you
in the pleading of the poor,
in the cry of earth's resources,
in the cry of the war-torn,
the immigrant,
the hungry.

Open our ears
so we can hear you
in the crash of the waves,
the sound of children laughing,
in the call of a friend, in favored music.

We want to know you well;
wherever you are—
in all things.

Open our deaf ears and loosen our tongues.

Let us hear and speak
your love to all the world. 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*

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

COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND THE ELDERLY WITHIN MASS

Saturday, 14th September 2024 at 9:15 am



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

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,
11th & 25th September 2024.

Contact Sylvia on 021 088 22990



Social Justice Week: 8-14 September 2024
Imagine Peace for all: Choose forgiveness, know peace.



Each year, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops lead us in Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in Aotearoa. This year we are looking at the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation for building lasting peace. Join us in reflecting on how these values can transform our lives and communities. Through prayer, education, and action, we can work together to create a more just and peaceful society. For resources and more information visit www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week

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
\$59,930.82

Thank you for your generosity!!

THE WORD OF GOD

23rd Sunday of Ordinary time

Isaiah 35:4-7

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

Monday

1 Corinthians 5:1-8

Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday

1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday

1 Corinthians 7:25-31

Luke 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Corinthians 8:1-7, 11-13

Luke 6:27-38

Friday

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-27

Luke 6:39-42

St John Chrysostom, B.D

Saturday

Numbers 21:4-9 OR

Phillipians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

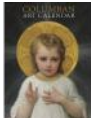
All welcome to share

in a cuppa after the 10am
Mass hosted by the



**Tongan
Community**

**Columban
Calendars
2025 - \$15**



Baptism Preparation Courses 2024

**6 October 2024
3 November 2024**

Contact the parish office to book

Ph: 444 8624

Email: office@stthomasmore.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.



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



INVITES YOU TO

Get Connected, Stay Connected With God

YOUTH Entry Camp

"Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His
presence continually." 1 Chr 16:11

27-29 SEPT

PETER SNELL YOUTH VILLAGE

WHANGAPARAQA

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TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

In the light of September being the month of the Season of
Creation, you might like to hear this interview prepared a
couple of months ago: "Reading the Bible Ecologically"
with the late Dr Elaine Wainwright rsm:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWsvEfAHloU>

YouTube Recordings

YouTube and Muffin Talk recordings are available online
at: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>
For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Job vacancy-St Francis Retreat

Centre is looking for a part time
assistant groundskeeper to join our
team to support landscaping and maintenance for our
buildings and grounds. Key duties include performing
minor repairs, assisting with maintenance, and managing
grounds upkeep. Email emily@sfrc.org.nz to apply.



**ST FRANCIS PRIORY
& RETREAT CENTRE**

PROLIFE FACTS

Since 2017, the National March for Life
has been an important opportunity for
individuals, church communities and
prolife organisations to come together in solidarity to stand
for life; to stand for mothers and fathers; and stand for
love. The march is also an important opportunity for
pro-life groups, faith communities and individual pro-life
people to witness to the sanctity of life and send a
message of hope to New Zealand society. This year's
National March for Life is scheduled to be held Saturday
December 7th in Wellington. Visit <https://marchforlife.nz/> to
find out what is involved and how you can take part.

For more pro-life information, visit
www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

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

Parents pondering: A Child's TEN COMMANDMENTS

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/A-Childs-Ten-Commandments-to-Parents.pdf>



We pray for all those who have died recently

Simone Choromanski -31 August 2024,

and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Apartment for Rent: 3 bedrooms apartment long
term rental, quiet area, \$700 pw including water, rates,
power, and wifi (reasonable use), contact Rania on
0211607299.

Please be mindful of the neighbours when
congregating at night in the carpark area and keep the
noise levels down. Thank you

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Young Adults Ball / Saturday 14th September

7pm at McHugh's 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: tickets \$120 (Ticket
sales close 31st August or if sold out). *This is
an 18+ event. **Tickets:** [https://
YoungAdultsBall.eventbrite.com](https://YoungAdultsBall.eventbrite.com)

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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
catieharrop@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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Cans for Christmas is a Charity that has run
for 10 years now - We coordinate Catholic
Primary 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 Malaola Samoan
Catholic Community Centre |16 Waokauri 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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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 frmark@stjoseph.org.nz
Applications close 27 September 2024.

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