



**The solemnity of Our Lord Jesus
Christ the King of the Universe**

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 24 November 2024

Exploring The WORD

Every time we complete the cycle of the liturgical year, there is a seamless blending into the new year: so, just as this week we hear of the King who is to come, next week, we begin a New Year and the Season of Advent by more meditation on the end of time, and the One who is to come again, as he once came among us. This feast affirms that Christ is King, that he is Judge, that he is Ruler of the kings of the earth. By his own words we know that this is true, as he stands before Pilate and says, "Yes, I am a king." But his kingship is different: it is not of the same kind as earthly kings, whose empires fade and pass away. His kingship is eternal, and holy until the end of time. Through his love for us, we share in this sovereignty - this holiness - as priests and kings who "serve his God and Father". We end our year in simple, awe-filled praise of the One who is, who was, and who is to come - the Almighty. Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYER THIS WEEK

"For this was I born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth ."

Jesus,
before you came
we only guessed at the truth.

We only guessed that God loved the poor,
that God healed the brokenhearted,
the sick and the distressed.

Nor that God
would offer his very Son
for our sake.

Yours is the kingdom of love.

Help us know, to belong and testify
with you to this loving truth. Amen

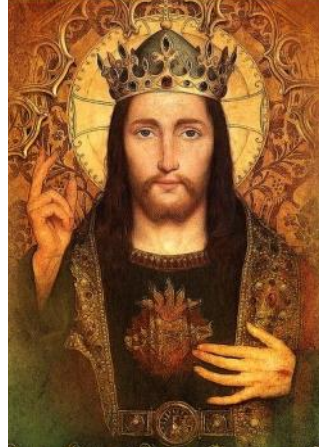
GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

The Kingdom of God is ...

The Kingdom of God is ... a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy. The Kingdom of God is ... a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the faith. The Kingdom of God is ... in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come). The Kingdom of God is ... a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace. Jesus Christ is king! We pray today that God may "free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love." *Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu*

Advent Reconciliation

TUESDAY	10 Dec	Takapuna	7pm
WEDNESDAY	11 Dec	Torbay	7pm
THURSDAY	12 Dec	Northcote	7pm
FRIDAY	13 Dec	Orewa	7pm
TUESDAY	17 Dec	Glenfield	7pm
FRIDAY	20 Dec	Beach Haven	7pm



**SOLEMNITY OF
CHRIST THE KING**

24 November, 2024
LAST SUNDAY
OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR

**EXPOSITION AND
ADORATION**
of the Blessed Sacrament
Half an hour before each Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, 8.00am Mass
Sunday, 10:00am Mass

Christmas Midnight Mass Choir Practice

Tuesday 26 November at 7.30pm in the church.
Tuesday 3, 10 & 17 December at 7.30pm in the Church
All singers and classical/orchestral instrumentalists are welcome to join.

Christmas Family Vigil Mass Choir Practice:

Monday 9 & 16 December at 7.30pm in the church.
All singers and musicians are welcome.



**Joshua Catholic Men's
Fellowship North Shore**

"AS IRON SHARPENS IRON..." Proverbs 27:17

All men are invited to **Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** gatherings. This great bunch of God-fearing guys meet monthly in both Glenfield (last Wed of the month) and Pakuranga (2nd Monday of the month) for fellowship, and to pray, grow and worship together.

Upcoming meetings as follows:

Wednesday 27 November starting 7.15pm for 7.30pm start at **St Thomas More Church Hall**, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield. This is the last meeting for the year and is a family evening.
Contact Jerome (027) 2334380 for more information.

Monday 9 December starting 7.15pm for 7.30pm start at **St Marks Church Hall**, 334 Pakuranga Rd, Pakuranga. Guest speaker is **Rebecca Crowe from Pregnancy Choice**.
Contact Mike (021) 2809285 for more information

Christmas Giving Tree 2024

**Please remember to return the gift/food parcel
with its tag attached under the Christmas Tree at
the back of the Church.**

All gifts and donations must be returned by
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024



CANOPY & CARPARK FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

**Donations Received thus far
\$73,176.29**

A gentle reminder that for every dollar you give to the parish you are entitled to a 33 cents rebate/refund. We encourage you to take advantage of this facility and participate in the St Thomas More planned giving scheme.

Account Name: **GLENFIELD FUNDRAISING**
Account Number: **02-0108-0708668-003**
Reference: **Parishioner's name and Pledge Number**
Thank you for your generosity!!

THE WORD OF GOD

CHRIST THE KING

Daniel 7:13-14
Revelations 1:5-8
John 18:33-37
World Youth Day

34th Sunday Ordinary Time

Monday

Apocalypse 14:1-5
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday

Apocalypse 14:14-19
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday

Apocalypse 15:1-4
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday

Apocalypse 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9
Luke 21:20-28

Friday

Apocalypse 20:1-4,11-21:2
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday

Romans 10:9-18
Matthew 4:18-22
St Andrew, Apostle

PARISH SENIOR'S GROUP

Tuesday December 10



In the Hall after Morning Mass
Our Final Gathering for the Year as we look forward to Christmas

All Parishioners Welcome to join us for Morning Tea, Carol Singing, Music, Dancing.



Bring a small Gift to go in Santa's Sack: Yes: Santa will be there.
For more information contact Elizabeth Auger on 021 201 8914

PARISH FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

CRAFT AND BAKING SALE DECEMBER 1

In the Hall after the Sunday 10am Mass

- ◆ Knitted Goods – SLIPPERS SCARVES
- ◆ Framed Needlework and More
- ◆ Children's Christmas Gift Bags
- ◆ Cakes
- ◆ Cookies and Gingerbread



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

TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

St Luke - How do we think of him as an author?
with Fr Kevin Waldie SM

Monday, 25 November 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom).
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/11/04/st-luke-how-do-we-think-of-him-as-an-author/>

YouTube Recording:

Fr Markus Solo Kewuta svd - Vatican Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/11/18/fr-markus-solo-kewuta-svd-greetings-from-the-vatican/>
For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

PROLIFE FACTS

The Safe Areas law bans any form of pro-life demonstration, witness or counselling within 150 metres of a facility where abortions are being performed. It is noteworthy that when the legislation was proposed, pro-life people witnessing near abortion clinics were portrayed in the media as harassing or intimidating women exercising their right to a legal abortion. However, a series of thorough checks by Voice for Life, confirmed that the only activity was silent prayer and low-key offers of help by women. As Right to Life president Ken Orr points out, there was no need for the Safe Areas legislation, as any objectionable behaviour could be handled under trespassing law. **For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.**

Theology of the Body - Registration OPEN for 2025

Human Love in the Divine Plan: Beginners Course - ideal for those new to Theology of the Body. It focuses on the meaning and purpose of the human person, love and the infinite fulfilment found in Christ. **Dates: Sat 15 and Sun 15 February 2025.** Mission Bay, Auckland. All adults 20+ are welcome.

NEW COURSE 7-week guided book study on Dr Edward Sri's *Men, Women and the Mystery of Love* - a reflection on how to approach relationships and how these insights inspire us to live out our relationships with greater Christ-like love. This course is for young adults (18 - 35 years) single, dating, engaged and married couples
Dates: 7 x Wed evenings starting 12 February 2025; Hillsborough, Auckland

To register or for more information please visit: theologyofthebody.nz

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Year of Jubilee Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope. As well as local initiatives the diocese has a calendar of **Jubilee Events**. At this stage they are presented as date claimers so that you can put them in your diaries so that when notification of registrations been opened your calendars are free. Explore and return regular to <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/>

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On the 'Wings' of the Spirit! Gather with others in your parish to explore your faith through the Scriptures and to grow in your relationship with Jesus. Get **Wings.Nga Parirau** in your parish today, the **NZ Catholic Faith Formation programme**. Contact Dianna: diannaf@cda.org.nz

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Pope Francis has just released his latest encyclical, "**Delexit Nos**", **He loved us**, in the last couple of days and I will host a series of 3 sessions on this in Advent, **4th, 11th, 11th December, 7 – 7.30pm** on Zoom. Contact Dianna: diannaf@cda.org.nz

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Wake and Pray, Tuesday mornings in Advent, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th December, a half hour Meditation on Zoom 6.15-6.45am
Contact: diannaf@cda.org.nz

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Pondering the Advent Sunday Gospels, Sunday evenings 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd December, on Zoom, 7-7.30 pm. Contact: diannaf@cda.org.nz

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St Michael's Advent Retreat with Dr Robert Loretz. St Michael's, Remuera, is hosting a Retreat to prepare us for the Incarnation of our Lord this Advent. When: **Saturday 30 November 9.00am – 5.30pm** (You're welcome to join our Saturday Mass 8.00am - 8.30am & Confession 8.30am)

Where: **St Michael's Church, Beatrice Ave, Remuera**

Join us as we delve into the theme of 'Friendship & Virtue' enriching our understanding of hope, faith, joy and peace with Dr Robert Loretz. Light lunch provided. Koha on entry.

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Nga Tapuwae. Registrations are open for Ngā Tapuwae **10th to 12th January 2025**. Come and join us in experiencing the footsteps of Bishop Pompallier, Kupe, and the Poynton's with other pilgrims together sharing our Catholic and Māori heritage. This will be a guided pilgrimage. Accommodation at \$80.00 per night per person will be shared living, experience and eating on the Marae. Your own transport will be required. For more information contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

Kids Corner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Celebrating-CHRIST-the-KING-Solemnity.pdf>

Parents pondering: Satan called a Convention
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Satan-Called-a-Convention.pdf>

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



Indian Community

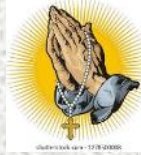
Please **DO NOT double park** in the main carpark and block access for drop-offs and emergency vehicles. Also please **DO NOT** park along ST Thomas More Lane - **the residents are inconvenienced by the weekly congestion. Your vehicle will be towed away.** Thank you



Baptism Preparation Courses

Classes will resume in February 2025

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 and Ciara 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



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