



## THE PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD JESUS Year C

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 2 February 2025

This feast commemorates how Jesus, as a baby, was presented to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. This presentation finds its complete and perfect fulfillment in the mystery of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a combined feast, commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother after childbirth and the presentation of the child to God in the Temple and his buying back (redemption) from God. It is also known as the Feast of the Purification of Mary, and the Feast of Candlemas. It is also called the Feast of Encounter (Hypapante in Greek) because the New Testament, represented by the baby Jesus, encountered the Old Testament, represented by Simeon and Anna. Joseph offered two pigeons in the Temple as sacrifice for the purification of Mary after her childbirth and for the presentation and redemption ceremonies performed for baby Jesus.

### PRAYER THIS WEEK

*“Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord.”*

For the price of two turtledoves,  
a poor man’s offering,  
the king made offer of sacrifice.

Gates lifted. The King of Glory entered in.  
And this child redeemed the world.  
Our universe rich now,  
beyond any telling.

Lord, let us wait for you  
in the Spirit,  
With Anna and Simeon.

You are born into our world,  
and into our hearts, today,  
moment by moment. Amen

### GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

#### Presenting Jesus

They bring Jesus to the temple to be “presented to the Lord,” for he is “the Anointed of the Lord.” One way of responding to this event is to reflect on our own ‘presentation of the Lord.’ How do we present Jesus Christ to others? Is the Jesus we present to others a convenient cover for a life of personal misbehavior and social indifference, or is he “the king of glory” whose person and teachings should govern us individually and collectively? Do we present Jesus to others on such a pedestal that people can dismiss his example as unreasonable expectation, or is he “like his brothers in every way,” one of us, a brother human whose love of justice and peace can and should be imitated? Is the Jesus we present to others an indictment of them, or is he God’s “saving deed displayed for all the peoples to see,” the Messiah who rescues us from our personal and social sinfulness? Is the Jesus we present to others a support for our dealings with death, our wars, abortions, and death penalties, or is he “a lamb without blemish (offered) for the life of the world”? Is the Jesus we present others a special ‘god’ for the privileged, or is he “the light of all peoples,” including people who are weak and outcast?. **Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu**



### First Friday on 7 February 2025

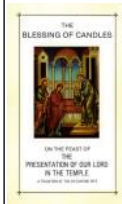
Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Novena 6.30pm  
Mass 7.00pm

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

Saturday, 8 February 2025  
at 9:15 am



### PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE



Please bring your **NAMED** candles to be blessed on **SUNDAY, 2nd February 2025** for the feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus.

Please place them on the table at the bottom of the Sanctuary.

Candles will be blessed at all Masses this weekend.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Thursday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on **THURSDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY 2025, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Please fill your name in the roster at the back of the church for 1/2 hour Adoration.



### Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore

A warm invitation to all men to the January meeting.

**Date: Wed 29 Jan 7.15pm for 7.30pm start.**

**Venue:** St Thomas More Church Hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield.  
The evening will include a very encouraging talk entitled **"The Apprentice"** presented by Peter-John Carelse and Kevin Farrell. So what is the 'Apprentice' all about ... come and find out. Invite a mate and come to be enriched and challenged and to meet other men of faith in fellowship as we share supper together. Jeffrey from Peoples Worship Ministry will be the worship leader together with support from Been Ueriti. To know more **contact Jerome 027 233 4380**

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**\*\*ONE-DAY RETREAT for ALL on Saturday 15 FEBRUARY\*\*** hosted collaboratively by the Auckland Joshua and Dove Fellowships

All are invited to this One-day Retreat, directed by **Fr Carl Telford** and titled **"The Prayer Journey of St Teresa of Avila"**.

This will be from 8am to 4pm on Sat 15 Feb at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield, Auckland and will be a special time of formation, prayer, worship, fellowship.

Morning Tea will be provided.

Bring a packed lunch or buy from the local shops.

Suggested Koha of \$20pp to cover costs.

Everyone is welcome.

Register using the QR code below or text/call Greg on 021 437747.



### FEBRUARY 2025 SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS

- Wednesday 12th February, 7.00pm
  - Online via Microsoft Teams.
- Sunday 23rd February, 11.30am
  - Hosted by the Parish of St Mary, 46 east Street, Papakura
- Thursday 27th February, 7.00pm
  - Hosted by the Parish of St Francis de Sales and All Souls Parish.
  - Venue St Leo's Catholic Primary School Hall, 102 Victoria Road, Devonport

Safeguarding training is a policy requirement of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland and the National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS) for those volunteers working with children, youth and vulnerable adults.



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Te Taumata o te Hahi Katorika



WE WELCOME VOLUNTEERS AND PARISHIONERS FROM ALL PARISHES AND ENTITIES TO JOIN US.

FOR MORE INFORMATION or link to online workshop CONTACT  
Lisa-May Gray  
Safeguarding Coordinator  
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lisam@cda.org.nz  
09 360 3018

### CANOPY & CARPARK FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

**Donations Received thus far  
\$86,624.12**

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

### Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

#### Monday

Hebrews 11:32-40  
Mark 5:1-20

#### Tuesday

Hebrews 12:1-4  
Mark 5:21-43

#### Wednesday

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15  
Mark 6:1-6

**St Agatha, V.M**

#### Thursday

### WAITANGI DAY

Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24  
Mark 6:7-13

#### Friday

Hebrews 13:1-8  
Mark 6:14-29

**St Paul Miki & Companions,  
p.M**

#### Saturday

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21  
Mark 6:30-34



## OLD PALMS

Please bring your old, blessed palms (WITHOUT any wrappings, plastic, clips or paper) and place them in the green bin to prepare ashes for Ash Wednesday.

**LAST DATE FOR COLLECTION IS SUNDAY, 25th FEBRUARY 2025.**

### Thursday, 6 February 2025

Waitangi Day has been a significant day on New Zealand's calendar since the Treaty of Waitangi was first signed in 1840. The flagstaff which stands on the Upper Treaty Grounds marks the location of the first Treaty signing by representatives of the British Crown and over 40 Rangatira (chiefs) on **6 February 1840.**

*Designated as a Special Day of Prayer*



## DIOCESAN VACANCY

The Diocese is seeking a talented and creative **Multimedia Journalist** (part time – 20 hrs per week) to create engaging digital multimedia content (stories, photos, videos) that shares the news of the Diocese, Bishop, Parish, Schools and Agencies. These stories will also contribute to supporting the national CathNews platform which delivers news, analysis, and commentary of interest to the Catholic Church community. For full details, please visit our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) – Diocesan Services – Staff Vacancies.

### PROLIFE FACTS

The recent annual March for Life in Washington DC was held in freezing weather, but an estimated 100,000 pro-lifers attended from all over the USA. Vice-President JD Vance addressed the marchers: "The sacred truth is that every single child is a miracle and a gift from God." He also told the crowd that President Trump endorsed the Born-Alive Abortion Act, which ensures that babies born alive after failed abortions enjoy equal protection under law and are not left to die. President Trump spoke to those attending the March in a video message: "We will again stand proudly for families and for life." **For more pro-life information, visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).**



**Incense - A Taste of Heaven?** with Beate Matthies

Monday, 24 February 2024, 7-8pm (Zoom).

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/01/14/incense-a-taste-of-heaven/>

#### YouTube Recordings:

Check out our overview of recordings:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/12/21/video-recordings-overview/>

**New:** Short articles on diverse events: [News & Opinions](#)  
For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

**Kids Corner:** *This week* : <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Celebrating-Presentation-of-the-Lord.pdf>

*Next Week* : <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Celebrating-Fifth-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

**Parents pondering:** *This Week* : **You have Six weeks to Live**  
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/You-have-six-weeks-to-live-3.pdf>

*Next Week* : **The Old Fisherman**  
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/The-Old-Fisherman.pdf>

**Accommodation:** Yolanda is looking for a reliable, trustworthy Catholic female as a border. R200 rent per week. Free wifi/internet. Close to Glenfield Mall. For more information contact her on 0224 112 036

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

**Sale now on for Annual Resources from the Liturgy Centre.** Cost Price Sale. Be quick as limited numbers. Jubilee Prayer cards also available 10c each plus postage. Please order via: Annual <https://form.jotform.com/liturgycentre/annuals> or Resource Catalogue <https://form.jotform.com/liturgycentre/resources>

**Story of the Stations of the Cross** Across the diocese people will gather throughout Lent to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross. But why has this become such a popular devotion? How come there are 14 stations and not 6 or 23? You are invited to prayerfully consider these and other questions as we explore with Sr Sian the meaning and history of the Stations of the Cross. To register please email [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz) to be sent the online link.

**Monday, 24 February 2024, 7-8pm (ZOOM)**

Fee: Koha. Donations are appreciated. For more information and registration: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

**Bishop Steve Speaks** tune into the diocesan YouTube channel playlist *Bishop Steve Speaks* to hear him reflecting on the readings of Sunday and other moments of conversation. [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDAdh6gEBFpCzZXcTLHlpW\\_gsxny4e](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDAdh6gEBFpCzZXcTLHlpW_gsxny4e)

**Young Leaders Masterclass | Sunday 23 February 2pm-6pm | 30 New Street**

**Ponsonby** Masterclass is back in 2025! 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. Our first Masterclass for 2025 will feature two workshops focused on helping you make the best possible start to your ministry year! Keep an eye on our socials, where we will announce our workshop presenters and topics. As always, there will be fantastic (free!) food and plenty of opportunities to connect with other young leaders. Build relationships, share experiences, and be part of a support network that will help you grow in your ministry. Go to [www.facebook.com/AKCYM](http://www.facebook.com/AKCYM) or email [youthmin@cda.org.nz](mailto:youthmin@cda.org.nz) for more info and to register.

**Commissioning Mass | Sunday 23 February**

**7pm | St Patrick's Cathedral** Join us as we begin another grace-filled year of youth ministry with our Young Leaders' Commissioning Mass! Bishop Steve Lowe will be celebrating the mass and commissioning our young leaders as they are sent out for ministry in 2025. If you're a youth ministry leader or young adult ministry leader, you're an essential part of this mass! We want to pray with you and for you, as you begin your ministry year. Please invite your whānau, your friends, and your wider faith community to join us as well. We invite Catholics from across the Diocese to join us for this celebration. Unite with our young leaders in faith, hope and joy as we commence another incredible year of youth ministry in the Diocese of Auckland! Go to [www.facebook.com/AKCYM](http://www.facebook.com/AKCYM) or email [youthmin@cda.org.nz](mailto:youthmin@cda.org.nz) for more info.

**Ethnic Chaplaincy Officers and Leaders**

**Formation Day | Sat. 22 February 2025 |** Pompallier Centre 9:30am - 12:00pm  
Inviting all officer bearers, leaders in ministry, pastoral associates, and all chaplains to your Formation Day as we provide you updates on the Migrant Chaplaincies Norms on Community Establishments, Finance, Safeguarding. Registration is essential - follow the link on the diocesan website event page [here](#). Email us at [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz) if you have any questions, we can email you the specific link.

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

**South  
African  
Community**



## Baptism Preparation Courses 2025

**2 March 2025  
6 April 2025  
4 May 2025  
8 June 2025  
6 July 2025  
3 August 2025  
14 September 2025  
5 October 2025  
2 November 2025**

Contact the parish office to book  
Ph: 444 8624

Email: [office@stthomasmore.org.nz](mailto:office@stthomasmore.org.nz)

**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  
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