



## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 9 February 2025

We hear the call of another prophet this week - Isaiah. This introduces the Gospel, where we see Jesus calling his first disciples to follow him. Notice that the initiative is Jesus': there is no application process or interview procedure! Notice also the way that Jesus calls his disciples in this account - not with words, but with a miracle that is also a parable. It is, in a way, a miraculous "job description": if the disciple trusts completely in the one who calls, then the result will be truly amazing - a huge catch of men and women hungry for God. Simon's simple words "if you say so" give us an example of Christian discipleship: we should leave our own concerns behind, and simply follow the Lord with great trust.

### PRAYER THIS WEEK

*"For astonishment seized him at the catch of fish they had made. "*

Broken nets, hold-overs,  
loaded with fish.

Do not be afraid. Now it is  
my sea of humanity.  
From here on you will catch  
men and women.

Lord, give us your worthiness  
instead of our non-worthiness.  
Make us deeper than our doubts.

Let us fall on our knees  
as did Simon Peter.

Help us in the catching  
and surely in the being caught. Amen

### GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

#### To Raise the World

The [First Reading](#) is about the call of Isaiah: "Whom shall I send?" The next two readings are about the apostles, those who were sent by Jesus to carry his message and carry on his work. Who are Jesus' apostles in our world? Whom will God send today? When God wants to send a message of love to the outcasts of this world who will say "Here I am; send me!" When God wants someone to speak out in the halls of government on behalf of the voiceless who will say "Here I am; send me!" When all the world marches out to war and God needs someone to march in the opposite direction, a messenger of peace who will say "Here I am; send me!" As the world suffers from the ill effects of the injustice it has caused, and the Church offers a way out through its social teaching, where are the Catholics who will bring that message to the world? Who will say "Here I am; send me!" The Christian calling has to do with what is known in Catholic social thought as the common good. "Watch over your family and keep us safe in your care." Christians are called to work for the good of the human family. It is an urgent task, requiring people who have a sense of God's justice and are committed to peacemaking. Whom will God send? *Gerald Darring/liturgy.slu.edu*

### 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.**



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are looking for volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy at 5.30pm Vigil Masses and Sunday 10am Masses.

Lesson material is provided.  
For more information please contact Sylvia Hartley on 021 088 22990 or email [aldonsylvia@gmail.com](mailto:aldonsylvia@gmail.com)



### \*\*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.

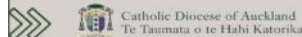
Register using the QR code below or text/call Greg on 021 437747.



**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.



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

FOR MORE INFORMATION or link to online workshop CONTACT  
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[lisam@cda.org.nz](mailto:lisam@cda.org.nz)  
09 360 3018

**Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025**  
Restoring hope.  
Your compassion in action.  
Together, let's change lives.

### Bishop's Lent Appeal 2025: Put your compassion into action

Giving envelopes for the Bishop's Lent appeal 2025 will be available at the back of the church from next week. Every donation given will support Caritas' life-changing humanitarian and development work around the world—and create change not just for today but for the future.

This year, Caritas are encouraging you to give online or through direct deposit if possible, to reduce costs and make processing donations faster. *To learn more or donate visit [Caritas.org.nz](http://Caritas.org.nz)*

**Thank you for your generous support.**

### CANOPY & CARPARK FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

**Donations Received thus far**  
**\$87,860.32**

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

### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-8  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

#### Monday

Genesis 1:1-19  
Mark 6:53-56

**St Scholastica, V**

#### Tuesday

Genesis 1:20-24  
Mark 7:1-13

#### Wednesday

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17  
Mark 7:14-23

#### Thursday

Genesis 2:18-25  
Mark 7:24-30

#### Friday

Genesis 3:1-8  
Mark 7:31-37

**Sts Cyril, Monk & Methodius, B**

#### Saturday

Genesis 3:9-24  
Mark 8:1-10

## 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.

**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](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM). Email us at [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz) if you have any questions, we can email you the specific link.

**Jubilee Sing Jubilee** Pope Francis has called us to celebrate a Year of Jubilee in 2025. Join Tony Alonso, a Grammy nominated composer of sacred music and a scholar whose work responds to the diverse realities of contemporary culture. The following events are taking place to celebrate the Jubilee of Song: **Evening with Tony Alonso**, Thursday 29 May 6.30pm, St Francis Xavier Church, Park Ave, Whangarei. Suggested Koha \$10.00 per person. Please visit the following link for registration: [An Evening with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM)

**Conversation with Tony** with drinks and nibbles, Friday 30 May 6.30pm, Pompallier Diocesan Centre \$20.00. Please visit the following link for registration: [Conversation with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM)

**Retreat Workshop with Tony**, Saturday 31 May 1.30 - 4.00pm, Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St. Koha. Please visit the following link for registration: [Retreat Workshop with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM).

**Concert with Tony Alonso**, Saturday 31 May 6.30pm, Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St., \$10.00 per person. Please visit the following link for registration: [Concert with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM).

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE cont.

Want to be a part of the wider Christian community and getting to know people from other Churches? This is our lived faith. Let us be People of Hope, Journeying together on a Pilgrimage. Join us for a fun day of **Creek Cleanup**, working together in faith. All are welcome, meeting at **Whenuapai Creek, Auckland, on Sunday 23 Feb 2025** starting from **12:30pm**. An organised event in support with the Auckland Interfaith Council.

### VACANCIES

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.

**Receptionist/Administrator – Catholic Social Services, Auckland.** Catholic Social Services is looking for a part-time (20 hours - 3 days) Receptionist/Administrator based in Ponsonby. As a faith-based professional service Catholic Social Services provides social work, counselling, out-reach and support to individual people and families. The successful applicant would be required to provide efficient, effective, and professional reception and administrative services to the team at Catholic Social Services. For further details please go to our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz), Diocesan Services and staff vacancies.

### PROLIFE FACTS

The Worldometer is an online resource that provides up-to-date statistics on a wide variety of topics. According to an article by Anugrah Kumar, a contributor to the Christian Post (Jan 4, 2025), data published on the Worldometer revealed abortion as the leading cause of death worldwide in 2024. A staggering 45.1 million abortions were reported. Deaths due to abortion exceeded deaths linked to other leading causes of death. By comparison, there were 8.2 million deaths attributed to cancer and 5 million deaths attributed to smoking. **For more pro-life information, visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz)**

## TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

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

Monday, 24 February 2025, 7-8pm (Zoom).

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

### YouTube Recordings:

Muffin Talks with Kevin Mc Bride - History of Waitangi Day:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/01/31/waitangi-day-muffin-talk-with-kevin-mcbride/>

**New:** Short articles on diverse events: [News & Opinions](#)

For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

**Kids Corner:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Celebrating-Sixth-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

**Parents pondering: When was the Last time you Praised God**

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/When-was-the-last-time-you-praised-God-1.pdf>

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

Tongan  
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, Tamar  
Mathews, Mark Delaurier,  
Mary Anne Clark

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