



## 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 16 March 2025

### The WORD This Week

Every year, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain top. Why? Jesus revealed his glory to the three apostles in order to strengthen them for the journey ahead - the journey to Jerusalem, Gethsemane and Golgotha. The same vision is today offered to us, to strengthen us in our Lenten Journey of Faith. Last week we heard about temptation: this week we are driven onwards by a vision of glory that will be ours - the goal of our lives of faith and all that we do as Christians. The transfiguration represents the final destination of our lives, if we are faithful in resisting temptation and living each day as faithful members of Jesus Christ. In our journey of renewal and new commitment through Lent, we are spurred on and encouraged by today's vision to see why the effort is worth it.

### PRAYER THIS WEEK

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him. "

Over all the uproar,  
racket and din,  
Lord, help  
us to  
listen to  
you.

Show us  
your dazzling glory  
hidden in the hum-drum  
of our everyday wonderful lives. Amen

### LENTEN SPIRITUALITY

Heavenly Vision; More Human World

While we were still without hope, God took us out of our emptiness and brought us into a new land, making with us a covenant of liberation. But we remain "set upon the things of this world," burdened with "the original darkness that shadows our vision." Today's liturgy is about restoring our sight so that we can "see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living." The disciples saw "the bounty of the Lord" on the mountaintop. They witnessed the dazzling glory of Jesus shining in the company of Moses and Elijah, the glory of the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. Abraham had also stood in the presence of the Lord, and he had been overwhelmed by a terrifying darkness pierced by the bright light of a smoking brazier and a flaming torch. The road from Abraham's encounter with God to the disciples' encounter with God was a long one. Lent is an acting out of the long road from the covenant to its fulfillment. It is our public proclamation that we are a people who "eagerly await the coming of our savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." We recognize that "we have our citizenship in heaven," but in the meantime we exercise our citizenship on earth for the coming of the kingdom of God. We purge ourselves of our self-reliance, our thirst for power, and our preoccupation with self-interest, sacrificing and praying that God might "deliver Israel from all her distress." *Gerald Darrig/ liturgy.slu.edu*

### Sacramental Programme 2025

Closing date for registrations is **31 March 2025**

Forms are available in Parish foyer. Submit form together with your child's baptism certificate to the Parish Office email : [office@stthomasmore.org.nz](mailto:office@stthomasmore.org.nz). Thank you



PRAY



FAST



GIVE



## Parish Lenten Observances

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thursdays of LENT  
7:30pm (Chaldean Community)

Fridays of LENT  
9:45 am and 7:00pm  
7:45pm (Tongan Community)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS- 9:45 am

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAYS - all day until 4pm

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday	1 April	Glenfield	7.00pm
Wednesday	2 April	Takapuna	7:00pm
Tuesday	8 April	Orewa	7:00pm
Wednesday	9 April	Mairangi Bay	7:00pm
Thursday	10 April	Northcote	7:00pm
Friday	11 April	Beach Haven	7:00pm
Sunday	13 April	Devonport	7:00pm



Come and join us for a  
**Morning Tea**

Morning Tea and Fellowship  
in our Parish Hall after the 9.15am Mass on  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

ALL are WELCOME

Join in Song and Spiritual Reflection

Celebrate our March Saints Patrick and Joseph  
And: Make a Simple Easter Gift


For more information contact Elizabeth Auger 021 201 8914

### LIVING IN THE DIVINE WILL CONFERENCE

Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025  
at St. Thomas More Church Hall, 336 Wairau Road,  
Glenfield, Auckland.

**SPEAKER:** Tony Hickey from Manchester, U.K.  
Time: Sat. 10 am. till 4 pm. (Mass at 9:15 a.m.)  
Sun. 11:30 am. till 4 pm. (Mass at 10 a.m.)  
Donation/Koha requested.  
Please B.Y.O. food.

**Contact** Sylvia on 021 088 22990 or **email:** aldonsylvia@gmail.com



#### VACANCY NOTICE: **Music Co-ordinator**

We are currently looking for someone to take over the **Music Co-ordinator** position in our parish. It is largely an administrative role although some basic musical knowledge is required. Training will be provided. Approximately 6hours per week. Please forward your CV by Friday, 28 March 2025 via email to: [office@stthomasmore.org.nz](mailto:office@stthomasmore.org.nz)

#### CANOPY & CARPARK FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

Donations Received thus far — \$92,913.30

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

### 2nd Week of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Luke 9:28-36

#### Monday

Jeremiah 1:4-9  
Acts 13:46-49  
Luke 10:1-2, 17-20

#### St Patrick, B

#### Tuesday

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20  
Matthew 23:1-12

#### Wednesday

2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16  
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

#### St Joseph, Husband of Mary

#### Thursday

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Luke 16:19-31

#### Friday

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-18  
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

#### Saturday

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20  
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

**Filipino  
Community**



**TO RENT:** 2 Bedroomed  
sunny unit available to rent in  
Chivalry Road, Glenfield.  
Contact Mark on 021 262 2892  
for more information and  
viewing



### Baptism Preparation Courses 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

Contact the Parish office  
if you wish to add names  
[office@stthomasmore.org.nz](mailto:office@stthomasmore.org.nz)

## Choir Practice

weekly from Tuesday, **18 March  
2025 at 7:30pm** for the Easter  
Masses. We welcome all singers  
and musicians to join us.



### The Caritas Lenten Appeal

During Lent, New Zealand's  
Catholic Bishops invite us to  
provide for the needs of the poor  
through the work of Caritas to fund both development and  
emergency relief work around the world. You can donate to  
this Appeal by using the envelopes provided; you have the  
option of donating weekly (as an act of penance perhaps) or  
making a one-off single donation. This year, Caritas is en-  
couraging people to donate on-line or by direct deposit, to  
reduce costs and make the processing of donations faster.  
To find out more, or to donate, visit: [https://  
www.caritas.org.nz/](https://www.caritas.org.nz/)



### Parish Safeguarding

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.

The Online Safeguarding Workshop is on Thursday,  
13 March at 7 pm. Please email Parish Safeguarding  
Contact Vidya at [safeguarding@stthomasmore.org.nz](mailto:safeguarding@stthomasmore.org.nz) to  
receive the link for the training.

Safeguarding Introduction from Bishop Steve [https://  
youtu.be/oSOSIjJ-Zn8](https://youtu.be/oSOSIjJ-Zn8)

### MUSICIANS & SINGERS needed

Do you know of any musicians and singers who would be  
interested to play & sing at St Thomas More Parish every  
2nd Sunday of the month at 10am Mass? This slot is now  
vacant and we welcome interested groups or persons.  
Please contact Paula at [music@stthomasmore.org.nz](mailto:music@stthomasmore.org.nz) for  
more information.

### THE 2025 JUBILEE CALENDAR: A YEAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

**28 March:**  
24 hours for the Lord  
**28-30 March:**  
Jubilee for the  
Missionaries of Mercy

### PILGRIMS OF HOPE - HYMN

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri, English  
translation: Andrew Wadsworth, Music:  
Francesco Meneghello

**Like a flame my hope is  
burning, may my song  
arise to you: Source of life  
that has no ending, on**

### life's path I trust in you.

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and  
people find a light within your  
Word. Scattered fragile sons  
and daughters find a home in  
your dear Son.

God, so tender and so  
patient, dawn of hope, you  
care for all. Heav'n and earth  
are recreated by the Spirit of  
Life set free.

Raise your eyes, the wind is  
blowing, for our God is born  
in time. Son made  
man for you and  
many who will find  
the way in him.



### PROLIFE FACTS

An advertisement in the NZ Herald on 11th  
March announced an Essay Competition  
with an \$800 prize. Sponsored by Open  
Adoption NZ, the preamble quoted Oranga Tamariki  
statistics: 3 non-kin adoptions in 2024, 16,277 abortions,  
57,000 live births. The question for the Essay was: What are  
the long-term implications and solutions for NZ? It's a  
pertinent question given that easy access to abortion is  
contributing to New Zealand's falling birth rate, with the  
negative social consequences of too few children being born  
to support an aging population. Open Adoption: the Gift of  
Love have designed a comprehensive and informative  
website, with touching personal stories. It can be found at:  
[openadoption.org.nz](http://openadoption.org.nz). **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/2025/02/Celebrating-THIRD-SUNDAY-  
OF-LENT.pdf](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Celebrating-THIRD-SUNDAY-OF-LENT.pdf)

**Parents pondering: A Short Story about Second  
Chances**  
[https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/  
uploads/2025/02/A-Short-story-about-second-  
chances.pdf](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/A-Short-story-about-second-chances.pdf)

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

**SUMMIT | Young Leaders Weekend 28-30  
March 2025** Get ready for SUMMIT! Youth  
ministry and young adult ministry leaders, get  
ready for an incredible weekend of formation,  
fellowship and being spiritually filled! SUMMIT  
is a weekend specifically for YOU, featuring  
engaging keynote sessions, workshops  
equipping you with practical ministry skills,  
plenty of opportunities to pray and to be  
RENEWED, a whole community of fantastic  
leaders to connect with, mass, adoration,  
campfires and a whole lot more! SUMMIT is a  
highlight of young leader formation in the  
**Diocese of Auckland** each year. Don't miss  
it. This year, we are very excited to announce  
that our guest speakers are Mark Lysaght, the  
Director of NET Ministries in Australian and  
New Zealand, and Kym Keady, the Director of  
Ignite Youth. Earlybird registrations are \$120  
until Wednesday 12 March. Standard  
registration is \$140. Register here: [https://  
SUMMIT25.eventbrite.com](https://SUMMIT25.eventbrite.com) Please note this is  
an 18+ event.

**Divine Mercy Conference May 23-25 2025  
Auckland** - Fr Chris Alar - Keynote Speaker.  
Divine Mercy NZ is excited to be bringing back  
to New Zealand Fr Chris Alar MIC from the US  
plus several other international speakers.  
Divine Mercy Conference 2025 will be in a real  
sense an encapsulation of all that has gone  
before, and yet more, and to the point – how  
that is lived out, witnessed, in the Third  
Millennium. Please join us for this important  
event in the Jubilee Year. Registrations are  
essential; [www.divinemercyconference2025.co.nz](http://www.divinemercyconference2025.co.nz) Pat  
Barrett 03 359 2087 [info@divinemercy.co.nz](mailto:info@divinemercy.co.nz)

**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. See the noticeboard for  
events taking place to celebrate the Jubilee of  
Song:

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** offer a beautiful  
opportunity for healing to anyone who has  
struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of  
abortion. The next Retreat will be held at Mary  
McKillop Centre, **April 11-13, 2025**. For more  
information Contact Wendy Hill on 027 2549222  
or email [wendy@rachelvineyard.org.nz](mailto:wendy@rachelvineyard.org.nz)

**Pope Francis' Letter to us all on the Sacred  
Heart of Jesus.** Wednesday Evenings 5th,  
12th, 19th, 26th March 7-7.30pm on  
Zoom. Contact Dianna Fouhy, Faith Formation  
Team @ [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

**Wake Up and Pray. Meditation Mornings** in  
Lent through Easter 5th March – 20th of April,  
6.15 – 6.45am on Zoom. Contact Dianna  
Fouhy, Faith Formation Team @  
[diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

### Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre



This month we have these  
offerings

- **Patronal feast day of St Joseph** on 19<sup>th</sup>  
March. An Evening Prayer Ritual - The ritual  
begins at 5.30pm in our Mary MacKillop Chapel

- a **Silent Weekend Retreat** led by Eamon  
Butler. The retreat is entitled: **Hospitality of the  
Trinity**. It will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> March Friday  
evening until Sunday lunch 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

- A very popular event is happening again this  
year on **Sunday afternoon April 6<sup>th</sup> Fr Chris  
Skinner sm** will provide a concert in the Mary  
MacKillop Chapel singing many of his  
well-loved songs.