



2nd Sunday Of Lent Year A

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 1 March 2026

Exploring The WORD

Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So the readings lead to us acknowledge that Lent is a very special ‘calling’, to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

“His face shone like the sun.”

O Christ, give us a glimpse.
Let us find you shining
in sliver echoes from the moon,
in geese streaking for home,
in the evening sky,
in the spider’s intricate web.

In workers, coffee growers,
climate crisis workers, crossing guards,
and homeless folks.

Let no one and no place
ever be hidden from the glow
of your Godly, earthly presence.

Let us find your glory in all things Amen

LENTEN SPIRITUALITY

Listening to Jesus

High on the mountain, the three disciples witness a dazzling sight as Jesus was transfigured before their eyes, his face as bright as the sun and his clothes as radiant as light. In the middle of this vision, they hear God’s voice telling them to listen to “my beloved Son on whom my favor rests.” The opening prayer focuses our attention on this part of the story: “God our Father, help us to hear your Son.” The verse before the Gospel does the same: “From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard: this is my beloved Son; hear him.” Lent is a time to listen to Jesus, “who calls us to repentance and a change of heart.” It is a time to reflect on God’s Word about loving our enemies and being peacemakers, about proclaiming liberty to captives and letting the oppressed go free, about being the salt of the earth and the light of the world, about being perfect just as our heavenly Father is perfect. It is a time to be quiet and listen to the God “who has saved us and has called us to a holy life.” It is a time to become a “great nation” through whom “all the communities of the earth shall find blessing.” *Gerald Darring/ www.liturgy.slu.edu*

First Friday Mass



6 March 2026
Mass 7.00pm

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



Saturday, 14 March 2026 at 9:15 am

PRAY

FAST

GIVE



PARISH LENTEN OBSERVANCES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thursdays of Lent : 7:30pm - Chaldean Community

Fridays of LENT - 9:45 am

Fridays of Lent : 7pm - Tongan Community

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS – 9:45am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAYS - all day until 4:00pm



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday	17 March	Mairangi Bay	7:00pm
Wednesday	18 March	Orewa	7:00pm
Tuesday	24 March	Takapuna	7:00pm
Wednesday	25 March	Glenfield	7:00pm
Thursday	26 March	Northcote	7:00pm
Friday	27 March	Beach Haven	7:00pm

EASTER TRIDUUM CHOIR PRACTICE

Calling all those who can sing to please join us in our parish Easter choir practices starting on **Tuesday, 3rd March 2026 at 7.30 pm** in the Church.

If you can sing, you are welcome to join us for these practices and make our Easter Triduum services beautiful. Please make sure you attend the first practice so as not to miss out on important information.

The practices are on 5 Tuesdays – 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March.



Parish Safeguarding

Nurturing our People through Internet Safety

Safeguarding entails the protection of individuals, with particular emphasis on those most vulnerable within our church community. In an era where technology facilitates continuous connectivity, it is essential to uphold safety standards at all times.

- ◆ Recognise that our personal media reflects who we are, so its content should align with the expectations of someone working in ministry with children and young adults.
- ◆ Avoid adding children or young people involved in your ministry as 'friends' on your personal pages or websites. (to be continued)



CANOPY & CARPARK FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

Donations Received thus far — \$219,867.15

Account Name:

ST THOMAS MORE GLENFIELD

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02-0108-0708668-003

Reference :

Parishioner's name and Pledge Nr

Thank you for your generosity!!

THE WORD OF GOD

2nd Sunday Of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4
2 Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9

Monday

Daniel 9:4-10
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Jeremiah 18:18-20
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday

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

FRIDAY

Genesis 37:3-4,12-13,17-28
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

South African
Community



Baptism Preparation Courses 2026

8 March 2026
12 April 2026
3 May 2026
7 June 2026
5 July 2026
2 August 2026
13 September 2026
4 October 2026
1 November 2026

Contact the parish office to book
Ph: 444 8624
Email: office@stthomasmore.org.nz

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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

Ghassan Emmanuel, Margaret &
Alan Skinner, David McNeill,
Anselmo Salazar, Gaye and
Ciara Rhodes, Israel Nathan,
Tamar Mathews, Mark Delaurier

Contact the Parish office
if you wish to add names
office@stthomasmore.org.nz

Envelopes are in the church foyer for your donations.

SECOND COLLECTION Caritas—Lenten appeal



During the period of Lent, there will be a
2nd collection at all Masses for Caritas who disburse the
money for development funding, educational projects and
emergency aid. *This collection is separate from our regular
and fundraising collections.*

Caritas will issue a tax receipt for every donation made.
Please complete the form and place it inside the envelope
along with your donation.

Direct deposits can be made into the following account

Account Name: Caritas Aotearoa NZ
Account Number: 03-0518-0211216-03
Particulars: Your Pledge Number
Code: Lent
Reference: You full name

Thank you for your generosity.

PILGRIMAGE FROM FATIMA TO ROME

25 September to 17 October 2026

Fatima – Salamanca – Burgos - Lourdes –
Paris – Venice - Padua – Assisi - Rome

Chaplain: Monsignor David Tonks
Details from Laura Yap

laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz or
021 390 055



Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday

6th March 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish,
20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung,
Benediction, Mass, followed by Veneration of
St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

Job Vacancy: Parish Secretary Maria Assumpta Parish, Beach Haven

Part-Time Fixed Term Position
Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, for three hours each
day. email: parishoffice@mariaassumpta.org.nz
Applications close: Friday, 21 March

PROLIFE FACTS

Mrs Margaret Tighe, long-serving President
of The Right to Life Australia Inc., passed
away on 15 February 2026, aged 94. For over six decades
she championed the dignity of every human life with
courage, strategic brilliance, and unwavering conviction.
For pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Baptism & Lent with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin (UK).
What is the connection between Lent and Baptism?
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/02/25/baptism-lent/>
Stations of the Cross. Are you praying the Stations of
the Cross this year? We have produced a small booklet
(A6) that is easy to use and is based on NZ carved stations
focussing on the hands. Available in 5 languages. For
more information, see: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/08/11/reflection-on-wood-carvings/>
For more resources and information: www.studyjoy.nz

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

Kids Corner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/CELEBRATING-The-Second-SUNDAY-of-LENT.pdf>

Parents pondering: HOW TO SUFFER WELL

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/How-to-suffer-well.pdf>



Please **DO NOT** park along St Thomas More Lane - **the residents are inconvenienced by the weekly congestion. Your vehicle will be towed away.**

Please be mindful of noise levels when congregating in the parking area's at night. Thank you

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

For more details, please see posters on the parish noticeboard

March For Life – Auckland March 7th 2026

You can march for life together with thousands of others, and speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Enjoy a positive, family friendly day with live music, inspiring speakers, and a community spirit. All are welcome. Gather at Te Komititanga Square 1pm More information at marchforlife.nz

A workshop for Church Organists A free practical workshop helping beginner organists develop stronger hymn-playing skills.

Presenter: Michael Cox. **Saturday, 14 March 2025, 1pm – 4pm.** St. Patrick's Catholic Church Pukekohe 119-129 Seddon St Pukekohe. Registration Essential: Email office@pukekohecatholic.org.nz

Mission Hub Ephesians 4: The Five Gifts for Building the Church. Every member of the Church has a role to play in building up the Body of Christ. This March, join us at Mission Hub as we reflect on Ephesians 4 and the five gifts Christ gives His people. Together, we'll explore how to recognise these gifts in ourselves, how they strengthen the Church, and how we can respond with courage and faith.

Monday 9 March, 7:00–8:30pm (NZ time), Online via Zoom. Prayer, inspiring content, discussion Everyone is invited to register here: <https://bit.ly/march9webinar>

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

Will hold its first webinar of the year in preparation for World Youth Day 2027. Join Dr John Sehorn, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as he unpacks the theme of WYD, "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33) and reflects on how this message speaks to young people and the whole church. This will be on Tuesday, **3 March 2026, 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom.** Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026 for more information and to register.

Lent Webinar Series - Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand Journey

Registrations have now opened for the Lent Webinar Series involving our Catholic Bishops, for all dates: <https://link.caritas.org.nz/lentweb1reqiamong>.

Teams Oceania Conference

The Transformed by Grace, Guided by Love Teams Oceania Conference is fast approaching. Auckland, Aotearoa NZ, **20-22 March 2026.** FINAL CALL: REGISTRATIONS DUE FRIDAY 28th Please note there is an option for Day Registration (Saturday 21 March), which is also encouraged. The form canvases interest in transfers and childcare but feel free to contact Jan and Tony Baker on teamsnz@aotea-roa@gmail.com to let us know of your needs and enquiries.

Lent Reflection at St John's Church,

Mairangi Bay Tuesday, 24 March, Lenten Reflection with Dianna Fouhy. Tuesday, 28 April, Bible Society with CEO Neels Janse van Rensburg

New Zealand Catholic Medical Association (NZCMA) Retreat and Seminar

The New Zealand Catholic Medical Association provides community, support and chaplaincy for those involved in health care in Aotearoa. The association welcomes doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, dentists, health administrators, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles. The next nationwide event is a retreat and seminar at the St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre, Auckland on **March 20 and 21.** For more information or to register, visit <https://bit.ly/NZCMA2026> or email newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com