



## 4th Sunday of Easter Year A

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 26 April 2026

### Exploring The WORD

This Sunday is traditionally called 'Good Shepherd Sunday', because of the Gospel references to Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is also the day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. On this Sunday we hear one of the great 'I am' statements of Jesus from Saint John's Gospel today 'I am the gate of the sheepfold'. Through Jesus we enter into life and safety, and we 'go through Jesus, the gate' by baptism. This image is implied in all today's readings: the people listening to Peter find this gateway and enter through it: Peter writes to remind us that we have come back to the Good Shepherd, who heals us by his wounds.

### PRAYER THIS WEEK

*Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd,  
you know your sheep by name  
and lead us into the safety  
of your flock.*

*Open my ears to hear your voice  
among the many noises of this world.*

*Strengthen my trust in you,  
so that I do not fear evil,  
but rather follow you  
toward the abundant life  
you have promised.*

*Be my guide, my guardian,  
and my path to the Father. Amen*

### EASTER SPIRITUALITY

#### The True Shepherd

The risen Jesus is the true shepherd, "the one who enters through the gate, who walks in front of them, and the sheep follow him because they recognize his voice." True Christians follow the true shepherd: they recognize his voice and they obey his commands. They hear his message about loving enemies, about seeking first the kingdom of God, about forgiving seventy times a day. They hear him talk of concern for the poor, of selling all that one has, of being perfect as their heavenly Father is perfect. They listen to him say that they should not worry about tomorrow, that they should turn the other cheek, that they should lose their lives. They hear and obey, following their shepherd through the gate. There are false shepherds who speak other words, who talk of defending one's rights, of accumulating wealth, of achieving social prominence. Some Christians listen to them rather than to the true shepherd. Both the true and the false shepherds lead one to death. The difference is that the true shepherd leads beyond death to resurrection. **Gerald Darring/**  
<https://liturgy.sluhostedsites.org>

#### First Friday Mass

"I, the Lord, am your healer." Exodus 15:26



1 May 2026

Mass  
7.00pm

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Saturday, 9 May 2026 at 9:15 am

2nd Collection 26 April 2026

### Vocations Sunday - Seminarian Appeal

Today we celebrate Vocations Sunday. Bishop Steve Lowe invites us to support our seminarians at Holy Cross Seminary as they discern their call to the priesthood. If you are able, please consider donating at [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate), and continue to keep them in your prayers.



### Sacramental Programme 2026



**Orientation** : Saturday, 2 May 2026 at 2pm in the Parish Hall

**Lesson 1**—Sunday, 10 May 2026 at 2pm in the Parish Hall

### JOSHUA Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore



Join us for an evening of fellowship and praise to Our Lord, as we learn how we can become closer to Him in our daily lives

**Topic:** The Universal Call to Holiness

**Presenter:** Dr John Evangelista, Director Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

**Date:** Wednesday, 29 April 2026

**Venue:** St Thomas More Church

**Time:** 7:00 pm – Fellowship. 7:30 pm

Praise & Worship followed by our presentation

All men are warmly invited

**Enquiries:** Tet-Woo 021-0380196 & Dominic 021-1003694



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

### Parish Fundraising for the Canopy Project and the Carpark Craft and Baking Sale

After Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses on 2nd & 3rd May, come along and browse a lovely selection of handmade and homemade items for sale:

Cosy knitted slipper socks ; Hand towels ; Handbags ; Drawstring gift bags for all ages ; Baked goods including shortbread, chocolate slice, Louise slice ...and more!

Items available from just \$5.

**For more details contact Elizabeth Auger on 0211208914**

### CANOPY & CARPARK FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

**Donations Received thus far — \$229,537.21**

Account Name: **ST THOMAS MORE GLENFIELD**

Account Number: **02-0108-0708668-003**

Reference : **Parishioner's name and Pledge Nr**

**Fundraising envelopes are also available for cash donations**

**Thank you for your generosity!!**

## GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE

Does your faith need a refresh...

7 consecutive Tuesday evenings

St Joseph's Church Hall

starting on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026

7pm to 9pm.

A retreat day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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Please contact register with :

Dcn Steve Fraser on [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz)

or call 021439407

## THE WORD OF GOD

### 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14-36-41  
1 Peter 2:20-25  
John 10:1-10

### Monday

Acts 11:1-18  
John 10:11-18

### Tuesday

Acts 13:44-52  
John 15:12-17

St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr

### Wednesday

Acts 12:24-13:5  
John 12:44-50

St Catherine of Siena, D.V.

### Thursday

Acts 13:13-25  
John 13:16-20

### Friday

Acts 13:26-33  
John 14:1-6

### Saturday

Acts 13:44-52  
John 14:7-14

St Athanasius, B.D.

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

For more details, please see posters on the parish noticeboard

**Rise up and Shine Festival** Taste the World, Celebrate the Culture! **30<sup>th</sup> of May, 2026.** Starts at 10am with Thanks giving Mass. Followed by Social Entertainment until 3pm. Music, Zumba, Food stalls and Cultural Show. Join us at the Migrant Chaplaincy Rise Up & Shine Festival, where every bite tells a story and every dance spark joy.

**Catholic Directory:** The latest edition of the New Zealand Catholic Directory has just been published. It is the comprehensive record of the people and organisations in the Catholic Church in New Zealand. The print edition can be purchased for \$40, including GST and postage. Order your copy by emailing [directory@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:directory@nzcbc.org.nz)

**Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute Enrolment for Semester Two 2026** Enrol for theology courses at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College this Semester 2, whether you're starting or continuing your journey of faith. Study full-time or part-time, on-campus or online. Enrolment for Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology opens on **28<sup>th</sup> April.** For courses offered, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables).

**Webinar** Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College will hold its second webinar on the WYD2027 Webinar Series, titled "Courage: A call for young people to be bold and confident in their faith", with Bishop Michael Gielen as speaker. This will be on Tuesday, **05 May 2026, 5-6pm** via Zoom. Find out more and register at [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026)

**Theology of the body** Book study/ course using Dr Edward Sri's Men, Women and the Mystery of Love - based on St John Paul II's Love and Responsibility. This course is for young adults (18 - 35 years) single, dating, engaged and married. Dates: Wed evenings **starting 6<sup>th</sup> May**; Hillsborough, Auckland. For more information visit [theologyofthebody.nz](http://theologyofthebody.nz)

**Charis NZ** Is pleased to announce that **Chevalier Cyril John** will be leading a 1.5 day, hosted by Current of Grace, Auckland (part of Charis NZ). Please share and encourage your prayer group and community group members, and wider networks to support this event: Auckland Diocese: **11 - 12 May 2026.** Training on Prophetic Intercession by Chevalier Cyril John at Christ the King Church, Owairaka.

**Mass of The Neophytes** Bishop Steve invites all those who will be initiated into the Church at Easter, their families, and friends to return to the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph for the Mass of Welcome on Sunday **24 May 2026** at 4.30pm. This is an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of faith and share with Bishop Steve in the celebration of the Eucharist.

**Wings.Nga Parirua** Welcome to Wings.Nga Parirua, the **Catholic Faith Formation Programme.** We all need to feel welcomed in our Church, to understand our faith and to recognise Jesus calling each of us into an intimate friendship with him. The hospitality at the heart of "Wings" gives space and time for people to come together, to become familiar with Jesus' teaching in the Gospels, and the Catholic Church's response to this teaching in the light of the Resurrection; to walk by faith in loving communion with Jesus in prayer. Please contact: Dianna Fouhy, [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz) and see the poster for details.

**St Michael's Parish Remuera** Scripture Study: THE EXODUS by Dr Dan Stollenwerk. In the lead up to Pentecost Sunday, Dan will dive deep into the common themes that link Pentecost and the Book of Exodus. Please join us at St Michael's: 4x Wednesday mornings **6th, 13th, 20th, 27th May.** 10:30am – 11:45am in the Parish Centre. Followed by midday Mass \* No registration required.

**St Joseph's Catholic School** Centenary Celebration! Join us as we celebrate 100 years of our Mission Sister's school! Past students, staff, and families are warmly invited to reconnect and give thanks for shared memories. When: **23–25 October** Register: [Click here](#). Stay updated and follow the celebration on our [Centenary Facebook page](#). We can't wait to welcome you back!

**Diocesan Youth Mass** Last Sunday of each month 4:30pm February - November At St Patrick's Cathedral, 43 Wyndham Street, Auckland For more info contact the Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry Team: [youthmin@cda.org.nz](mailto:youthmin@cda.org.nz) or see their Facebook page: @AKCYM

**WYD 2027 Webinars** In preparation for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul Korea, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College invites young people and everyone to grow in their faith, hope and missionary discipleship, with this year's webinar series, "Take Courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information at [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026)

## DIOCESAN VACANCIES.

### Head of Pastoral Services - Catholic Diocese of Auckland.

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking a committed, faith-filled leader to support the Bishop's pastoral mission and provide strategic leadership across diocesan pastoral ministries. The role works closely with parishes and communities to strengthen evangelisation, formation, and pastoral life. Applicants must demonstrate a strong Catholic faith, senior pastoral leadership experience, and strategic capability. Full details and application information available via the Diocesan website -

[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz), under Diocesan Services and staff vacancies. Applications close **30 April 2026**

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 7:00pm** at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kiteui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.



Tax Receipts will be available next weekend. Thank you for your patience

## PREPARING FOR PENTECOST

"I am going to send you what my Father has promised, but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."  
**Thursday 7th May 7pm at St Francis de Sales & All Souls, 2A Albert Rd, Devonport:** the first of 3 talks on Luke 24:1-12 – The Resurrection by Fr Emille Frische MHM You are warmly invited to join this reflection on the Gospel of Jesus following the Resurrection.

For further information please contact Flo Sapa'u 027 3160347 or [sa'olelefolo-lesapau@gmail.com](mailto:sa'olelefolo-lesapau@gmail.com).  
Free parking at St Leo's Primary school

## TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

**The Institution of the Last Supper** with Fr Kevin Waldie sm. Monday, 18 May 2026, 7-8.30pm (Zoom) <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/04/21/the-institution-of-the-last-supper/>

**Mary Untier of Knots** with Beate Matthies Tuesday, 26 May 2026, 7-8pm (St John the Baptist church, Mairangi Bay). <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/03/08/mary-untier-of-knots/>

**YouTube Recordings:** Materialistic Spirituality – Muffin Talk with Prof Joerg Rieger (USA). <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/04/08/materialistic-spirituality-muffin-talk-with-prof-joerg-rieger/>  
Recording with the late **Bishop Stuart O'Connell sm** on **St Peter Chanel:** <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/04/24/st-peter-chanel/>  
For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

**3-Bedroom House for Rent – Glenfield / Bayview** kitchen with dishwasher, 1 bathroom plus separate toilet, 2 heat pumps, Carpet + additional parking (2 car spaces total), No indoor smoking. Rent: \$670 per week, Bond: To be discussed. Available from Sunday, 17 May 2026. For enquiries or to arrange a viewing (by appointment), please phone **027 261 2585.**

## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

**Kids Corner:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/CELEBRATING-FOURTH-SUNDAYof-EASTER.pdf>

**Parents pondering: MY SHEEP LISTEN TO MY VOICE**  
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/My-sheep-listen-to-my-voice.pdf>



Sorry

**NO CUPPA**

after the 10am Mass  
this ANZAC weekend



## Baptism Preparation Courses 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](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

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

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



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