



# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 5 April 2026

## Exploring The WORD

When the Word is proclaimed, it is real and active – the Lord is present, and what is described is, in a sense, happening now. On certain days this is made more obvious by the selection of scripture that refers to a particular time or day. Such a selection occurs this morning, when we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to make – with her – a momentous discovery: the tomb is empty, he is risen!

## PRAYER THIS WEEK

*“They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first.*

An  
angel.  
Dazzling light.  
Boulders moved.  
Burial head cloth rolled up.  
Women running to tell disciples.  
Disciples running to see for themselves.  
The empty tomb proclaiming  
Good News.  
He was not there.  
“Where is he?”  
“Mary!”  
The one who has loved us  
into wholeness is alive.  
And with us now.  
We say with her,  
“Rabbouni”! Amen

## EASTER SPIRITUALITY

### Rising to New Life

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.” Easter is the great celebration of victory of life over death. Ours is an Easter religion. We do not deny or turn away from the evils that surround us: the wars that have killed some 100 million people in our (last) century; the poverty that grips more than half of the human race; the hunger that kills millions every year and ruins the lives of millions more; the discrimination that divides the human family into contending parties, the virus that is killing so many. We do not deny these miseries, but we refuse to surrender to their power because of our faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Suffering will be vindicated; death will be overcome; a new life will arise: that is the Easter message of the paschal mystery. “Let us feast with joy in the Lord.” Just as Christ passed through death to resurrection, so too will the world pass through its suffering to the glory of a new life. There is no room for despair: our Easter faith tells us that God will “raise us up and renew our lives.” *Gerald Darring/ www.liturgy.slu.edu*

*“I, the Lord, am your healer.” Exodus 15:26*

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

**Saturday, 11 April 2026 at 9:15 am**



## Easter Message from the Parish Priest

My dear beloved parishioners of St. Thomas More – whom I feel so honoured and blessed to serve – thank you for your steadfast witness of the Resurrection and generous support of this our parish community.


Yes!!! Easter is here again!!! Alleluia!!! Easter is a season like no other; it resounds the foundation of our faith and the restoration of our relationship with God. It is a time for great rejoicing and that is why the liturgy of Easter begins by proclaiming the Exultet—one of the most beautiful hymns ever composed to the honour of God.

My prayer for you this Easter is that the new life given by Jesus in His Resurrection may burst into the dark “tombs” of your life and from you go out into the world! Let us, every day, witness to the fact that we are an Easter People and Alleluia Is Our Song. A sincere witness to this will enable us to truly be pathfinders for others to bring them out of their own darkness into God’s own wonderful light. Let this be our Easter mission.


THANK YOU to our parish staff, coordinators of our liturgical ministries, our wonderful choirs & musicians, all our liturgical ministers, sacristans and the many volunteers who helped make this year’s Holy Week and Easter Vigil such an inspirational experience of faith.

**THANK YOU!!! and BLESSED & HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL!!**

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND



**ALL  
TAMARIKI  
HAVE THE  
RIGHT TO  
FEEL SAFE  
AND BE SAFE  
HERE**



## THE WORD OF GOD

### Resurrection of the Lord's

#### Passion

Acts 10:34-37-43  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-9

#### Easter Octave

##### Monday

Acts 2:14,22-32  
Matthew 28:8-15

##### Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41  
John 20:11-18

##### Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10  
Luke 24:13-35

##### Thursday

Acts 3:11-26  
Luke 24:35-48

##### Friday

Acts 4:1-12  
John 21:1-14

##### Saturday

Acts 5:1-16  
Mark 16:9-15



Sorry,

**NO CUPPA**

after the 10am Mass  
on Easter Sunday

**Sunday, 5th April  
2026**

clocks go  
back 1hr



### Baptism Preparation Courses 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

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



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[www.holycross.org.nz](http://www.holycross.org.nz)

## CANOPY & CARPARK FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

**Donations Received thus far — \$226,599.87**

Account Name: **ST THOMAS MORE GLENFIELD**  
Account Number: **02-0108-0708668-003**  
Reference: **Parishioner's name and Pledge Nr**

**Thank you for your generosity!!**



SVDP are desperately low on food supplies in the shed. We are in need of pasta, rice, cereals, tin spaghetti/baked beans, tin soups, tin tuna/corned beef, tea/coffee, museli bars, biscuits/crackers, hygiene products, etc.

We thank you for your generosity.

### Can you help?

Cold weather is fast approaching, and De Paul House needs your help to restock our warm bedding and towel banks. You will be helping homeless and low income families and senior citizens stay warm this winter. De Paul House has had a huge increase in calls for help both with housing and support services. Please share the message with friends, family and work colleagues. *Matthew 25:40* The King will reply, 'Truly I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'  
[admin@depaulhouse.org.nz](mailto:admin@depaulhouse.org.nz) or phone 09 4805959



### Food bank shelves are empty

De Paul House needs food and especially personal and household care products. Shampoo, soap, hand wash, deodorant, dish wash, clothes wash, spray and wipe. Basics like crackers, biscuits, pasta sauce, tinned fish and meat, coconut milk and cream, Jam, vegemite, milk powder, long life milk, Milo. Every little contribution makes a difference. If you want to run a food drive, please contact Lesley Farmer [lesley@depaulhouse.org.nz](mailto:lesley@depaulhouse.org.nz) or call 09+4805959. Thank you.

## DIOCESAN VACANCIES

**VACANCY - CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER** - The Diocese of Christchurch is seeking an experienced and forward-thinking Chief Finance Officer (CFO) to lead a passionate and committed team and contribute meaningfully to the strategic direction of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. We invite applications from leaders who share the Diocese's sense of purpose, who value meaningful work, and who are energised by contributing to a mission-driven organisation. For more information, or to apply, email [applications@cdoc.nz](mailto:applications@cdoc.nz). Applications close at 9.00pm on **Apr 12 2026**.

**VACANCY - Reshaping Facilitator – Catholic Diocese of Auckland** The Diocese seeks a mission-focused Reshaping Facilitator to support parishes on the reshaping journey. This role will equip parishes with resources, facilitation, and professional support. This is a three 3-year fixed term role, full-time or two part-time roles considered. For full details and to view the position description, please visit our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz), under Diocesan Services and staff vacancies. Applications close **24 April 2026**.



## TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

**Parrhêsia** – with Prof Amy-Jill Levine (USA). Jesus is the model of someone speaking truth boldly and taking risks. What can we learn from his example? <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/03/28/parrhesia-muffin-talk-with-prof-amy-jill-levine/>

**Passion Sunday & Good Friday** - recording with the late Kieran Fenn fms.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/02/passion-sunday-good-friday/>

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

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**Kids Corner:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/CELEBRATING-SUNDAY-of-the-RESSURRECTION.pdf>

**Parents pondering: POPE: JOY OF THE RESSURRECTION**

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Pope-Joy-of-the-Ressurrection.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

**NZ Catholic** - The latest edition of the monthly diocesan newsletter NZ Catholic is now available on our [website](http://www.nzcatholic.org.nz).

### Catholic Enquiry Centre - Holy Week Resources Available

As we prepare for Holy Week and Easter, Carly from the Catholic Enquiry Centre has shared a selection of helpful resources for parishes and dioceses. These include Easter invitation images for social media and a Catholic Enquiry Centre advert that can support those exploring or returning to the faith. Feel free to use or adapt these materials for your local context or share them in the weeks following Easter, a time when many people are open to reconnecting. You can also direct people to: [www.catholicdiscovery.nz](http://www.catholicdiscovery.nz) for more information

**Mission Hub** - The Holy Spirit at the Heart of Mission: We are excited to welcome Bishop John Adams from the Diocese of Palmerston North as our first guest speaker at Mission Hub this April. In this special session, Bishop John will reflect on "The Holy Spirit at the Heart of Mission," inviting us to rediscover how the Holy Spirit continues to guide, inspire, and empower the Church in her mission today. Together, we will explore how we can grow in openness to the Spirit's movement in our own lives and be renewed in our call to share the Gospel. It's a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith and be inspired by others seeking to follow Christ. Monday 13 April 7.00–8.30pm (NZ time) Everyone is welcome and invited to register here: <https://bit.ly/apr13zoom>

**The Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** - ALL MEN are invited to the Joshua 40-Year Celebration Weekend! **When** : Fri pm 14 August to Sun midday 16 August **Venue**: Keswick Christian Camp, 5 Cooper Ave, Holden's Bay, Rotorua **Keynote Speaker**: Robert Falzon, Leader of Australia's menALIVE and Author of "Importance of a Present Dad" **Cost**: \$247pp including accommodation and meals. **To Register**: Follow the link below OR Scan the QR Code on porter attached OR contact Mike Lobo (021) 2809285 or Greg Sullivan (021) 437747 Link: <https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/joshua-40th-anniversary-celebration-rotorua>

**The Graduate Choir NZ** - FRANCISCVS - a special recital presented by The Graduate Choir NZ that commemorates the papacy of Pope Francis in song and spirit. Tuesday 21 April 2026 - 7:30 PM - St Michael's Catholic Church, Remuera, Auckland FRANCISCVS features an evocative programme of sacred choral works - including John Rutter's Requiem - performed in the rich, resonant acoustics of St Michael's. Tickets from NZ\$30-\$40 + booking fees (grab yours on iTICKET now!) <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2026/apr/franciscus>

**Diocesan Youth Mass** - Last Sunday of each month 4:30pm February – November At St Patrick's Cathedral For more info contact the Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry Team: [youth-min@cda.org.nz](mailto:youth-min@cda.org.nz)

**Divine Mercy** - Feast Sunday **12<sup>th</sup> April** 5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish, 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark, including free street parking on Sundays.

**Prayer Retreat for Women** - Prayer and the Interior Life' Friday **17<sup>th</sup> April** 6pm to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 3pm 2026 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Location: Hillsborough, Auckland. Early bird registration and details here: [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)

**Diamond Jubilee** - The Catholic Parish of Wellington South. All former and current parishioners are invited to a celebration of several historical milestones on Sunday, **19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. Registrations of interest are welcomed by providing contact details at: [office@wellingtongsouthcatholic.org](mailto:office@wellingtongsouthcatholic.org)