



6th Sunday of Easter Year A

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 10 May 2026

Exploring The WORD

By now we are some distance away from Easter, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. But today a new dimension of the story comes out: Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. So in the Gospel today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that 'Spirit of truth' which sets us apart from the world. This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to 'proclaim the Christ' and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of the world's slander and accusations.

St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit



Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
that I always may be holy. Amen.

EASTER SPIRITUALITY God With Us

In today's Gospel Jesus promises us that "I will not leave you orphaned; I will come back to you and you will have life." Our faith, nurtured in this great paschal season, tells us that God-made-flesh is God-with-us, never abandoning us and always filling us with life. It should be a great comfort to all of us, who share in the pain and suffering of ordinary life, to know that the Spirit of Jesus is with us always. It should be especially comforting to know that Jesus will not leave orphaned all those whom the world casts aside: the poor and homeless, the racial and ethnic minorities, the sick and dying, the prisoner and the refugee. "Christ died for sins once for all, a just man for the sake of the unjust." He rescued us from our attachment to injustice, and then he sent his Spirit to remain with us and within us. Our prayer is one of gratitude for such a gift and hope that "we feel its saving power in our daily life." Jesus loves us so much that, even after his death, resurrection, and ascension, he remains with us. He is, after all, Emanuel, 'God with us,' but now through his living, sanctifying Spirit. We now encounter him in new ways: in other human beings; in any place where people gather in his name; in the inspired words of Holy Scripture; in his Church, particularly her liturgical celebrations; in the person of his minister; and especially in the sacraments.

Gerald Darring/ <https://liturgy.sluhostedsites.org>

PENTECOST SUNDAY, 24 May 2026

On 24 May, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost in the parish hall following the 10:00 am Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to join this special celebration of our parish community.

Please wear traditional attire and bring a plate of ethnic finger food to share.



A Mother's Day BLESSING

Blessed is the Mother
Who lets the *Lord*
be her guiding hand,
Whose *faith* brings her
family *courage*,
Whose *wisdom* comes
from *God*,
and whose *children*
still stand and *honor* her.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

We need two catechists to teach the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10 am Masses on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. If you can help, please email Sylvia Hartley on aldonsylvia@gmail.com

CANOPY & CARPARK FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

Donations Received thus far — \$233,384.36

Fr Pio, together with the PPC and the Works & Finance Team, sincerely thanks all our parishioners for your generous support, which has enabled the Parish to begin this project with assistance from the Diocese.

Our fundraising mission continues, and the Parish will require your ongoing support over the next three years. We humbly appeal to each of you to consider setting up a weekly Automatic Payment using the details provided below. Even a contribution of \$5 per week would make a meaningful difference to this initiative.

A gentle reminder that for every dollar you contribute to the Parish, you are eligible for a 33-cent tax rebate/refund.

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!!***



Safeguarding

Safeguarding contacts:

Parish Safeguarding Officer : Vidya Furtado
Email : safeguarding@stthomasmore.org.nz
Phone : 09-444 8624

Parish Complaints Officer : Felise Naufahu
Email : complaints@stthomasmore.org.nz
Phone : 09-444 8624

Diocese Safeguarding Co-ordinator : Lisa-May Gray
Email : lisam@cda.org.nz
Phone : 09-360 3019

Executive Officer / Chancellor for the Bishop's Office
Alison Munro
Email : alisonm@cda.org.nz
Phone : 09-360 3003

National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS)
Email : prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz
Phone : 0800 114 622

THE WORD OF GOD

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Monday

Acts 16:11-15
John 15:26-16:4

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34
John 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
John 16:12-15

Thursday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
John 15:9-17

St Mattias, Apostle

Friday

Acts 18:9-18
John 16:20-23

Saturday

Acts 18:23-28
John 16:23-28

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



**Tongan
Community**

Baptism Preparation Courses 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

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

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



Holy Cross Seminary
www.holycross.org.nz

Parish Fundraising Craft and Baking Sale

Spoil Mum (and all the wonderful women in your life!)

Pop in this Sunday, 10 May 2026, before and after the
10am Mass for a gorgeous little treasure trove of
handmade goodies including snugly knitted slipper socks
to keep toes toasty; Pretty hand towels & handbags; Cute
drawstring gift bags for all ages and a tempting spread of
baked treats — shortbread, chocolate slice, Louise slice...
and a few extra surprises

Come for Mass, stay for the treats, and
leave with something special

Items available from just \$5.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the Parish Office will be
closed from 12:00pm on Wednesday,
13 May 2026 and will reopen on
Wednesday, 20th May 2026.

During this period, I will not have phone coverage.

For any urgent matters, please contact Fr Pio at
parishpriest@stthomasmore.org.nz / piofw@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your understanding

Sacramental Programme 2026



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

2026 Tax Donation receipts available from the church
foyer. Any problems and/or updates please email Trevlyn
at the parish office on office@stthomasmore.co.nz

PROLIFE FACTS

Euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada are
known as Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID),
and an estimated 16,000 Canadians are offered or choose this
option each year. The practice has become so routine that
earlier this year a Catholic priest reported being offered MAID
twice while in hospital, despite explaining that it was
incompatible with his vocation. The Euthanasia Prevention
Coalition recently noted that Health Canada does not require
MAID to be recorded as a cause of death. Doctors are also not
required to attempt effective treatment for life-threatening
illnesses before offering MAID as an alternative. Research
from the Netherlands suggests around 20% of euthanasia
deaths go unreported. The Coalition argues that if MAID is not
listed on Canadian death certificates, unreported cases
become nearly impossible to identify.

Visit voiceforlife.org.nz for more pro-life info.

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:
Synodality – Muffin Talk in two languages with Alvaro Cardenal
Ramazzini

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/05/02/synodality-muffin-talk-with-alvaro-cardenal-ramazzini/>
For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

TO RENT: 3-Bedroom House – Glenfield / Bayview

kitchen with dishwasher, 1 bathroom plus separate
toilet, 2 heat pumps, Carport + 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/2026/04/CELEBRATING-SIXTH-SUNDAY-of-EASTER.pdf>

**Parents pondering: MAKING JESUS OUR
TRUE NORTH**

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Making-Jesus-Our-True-North.pdf>



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! **30th of May, 2026**. Starts at
10am with Thanksgiving Mass. Followed by Social
Entertainment until 3pm. Join us at the Migrant
Chaplaincy Rise Up & Shine Festival, where every
bite tells a story and every dance spark joy.

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 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. Please see the poster for
details and Registration

Evangelion in conjunction with the Sydney
Diocese, Hamilton Diocese and the John Paul II
Centre for Life, Christchurch, is bringing Mike and
Alicia Hernon from *The Messy Family Project* to
New Zealand. Please come and show your support
for our ministry and theirs by attending one of their
events below. For more details visit: [Evangelion |
Spreading the Gospel in New Zealand](http://Evangelion.SpreadingtheGospelinNewZealand).

Auckland event: "Q & A with Mike and Alicia
Hernon" Saturday **16th May 2026** - 2pm, Sacred
Heart Parish Hall, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby,
Auckland

Mission Hub Accompanying Others in Faith -
Thresholds of Conversion & Evangelising
Conversations How do we journey with others as
they move closer to Christ? This session is in
collaboration with the Catholic Enquiry Centre.
Monday **18 May** - 7:00-8:30pm (NZT) – Online - All
are welcome. Register: bit.ly/missionhubmay2026

The Upper Room Wednesday 20th May 6:30pm
Good George Mission Bay Young adults, you
won't want to miss this! Join us for a night of faith
and fellowship in this special interview-style event,
James Bergin will sit down with Frank Ritchie to
explore his remarkable journey - from serving as a
Wesleyan Methodist minister to entering the
Catholic Church this Easter just past. For more
info and tickets go to @AKCYM on Facebook or
search for the-upper-room-may-2026 on Humanitix

Jubilee Year of St Francis (1226-2026)
Franciscan Friars Vocation Dinner – Auckland.
You are warmly invited to join the Franciscan Friars
for an evening of prayer, fellowship, and
conversation. Wednesday, **27 May** - 6:00pm (Mass
and Evening Prayer, followed by a shared meal) at
St Francis Retreat Centre (50 Hillsborough Road,
Mt Roskill, Auckland). RSVP / Enquiries: Br Philip
Jeffares OFM +64 210 414 642 Br Yornes
Pangpur OFM +64 225 259 93 Email: [voca-
tions@franciscans.org.au](mailto:vocations@franciscans.org.au)

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. Dates: Wed evenings **starting 6th
May**; Hillsborough, Auckland. For more information
visit theologyofthebody.nz

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. Please contact: Dianna Fouhy,
diannaf@cda.org.nz and see the poster for details.

St Michael's Parish Remuera Scripture Study:
"THE EXODUS" by Dr Dan Stollenwerk. 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.

The Week of Prayer For Christian Unity falls on
17-24 May. Gather your people, join us and the
other Christian Church communities to the
Ecumenical Day of Prayer for Christian Unity
7:00pm on Friday **29th May 2026** at St John
Presbyterian Church, 422 Mt Albert Road, Mt
Roskill. Owairaka and Three Kings parishioners
encouraged to attend. It is our calling to be
synodal, to 'reshape' our ways to be Catholic