



The Solemnity of Pentecost

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 17 May 2026

Exploring The WORD

“As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit...”

We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus’s ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word.

It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the ‘seal’ of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.

Pentecost Prayer

Spirit of Christ, stir me; Spirit of Christ, move me;
Spirit of Christ, fill me; Spirit of Christ, seal me.

Consecrate in me Your Heart and Will,
O Heavenly Father.

Create in me a fountain of virtues.

Seal my soul as Your own,
that Your reflection in me may be
a light for all to see. Amen.

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

Dreams And Visions

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.

“Thus says the Lord: I will pour out my spirit upon all mankind. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall see visions.” The coming of the Spirit should fill us with dreams and visions of a better world. Let us dream, in the Spirit, of a classless society in which all people are regarded and treated as equals. Let us dream, in the Spirit, of a nonviolent world in which there is no war, no terrorist attacks on innocent people, no murder, and no death penalty. Let us dream, in the Spirit, of a world of economic justice in which all people have their basic needs met, and no one lives in poverty, hunger, or homelessness. Let us dream, in the Spirit, of a world of love, forgiveness, and service.
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.



Sacramental Programme 2026

Please note that applications for the 2026 Sacramental Programme are now **CLOSED**, as the programme is already well underway. Thank you for your understanding.

JOSHUA

Catholic Men's Fellowship – North Shore

Men of faith are warmly invited to come together for an evening of fellowship, prayer, and spiritual growth.

Topic:

A Journey of Hope - Combating Pornography on the Internet

Presenter:

Fr Robert Steele

priest and author helping people find healing, freedom and hope in Christ

Date: Wednesday, 27th May 2026

St Thomas More Church,
Glenfield, Auckland 0629

- 7:00 PM – Fellowship
- 7:30 PM – Praise & Worship followed by talk

Join us for an inspiring evening of brotherhood, faith, and encouragement.

All men are warmly invited.

Enquiries: Tet-Woo – 021 038 0196
Dominic – 021 100 3694

CANOPY & CARPARK FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

Donations Received thus far — \$234,981.36

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!!

THE WORD OF GOD

Vigil Mass

Genesis 11:1-9
Romans 8:22-27
John 7:37-39

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

Monday

1 Peter 1:3-9
Mark 10:17-27

Our Lady, Help of Christians

Tuesday

1 Peter 1:10-16
Mark 10:28-31

St Philip Neri, priest

Wednesday

1 Peter 1:18-25
Mark 10:32-45

Thursday

1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12
Mark 10:46-52

Friday

1 Peter 4:7-13
Mark 11:11-26

Saturday

Jude 17:20-25
Mark 11:27-33

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 Thanks giving Mass. Followed by Social Entertainment until 3pm. Music, Zumba, Food stalls and Cultural Show.

Youth Day Launch On the 7th of June at Holy Family Korean Parish, Flatbush, Begins with mass at 2:30 pm with Bishop Steve Lowe. Priests are welcome to join this mass with their parish's young adult groups, there will be sessions and programmes to follow after Mass.

Fr Paul Turner Ars Celebrandi Workshop The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference warmly invites clergy, parish liturgy teams, school staff, deacons, and all involved in the preparation of the sacred liturgy to a special workshop with international liturgist Fr Paul Turner. Inspired by Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter Desiderio Desideravi, this workshop will explore the ars celebrandi, the art of celebrating the liturgy with reverence, understanding, and fidelity to the mind and heart of the Church. As pastor of diverse parishes, he spent many years ministering in a state prison, serving an Hispanic and multi-ethnic community, and providing assistance to the homeless. **Date:** Saturday **25th July.** **Venue:** Christ the King Church, Owairaka, 260 Richardson Rd, Mt Roskill. **Time:** Parish Mass @ 9am Sessions start at 10am to 2.30pm. Morning Tea provided. BYO Lunch please. Register at: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/paul-turner/

Canon Law in Practice Webinar Series - Msgr Brendan Daly will be leading a three-part webinar series in **June 2026** titled Canon Law in Practice. These webinars may be of particular interest to Church leaders, clergy, canonists, tribunal staff, safeguarding practitioners, victim assistance personnel, and others involved in pastoral and safeguarding ministry. Please see the attached posters for further information and registration details. Please note: all sessions will begin at 7.00pm NZT.

World Youth Day Auckland 2026 10:00am-8:30pm Saturday **1st August** at Victory Convention Centre. Join over 1,800 young Catholics at Victory Convention Centre for World Youth Day Auckland 2026 - a massive, joy-filled day of faith, community and WITNESS. For more info and to register go to: <https://events.humanitix.com/world-youth-day-auckland-2026>

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 Panggur OFM +64 225 259 93 Email: vocations@franciscans.org.au

Billings Life NZ Seminar: Billings Life NZ will host a two-day Natural Fertility Awareness seminar in Whanganui on **June 19 and 20.** The event is designed for couples using or considering the Billings Ovulation Method, health professionals or others wanting to learn more about the method, and people interested in becoming accredited Billings teachers. Find out more and register at www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar

Rebuild My Church - Dr Mary Healy Join internationally renowned Catholic theologian Dr Mary Healy this June in Hamilton for Rebuild My Church, a three-night formation series at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Hamilton (**June 9–11**). Known around the world for her engaging teaching on Scripture and the Holy Spirit, Dr Healy helps people hear God's voice more clearly and grow in confidence in the gifts He gives for the building up of the Church. This is a wonderful opportunity for clergy, parish leaders, and anyone seeking to deepen their faith and grow in service to the Church. All are warmly invited. [Full details and registration are available here](#)

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: contact Mike Lobo (021) 2809285 or Greg Sullivan (021) 437747 Link: <https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/joshua-40th-anniversary-celebration-rotorua>

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" More information at www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026



SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI 7th June 2026

We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament half hour **BEFORE** all Masses, that is at 5 pm, 7.30 am and 9.30 am. It is a sacred time to offer our quiet prayers, praise and thanks to the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Please maintain respectful silence at this time. Thank you

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Job Vacancy - Youth Minister Catholic Parish of New Plymouth, Diocese of Palmerston North. The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth in the Diocese of Palmerston North is seeking a vibrant and faith-filled Youth Minister to lead and grow youth engagement in the parish. This role involves running youth groups and events, leading the Confirmation programme, building strong relationships with local Catholic colleges, and encouraging young people to take an active part in parish life. For the full position description contact sl@catholicparishnp.nz. Applications close **30 May**

IMPORTANT: PARISH ONLINE REGISTRATION

All **new** and **existing** parishioners of St Thomas More Parish are kindly requested to register your family online if you have not already done so. An easy step-by-step presentation is available in the foyer for reference.

For new registrations, please make use of your Registration Number when making donations. This helps simplify the posting process in the accounting system. Registration and/or Pledge Numbers are also used to generate Tax Receipts at the end of the year.

Thank you for your registration and support.

PROLIFE FACTS

Right to Life, active since 1975, defends human life from conception to natural death. It challenges unjust laws, monitors government agencies, pursues legal accountability, informs media, educates the public, supports women, and collaborates nationally. **For more pro-life information, visit righttolife.org.nz.**

TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Mary Untier of Knots with Beate Matthes
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:
Álvaro Cardinal Ramazzini on Synodality (English/Spanish)
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/05/02/synodality-muffin-talk-with-alvaro-cardenal-ramazzini/>
Ecumenism & the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (with the late Pat Lythe)
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/07/24/pat-lythe-ecumenism/>
For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

Kids Corner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/CELEBRATING-PENTECOST-SUNDAY.pdf>

Parents pondering: THE True MIRACLE of PENTECOST
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/The-True-Miracle-of-Pentecost.pdf>



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



Iraqi
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