



## 5th Sunday of Easter Year A

St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, 3 May 2026

### Exploring The WORD

We continue to explore the meaning of baptism, of membership of the Church, of living a life which has been immersed in the life and death of Jesus Christ: in other words, we continue our 'Mystagogy' - our training in the mystery of Baptism and the other Sacraments. We hear more about 'who Jesus is', with another 'I am' statement: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". We are baptised into his way, his truth and his life. We hear about the earliest community struggling with the life they are called to by baptism, and Peter again reminds us that baptism builds us into a 'spiritual house' with Jesus as our cornerstone. The mystery of the Church is clearly before us today: the Church is the community of those baptised in Christ, the pilgrim people walking with Christ (who has shown us the Father) to the place he has prepared for us. Today's reading can perhaps make us think a little about how we form part of this 'spiritual house', the Church, as we journey to the Father.

### PRAYER THIS WEEK

Lord Jesus,  
Help us to see your truth as the only truth.  
Help us to follow your way as the only way  
Help us to live your life to the full.

When our flesh begins to pull away,  
Lord, pull us back  
with reminders of who you are  
and who you call us to be.

Jesus, remind us each day  
that you are the way,  
you are the truth, and you are life.

By your grace, we live freely  
in who you are, and  
may we always celebrate that  
and steward people  
to follow you. *Amen*

### EASTER SPIRITUALITY

#### Mission to Proclaim

The risen Jesus is "the way, and the truth, and the life." Jesus is the way, the path to eternal life with the Father: "no one comes to the Father but through me." To try another way is to ensure failure. Jesus is the truth, the word of God. To seek the truth elsewhere is to "stumble and fall," to deal in falsehood and lie. Jesus is the life, the God who has "filled all ages with the words of a new song." To live outside of Christ is to die. Those who follow Jesus faithfully are a chosen race, "a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation." They are chosen to "proclaim the glorious works" of God. They are priestly mediators "offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God." They are consecrated to "the One who called you from darkness." Built on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ, they are a powerful community, descending from that early church where "the word of God continued to spread and the number of disciples ... enormously increased." When Jesus, who had suffered the death of the cross for mankind, had risen, He appeared as the one constituted as Lord, Christ and eternal Priest, and He poured out on His disciples the Spirit promised by the Father. From this source the Church, equipped with the gifts of its Founder and faithfully guarding His precepts of charity, humility and self-sacrifice, receives the mission to proclaim and to spread among all peoples the Kingdom of Christ and of God. *Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 1965:5. Gerald Darring/ <https://liturgy.sluhostedsites.org>*

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

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



Saturday, 9 May 2026 at 9:15 am



#### 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

#### Parish Fundraising for the Canopy Project and the Carpark

##### Craft and Baking Sale

After Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses this weekend, 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.

#### 2026 Tax Donation receipts.

If you have supplied me with an email address, you should have received your **Tax Donation receipt via email**. Otherwise please collect your receipt from the church foyer.

Any problems and/or updates please email Trevlyn at the parish office on [office@stthomasmore.co.nz](mailto:office@stthomasmore.co.nz)



### Safeguarding

#### Safeguarding contacts:

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### CANOPY & CARPARK FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

Donations Received thus far — \$231,409.21

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

Parishioners are encouraged to register online to receive a registration number. This number can also serve as your Pledge number if you do not already have one. We warmly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and participate in the St Thomas More Planned Giving Scheme.



You may also wish to set up Automatic Payments through your bank, similar to your regular Planned Giving contributions, using the details provided below.

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

### 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7  
1 Peter 2:4-9  
John 14:1-12

#### Monday

Acts 15:36-16:10  
John 14:21-26

#### Tuesday

Acts 16:11-40  
John 14:27-31

#### Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6  
John 15:1-8

#### Thursday

Acts 15:7-21  
John 15:9-11

#### Friday

Acts 15:22-31  
John 15:12-17

#### Saturday

Acts 16:1-10  
John 15:18-21

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



South African  
Community

### 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)

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



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



**The Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy**  
has grown by 900% over the past 18 months,  
driven by a growing awareness of, and interest in,  
Catholicism among students.

The Chaplaincy now has a presence at the **University of  
Auckland, AUT, MIT and Massey University**. The Holy  
Spirit is moving—and we are struggling to keep up!  
We are therefore seeking **parishioners passionate about  
their faith** who are willing to offer a few hours a week to  
help support this mission through **small groups, various  
events and on-campus Masses**.

If you feel called to help, please contact **Daniel Story** at  
[dans@cda.org.nz](mailto:dans@cda.org.nz)

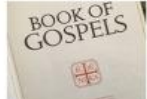


### Mass of the Neophytes

Pentecost Sunday  
24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

4:30pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick  
and St Joseph

All who were baptised at Easter 2026 or  
received into full communion in the last  
12 months are invited to attend with their  
godparents and other supporters.  
Our mass is a time for us all to celebrate  
our new initiated drawing them on on  
their discipleship.



### 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'olelefololesapau@gmail.com](mailto:sa'olelefololesapau@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:  
NZ Burundi Health Clinic – Muffin Talk with Butoyi Dieudonne  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/04/28/burundi-health-clinic-muffin-talk-with-butoyi-dieudonne/>

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

### CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

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

**Parents pondering: A SHORT STORY OF  
HOPE**  
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/A-Short-Story-of-Hope.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! **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.

**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) Register by Monday 4th May

**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*  
and is open to all and could also be a welcoming  
place for those who have come through RCIA and  
Alpha to gather in communion with other  
parishioners. 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.

**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. Owaraka and Three Kings parishioners  
encouraged to attend. Let us respond to Christ'  
prayer to the Father, "That may they all be one." It  
is our calling to be synodal, to 'reshape' our ways to  
be Catholic

**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)