

## Message from Bishop Browne

As the Parish of Saint Thomas More celebrates 35 years since the opening of the church, I happily add my best wishes to Father Alfredo Garcia and all the parishioners.

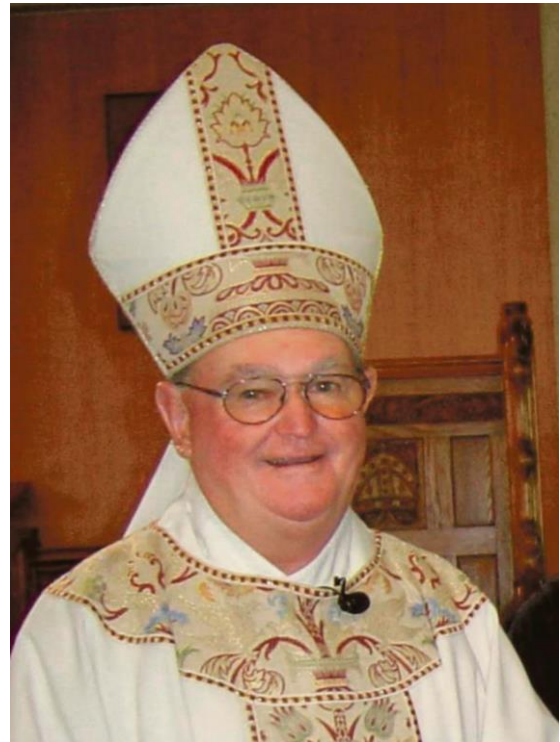
I well remember the day of the blessing of the church 35 years ago. Bishop John Mackey had resigned as bishop of Auckland on January 1st 1983. The Apostolic Administrator appointed by the Holy Father was Bishop John Rodgers. Bishop Rodgers kindly allowed me to share the blessing of the new church with him as my brother, Father Neville Browne was the Parish Priest at that time and had been very involved in the planning and building of the new church.

At the time I was the Bishop of Rarotonga. Later in that year I was appointed Bishop of Auckland and subsequently enjoyed many visits to Glenfield parish.

As you celebrate 35 years since the opening of the church, I join with you all in thanking God for the many, many blessings that God has given you all over the years.

God bless you.

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Bishop Emeritus of Hamilton



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