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A Message from the Bishop of Auckland

FOREWORD

It is my great pleasure to send greetings to the clergy and parishioners of St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield, as you celebrate the 35th Foundation Day of the Parish on 1 May 2018. As you know, the Church was dedicated on 1 May 1983 by Bishop John Rodgers.

As part of the Parish celebrations, this delightful book encapsulating the history of the Parish is being launched to mark the occasion. Over a year in the making, and involving the contributions of parishioners old and new, this book highlights the early years of the community, the building of the Church and the hall, the contribution of the early priests assigned to the Parish (especially Father Neville Browne and the Rosmini Fathers), many wonderful stories and memories from parishioners and, more recently, the dynamic and multicultural presence offered by the various different ethnic groups to the Parish.

Father Alfredo Garcia and his committee have worked hard to bring about this publication, which represents all those who have collectively participated in the life of the Parish. I encourage you all to join in celebrating the many wonderful events that have been planned as part of the Foundation anniversary celebrations.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I pray God will continue to richly bless all involved with St Thomas More Parish as you strive to be disciples of God's mercy and compassion to all whom you encounter.

Be assured of my prayers for you all at this special time.

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Bishop of Auckland

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