

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend
and didst the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence,
and through thy Passion tide,
yea, evermore, in life and death,
Jesus! with us abide.

Abide with us, that so,
this life of suffering o'er past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last!

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From earth bound passion set me free,
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
by care and woe oppressed;
Let me your loving servant be,
And taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Amid the bitter strife;
through all my pain and misery
become my health and life

Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point to the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the trial is past,
I may your radiant glory see,
and share your joy at last.

AMEN:



COMMUNION HYMN:

Even if I had committed
every possible crime,
forever would I have the same
confidence,
because I know that this
multitude of offences
is but a drop of water
thrown into a blazing fire,
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Oh how I need a heart
burning with tenderness,
On whom I can rely with no turning back
who loves me as I am
and even my weakness,
and who will leave me not
throughout both day and night,
and who will leave me not
throughout both day and night.

I was not able to find
any other living creature
who loved me in this way
and who would never die,
because I need a God
who makes Himself like me,
whom I can call a brother,
and who can suffer too,
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Oh yes I know this well,
that all our acts of justice
do not have in your eyes
the slightest worth at all,
and so to give a price
to all my sacrifices,
I want to throw them all
into your heart divine.
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into your heart divine.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways!

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive a fresh against the foe,
should strive, and should prevail.

And that the highest gift of grace
should flesh and blood refine:
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all divine.

O generous love! that he who smote
in man for man the foe, the double
agony in Man for man should under go.

And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high, should teach
his brethren, and inspire to suffer and
to die.

*"Miss no single opportunity of
making some small sacrifice,
here by a smiling look,
there by a kindly word;
always doing the smallest right
and doing it all for love."
- St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus*

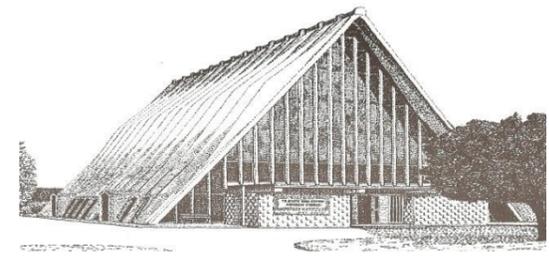
**World War II. U.S. Marines receive Holy Communion from a
Marine chaplain on March 3, 1945, on the island of Iwo Jima in
the Pacific.**



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

4th Sunday of Lent

11th March 2018



First Reading. 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23;

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

They burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: "Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "the Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

Responsorial Psalm. Psalm 136(137):1-6;

℟. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you.

Second Reading. Ephesians 2:4-10;

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel. John 3:14-21;

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

***"Prayer is an aspiration of the heart. It is a simple glance directed to heaven.
It is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy."***

- St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

**When you receive
Holy Communion,
close your bodily
eyes so that you
may open the eyes
of your soul. Then
look upon Jesus in
the centre of your
heart.**



THE CROSS VS THE CRUCIFIX



The Crucifix (a Cross with a Corpus) is the symbol used by the Catholic Church, in contrast with some denominations that use only a bare cross. So what should you as a Catholic promote?

Christ obtained our salvation by dying on the Cross. Yes, the cross is a simple Christian symbol, but we should always remember Who was upon the cross and died there for us. The cross did not of itself redeem us. Jesus Christ redeemed us on the cross.

If Jesus isn't on the Cross any more, why have a cross at all? "We proclaim Christ crucified!" (1 Cor. 1:23) An empty cross is empty. Without Jesus, it is not complete.

LENTEN FEATURE



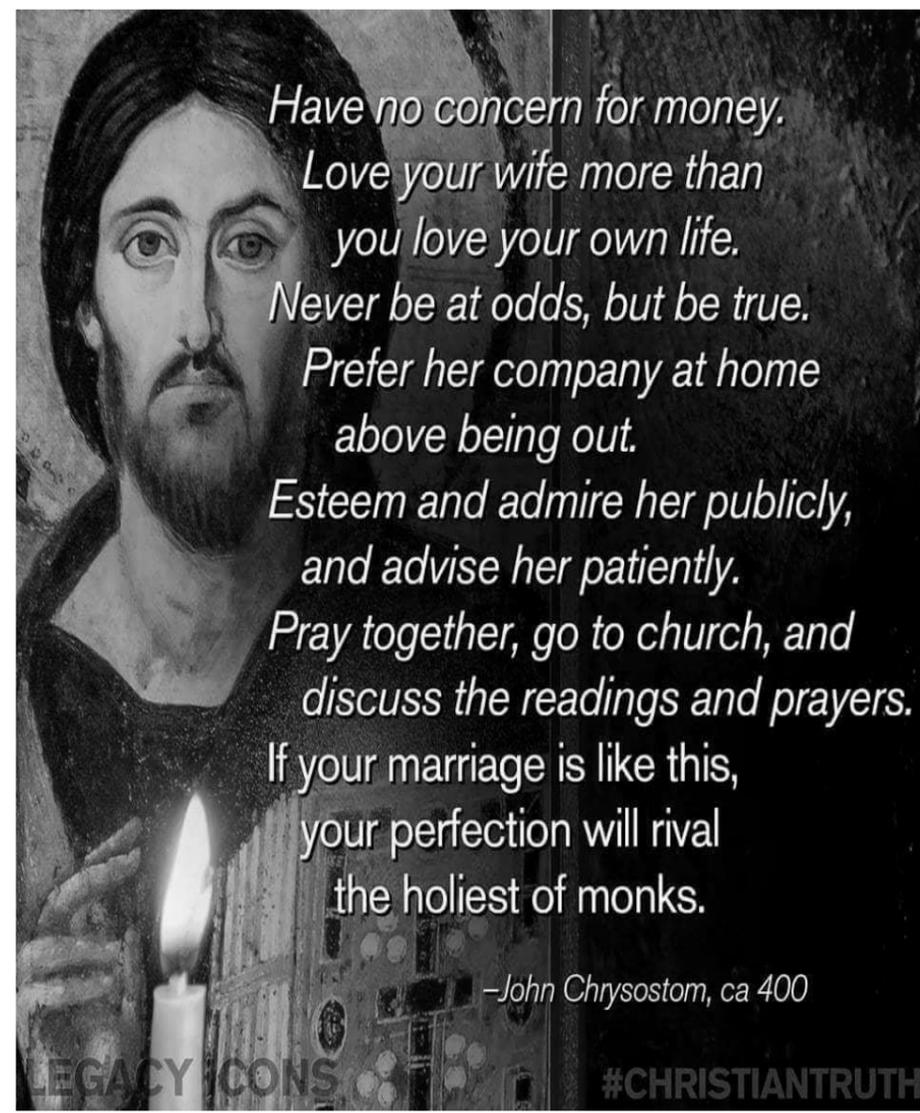
I.N.R.I.



The letters "INRI" are initials for the Latin title that Pontius Pilate had written over the head of Jesus Christ on the cross (John 19:19). The words were:

- I ~ Iesvs
- N ~ Nazarenvs
- R ~ Rex
- I ~ Ivdæorvm

The English translation is "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Latin uses 'I' instead of the English 'J', and 'V' instead of 'U'.



*Have no concern for money.
 Love your wife more than
 you love your own life.
 Never be at odds, but be true.
 Prefer her company at home
 above being out.
 Esteem and admire her publicly,
 and advise her patiently.
 Pray together, go to church, and
 discuss the readings and prayers.
 If your marriage is like this,
 your perfection will rival
 the holiest of monks.*

-John Chrysostom, ca 400

LEGACY CONS #CHRISTIANTRUTH

**NEXT SUNDAY:
18 March 2018**

5th Sunday of Lent (Yr B)
Jer 31:31 - 34; Heb 5:7 -9; Jn 12:20-33;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: A. Leifi, J. Bright
Prayers of the Faithful: M. Tagiilima
Offertory: O & E Ahio
Special Ministers: M. Tupai

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

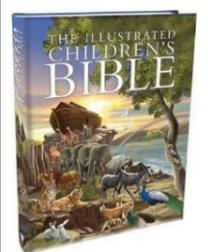
La'akulu Family

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

11 Mar: Bernadette Williams, Melva Molloy **12 Mar:** Joyce Fitzgerald and Terry Fitzgerald **14 Mar:** Donald Ah Loo **16 Mar:** Ravindra Prasad **17 Mar:** Sr. Genevieve, Mate Urlich and Jim Lyons

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$ 870.53
Priests	\$ 435.27
Total Cash	\$ 1,305.80



Illustrated Children's Bible For Sale

We have 1 left \$26 each. See Ellen, if you would like to purchase one.

Pledge Envelopes - Please note that the Pledge Envelopes will be available for collection from **this Sunday** till **Sunday 18th March**

NOTICES FOR THE PARISH

TO NOTE: SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Classes for First Confession have started.

LENT: STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday @ 7pm during Lent.

NOTICES FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

Marcellin College: celebrates its 60th Jubilee 23-25 March 2018. Registrations via the school website: www.marcellin.school.nz. Last day to register is 12 March.

Lenten Inner Healing Retreat: at Holy Cross Church, Henderson. Lead by Jesus My Light Inner Healing Ministry. Involves 2 days, Saturdays 17th and 24th March, 9.30am - 5.30pm. Starts with mass. All welcome, No fee, love offering accepted. Enquiries: Reggis Betsy 098263937/0274040129/0211653856, betsjes@gmail.com

Evening Retreat on the Triduum: Join us for two evening retreats focusing on the **Three Great Days of Easter - The Triduum**. A night of songs, reflections and preparation to enable full understanding and participation in the Triduum Liturgies. St. Joseph, Takapuna - Tuesday 13th March 6:30pm - 9pm, Holy Cross, Henderson - Thursday 15th March 6:30pm - 9pm. For catering reasons please register by emailing liturgycentre@cda.org.nz

MARRIED COUPLES: Revitalise and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND -25-27 May at Mt Richmond Hotel Mt Wellington - BOOK NOW! - Phone Christine & David Sloan 372-3581 or Email: david.christinesloan@gmail.com

Staff Vacancy - Pompallier Diocesan Centre - Coordinator, Pastoral Office: The Pastoral Office seeks an enthusiastic committed person to work as Coordinator to provide administrative support to specified Diocesan groups and working parties, and to provide formation, resources and advice to pastoral councils in parishes and chaplaincies and clergy throughout the Diocese. This is a full time position of 40 hours a week For full details please visit the Diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, go to Quicklinks and Staff vacancies. Applications close midday Friday 6 April 2018