



Holy Family Parish

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9th September 2018



First Reading. Isaiah 35:4-7;

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you. 'Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm. Psalm 145(146):7-10;

℟. Praise the Lord my Soul

*It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed,
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. ℟.*

*It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the lord, who protects the stranger. ℟.*

*He upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked,
The Lord will reign forever and ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. ℟.*

Second Reading. James 2:1-5;

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel. Mark 7:31-37;

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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SUNDAY
7TH OCTOBER 2018
AT 3PM

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THESE ALL WITH ONE MIND WERE CONTINUALLY DEVOTING THEMSELVES TO PRAYER, ALONG WITH THE WOMEN, AND MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS.
ACTS 1:14

Bishop Patrick Dunn invites us and our parish to join with other Catholic communities in Aotearoa-New Zealand to pray the Holy Rosary on Sunday 7th October 2018 at 3pm.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and this spiritual effort is being coordinated around the country to bring all Catholics together to pray the Rosary for NZ and all its challenges and troubles.

We will gather at 3pm in the Church here in Te Atatu on the 7th of October to join our hearts in this collective prayer, asking Our Mother in Heaven...

to protect our country from evil forces,
to assist us to live the Gospel faithfully,
to bless all families and children, and
to help bring about a culture of life and compassion.

Please come along to pray,...

If you can't be present, join us in prayer wherever you might be.

The saints understood how great an outrage sin is against God. Some of them passed their lives in weeping for their sins.

St Peter wept all his life; he was still weeping at his death.

St Bernard used to say,

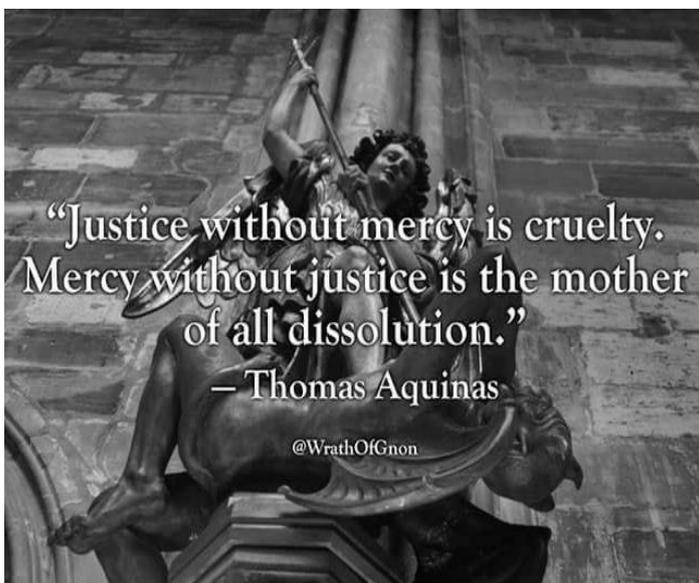
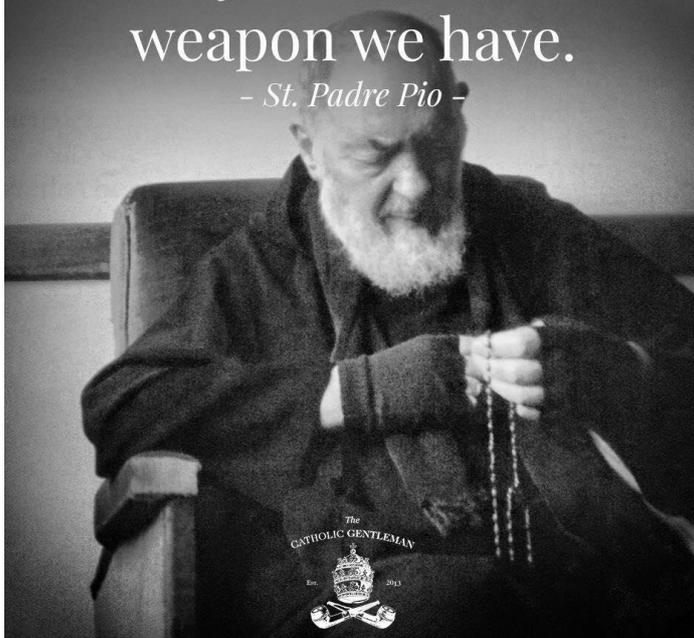
'Lord! Lord! it is I who fastened You to the Cross!

*St John Vianney
(1786-1859)*

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Prayer is the best weapon we have.

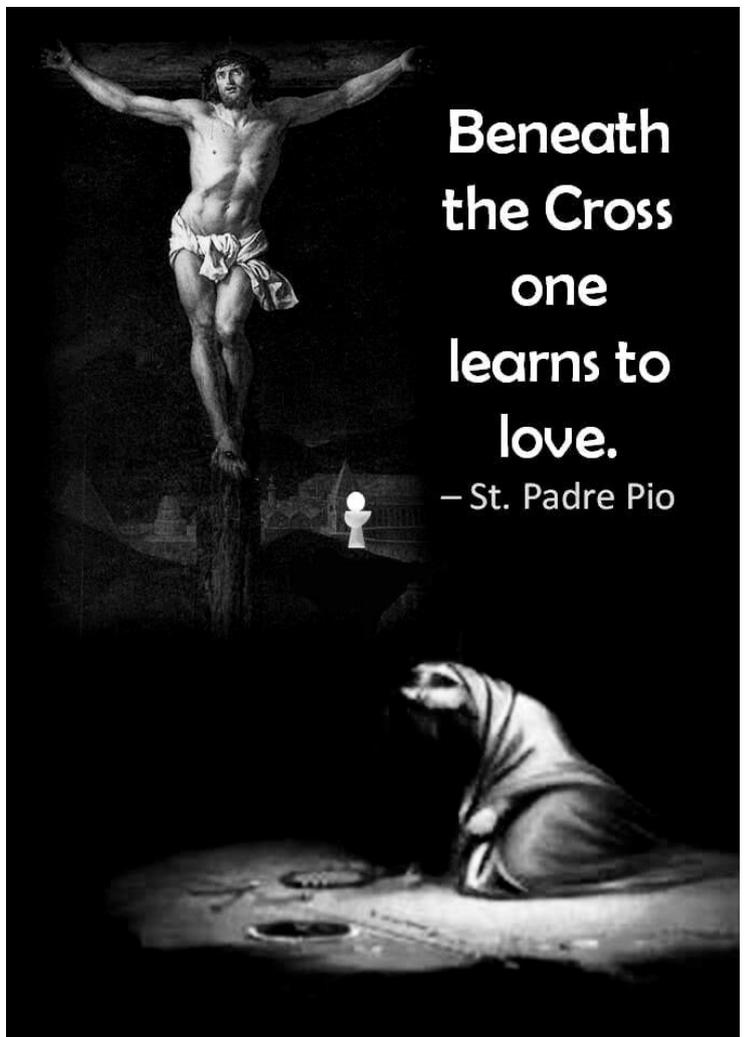
- St. Padre Pio -



“Justice without mercy is cruelty. Mercy without justice is the mother of all dissolution.”

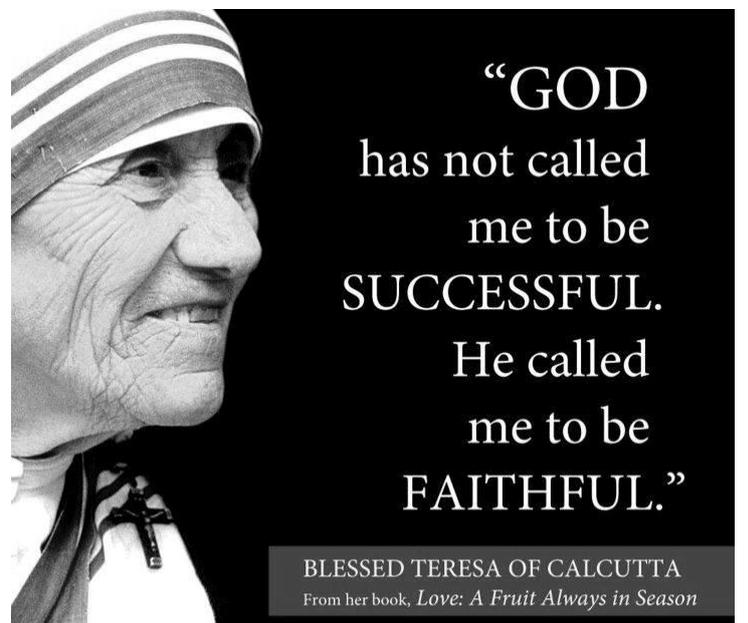
– Thomas Aquinas

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**Beneath
the Cross
one
learns to
love.**

– St. Padre Pio



“GOD
has not called
me to be
SUCCESSFUL.
He called
me to be
FAITHFUL.”

BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA
From her book, *Love: A Fruit Always in Season*

“Patience is not a spineless submission to the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune; it is not a mere gritting of teeth or hanging on; it is rather the acceptance of what we would reject, the bearing of what we hate, a renewed decision, day after day to accept what we do not want, and to suffer without complaint what we cannot change.”

~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen

PRAYER IN DISCOURAGEMENT

MY JESUS, relieve me of my discouragement. My devotion has vanished; spiritual thoughts no longer soothe my troubled soul. Even the remembrances of Your passion and of Your Blessed Mother grow dim before my vision. O Jesus, do not forsake me. Help me, help me! I am resolved not to omit a single one of my devotions. Hear me, O my God, strengthen and increase my faith. Keep me from yielding to temptation. You said, "My yoke is sweet; my burden is light." Have mercy on me, for wheresoever I turn I see only obstacles and difficulties. Were my faith strong I would accept my trials; but alas, I feel only impatience, doubt and discouragement. My soul, hold fast to Jesus. How faint-hearted and childish I am! All my comfort, all my joy must come from You. Bring me closer to You when temptations assail me. Help me not to fail. O Lord, my God, I cast myself entirely into Your Hands. Worn out by the struggle, I will rest beneath Your cross; pray for me in my desolation of soul.

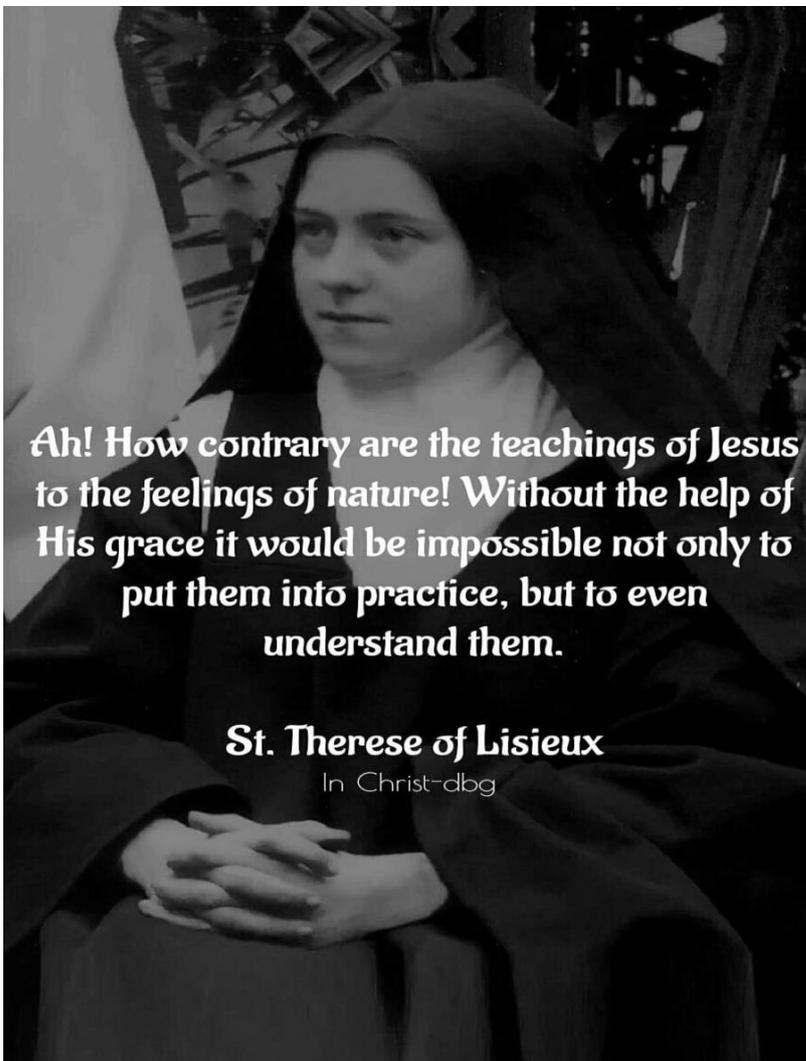
JESUS, BE MERCIFUL TO ME. AMEN.

A prayer by Saint John Neumann (1811-1860)

Act of Contrition

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My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His Name, my God, have mercy. Amen.



Ah! How contrary are the teachings of Jesus to the feelings of nature! Without the help of His grace it would be impossible not only to put them into practice, but to even understand them.

St. Therese of Lisieux

In Christ-dbg

Prayers Before a Crucifix

Most high, glorious God, cast Your light into the darkness of my heart. Give me right faith, firm hope, perfect charity and profound humility, with wisdom and perception, O Lord, so that I may do what is truly Your holy will.
Amen. -St. Francis of Assisi

Behold, O kind and gentle Jesus, I kneel before You and pray that You would impress upon my heart the virtues of faith, hope, and charity, with true repentance for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment. At the same time, with sorrow I meditate on Your five precious wounds, having in mind the words which David spoke in prophecy: "They have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones."

We adore you O Christ and we bless you, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Gather, Lord, Your people,
called to be Your Bride,
formed by Blood and Water
flowing from Your side,
joined with You in baptism,
washed to give rebirth,
she filled with Your Spirit,
shall renew the earth.

You the one true Shepherd,
searching for the lost,
You the Lamb of offering,
counting not the cost,
You have called each one by name,
each Your precious choice,
May we enter by Your gate,
listening to your voice.

At Your mother's pleading,
You gave finest wine,
Now Your Church implores You,
Jesus fruitful vine.
Heed the thirsting of her heart,
and bring forth a flood,
Open wide the fountain of Your
Precious Blood.

Send Your Holy Spirit,
by that Blood outpoured,
making us one Body,
Temple of the Lord.
With Your sev'n fold gifts descend,
font of Charity, that we may cry
"Abba", and true children be.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

The Church's one Foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and
the Word: From Heav'n he came and
sought her to be his holy bride; with
his own blood he brought her, and for
her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all
the earth, her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy
Name she blesses, partakes one holy
food, And to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men
see her sore oppressed. By schisms
rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch, are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?" And
soon the night of weeping shall be the
morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of
her war, she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore; till with the
vision glorious her longing eyes are
blest, And the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God
the Three in One, and mystic sweet
communion with those whose rest is
won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give
us grace that we, like them, the meek
and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

COMMUNION HYMN:

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst
pray that all thy Church might be for
ever one, grant us at every Eucharist
to say with longing heart and soul,
"thy will be done." O may we all one
Bread, one Body be, through this blest
Sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we
intercede; make thou our sad
divisions soon to cease; draw us the
nearer each to each, we plead, by
drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one Bread, one Body
be, through this blest Sacrament of
unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from
thy fold; O bring them back, good
Shepherd of the sheep, back to the
faith which saints believed of old,
back to the Church which still that
faith doth keep; soon may we all one
Bread, one Body be, through this blest
Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments
shall cease, may we be one with all
thy Church above, one with thy saints
in one unbroken peace, one with thy
saints in one unbounded love; more
blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hand and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

**NEXT SUNDAY:
16 September 2018**

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)
Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: M. D'Souza, Leslie Ahio
Prayers of the Faithful: R. Lopez
Offertory: Jarvie - Otufangavalu Family
Special Ministers: M. Tupai

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Nixon/Binu Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Samoan Community

FLOWER ARRANGING ROSTER

S. Molloy

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

9 Sept: Margaret Anderson, Albert Wallace

11 Sept: Eliza Ashton

13 Sept: Telesia Logo

14 Sept: Galvin Humphries, Phillip Trifilo Jnr

15 Sept: Heather Booth

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$ 915.50
Priests	\$ 457.80
Total Cash	\$ 1,373.30

Parish Notices

Confirmation Next Weekend -

Please pray for Grace and Jerome Jarvie -
Otufangavalu and Emma Ngau, as they
prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

- **Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 7th Sept at 7pm to Saturday 8th Sept at 6pm.
- **Sunday Evening Series with Fr. Linus Clovis:** New series of talks on "Virtue and Vice" begins tonight (Sunday 9th September) in the Bugler Centre at 7pm. All welcome.
- **Lunch at the RSA:** Some of the older parishioners are meeting at the local RSA for lunch on Wednesday 12th September at 12:00pm. Want to come?
- **Mark on your Calendar:** Quiz Night 1st December 2018

Diocesan Notices

- **International Food Fair:** on 15th Sept 2018 (Sat) 12pm at Holy Cross Parish Hall, 2 Lavelle Road, Henderson.
- **Holy Cross Seminary:** Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Vermont Street, Ponsonby, at 5.00 pm on Monday 17 September.
- **LifeFest 2018:** Attention **young people!** A one day hands-on event providing young people, 13 to 19 years. Formation-Food-Prayer-Prizes. Thursday 4th OCTOBER: 9 am to 9 pm .Epsom Girls' Grammar School, Auckland. For more info: clare.fli@xtra.co.nz txt: 021 2317954 ph: 04 2378343 or Michael on 021 825 955.
- **Candlelight Rosary Procession:** Sacred Heart College Sunday Oct 7th at 7pm, Led By Bishop Pat.