



# Holy Family Parish

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year C)

17<sup>th</sup> March 2019



## **FIRST READING : Genesis 15:5-12,17-18**

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 26(27):1,7-9,13-14**

*℟. The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

*The Lord is my light and my help, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? ℟.*

*O Lord hear my voice when I call, Have mercy and answer, of you my heart has spoken seek his face. ℟.*

*It is your face O Lord that I seek, hide not your face dismiss not your servant in anger, you have been my help. ℟.*

*I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living hope in him hold firm & take heart, hope in the Lord! ℟.*

## **SECOND READING : Philipians 3:17-4:1**

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :** *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ King of endless Glory!*

## **GOSPEL : Luke 9:28-36**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

**"IF, THEN, YOU ARE LOOKING FOR THE WAY  
BY WHICH YOU SHOULD GO, TAKE CHRIST,  
BECAUSE HE HIMSELF IS THE WAY."**

**-ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**

**CATECHISM: "YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME"**

**2110** The first commandment forbids honouring gods other than the one Lord who has revealed himself to his people. It proscribes superstition and irreligion. Superstition in some sense represents a perverse excess of religion; irreligion is the vice contrary by defect to the virtue of religion.

**SUPERSTITION**

**2111** Superstition is the deviation of religious feeling and of the practices this feeling imposes. It can even affect the worship we offer the true God, e.g., when one attributes an importance in some way magical to certain practices otherwise lawful or necessary. To attribute the efficacy of prayers or of sacramental signs to their mere external performance, apart from the interior dispositions that they demand, is to fall into superstition.<sup>41</sup>

**IDOLATRY**

**2112** The first commandment condemns polytheism. It requires man neither to believe in, nor to venerate, other divinities than the one true God. Scripture constantly recalls this rejection of "idols, [of] silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see." These empty idols make their worshippers empty: "Those who make them are like them; so are all who trust in them."<sup>42</sup> God, however, is the "living God"<sup>43</sup> who gives life and intervenes in history.

**2113** Idolatry not only refers to false pagan worship. It remains a constant temptation to faith. Idolatry consists in divinizing what is not God. Man commits idolatry whenever he honours and reveres a creature in place of God, whether this be gods or demons (for example, satanism), power, pleasure, race, ancestors, the state, money, etc. Jesus says, "You cannot serve God and mammon."<sup>44</sup> Many martyrs died for not adoring "the Beast"<sup>45</sup> refusing even to simulate such worship. Idolatry rejects the unique Lordship of God; it is therefore incompatible with communion with God.<sup>46</sup>

**2114** Human life finds its unity in the adoration of the one God. The commandment to worship the Lord alone integrates man and saves him from an endless disintegration. Idolatry is a perversion of man's innate religious sense. An idolater is someone who "transfers his indestructible notion of God to anything other than God."<sup>47</sup>

**DIVINATION AND MAGIC**

**2115** God can reveal the future to his prophets or to other saints. Still, a sound Christian attitude consists in putting oneself confidently into the hands of Providence for whatever concerns the future, and giving up all unhealthy curiosity about it. Improvidence, however, can constitute a lack of responsibility.

**2116** All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to "unveil" the future.<sup>48</sup> Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honour, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone.

**2117** All practices of magic or sorcery, by which one attempts to tame occult powers, so as to place them at one's service and have a supernatural power over others - even if this were for the sake of restoring their health - are gravely contrary to the virtue of religion. These practices are even more to be condemned when accompanied by the intention of harming someone, or when they have recourse to the intervention of demons. Wearing charms is also reprehensible. Spiritism often implies divination or magical practices; the Church for her part warns the faithful against it. Recourse to so-called traditional cures does not justify either the invocation of evil powers or the exploitation of another's credulity.

**"Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the well. Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it."**

**—Ecclesiastes**

**HE WANTS  
YOU ENTIRELY FOR  
HIMSELF.**

**HE WANTS  
YOU TO PLACE  
ALL YOUR TRUST  
AND ALL  
YOUR AFFECTION IN  
HIM ALONE.**

**- ST. PADRE PIO -**

**Abbot Gueranger  
on unrepentant sinners...**

**"Offer up your penances and your almsgivings for them. Despair not; and remember that, each year, many straying sheep are brought to the fold by such intercession as this."**

**He gives POWER to the weak  
and STRENGTH to the powerless.**

*Isaiah 40:29*

“SATAN STATIONS MORE  
DEVILS ON MONASTERY  
WALLS THAN IN DENS OF  
INIQUITY, FOR THE LATTER  
OFFER NO RESISTANCE.”

**QUOTABLE FULTON J. SHEEN.**



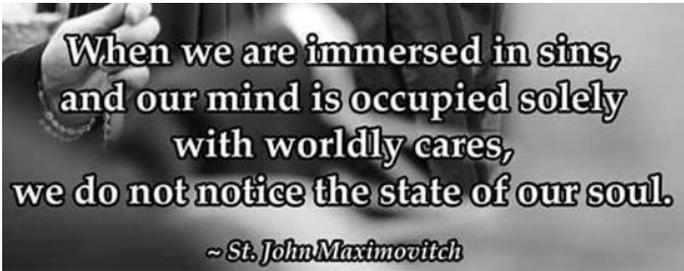
“The spousal dimension of a woman  
cannot be denied, for every woman  
longs to be a bride.”

SR. MARIA THEOTOKOS, SSM



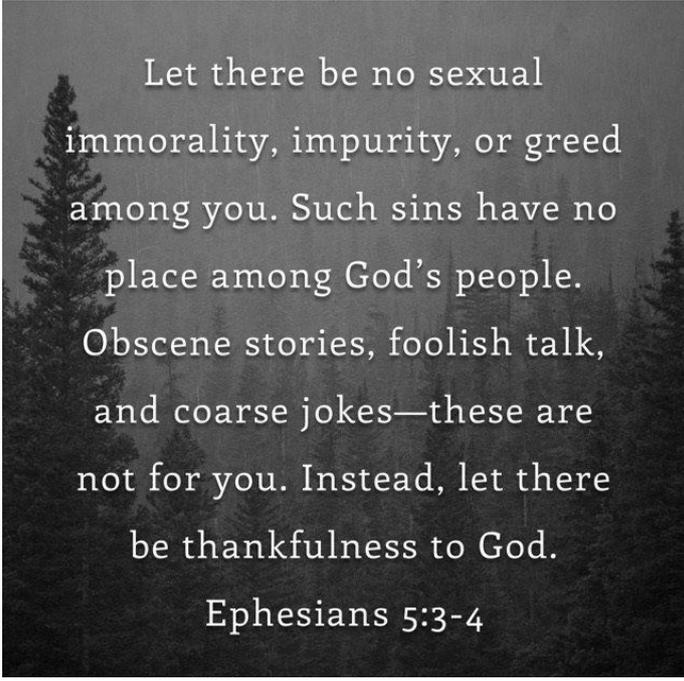
“There would be no  
need for sermons, if  
our lives were  
shining. There would  
be no need for  
words, if we bore  
witness with our  
deeds. There would  
be no pagans, if we  
were true Christians.”

- St. John Chrysostom



When we are immersed in sins,  
and our mind is occupied solely  
with worldly cares,  
we do not notice the state of our soul.

~ St. John Maximovitch



Let there be no sexual  
immorality, impurity, or greed  
among you. Such sins have no  
place among God's people.  
Obscene stories, foolish talk,  
and coarse jokes—these are  
not for you. Instead, let there  
be thankfulness to God.

Ephesians 5:3-4

“True Christianity  
will cost a man the  
favor of the world.  
He must be content  
to be thought ill of  
by man if he pleases  
God. He must count  
it no strange thing to  
be mocked, ridiculed,  
slandered, persecuted  
and even hated.”

- J.C. Ryle



**He who is not angry when there is  
just cause for anger is immoral.**  
Why? Because anger looks to the  
good of justice. And if you can live  
amid injustice without anger,  
you are immoral as well as unjust.

- Thomas Aquinas

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

The glory of these forty days  
we celebrate with songs of praise;  
for Christ, through whom all things were  
made, himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving  
God who gave the law; and to Elijah,  
fasting, came the steeds and chariots of  
flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
delivered from the lions' might;  
and John, the Bridegroom's friend,  
became the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full  
oft in fast and prayer with thee; our  
spirits strengthen with thy grace,  
and give us joy to see thy face.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be  
every prayer addressed, who art in three  
fold Name adored, from age to age, the  
only Lord.

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

All highest 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, that I may do  
what is truly Your will.

Lord, make me to know thy ways,  
O Lord.  
O Lord, teach me thy paths, O Lord.  
O lead me in thy truth, and teach me,  
for thou art the God of my salvation.

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

God of Mercy and Compassion,  
Look with pity upon me,  
Father let me call Thee Father,  
'Tis thy child returns to Thee.

Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy; let me not  
implore in vain; All my sins,  
I now detest them, never will I sin again.

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying, on the  
cross of Calvary; To that cross my sins  
have nail'd Him, yet bleeds and dies for  
me.

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,  
is but a drop of water thrown into a  
blazing fire.

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, whom  
I can call a brother and who can suffer  
too.

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. I  
want to throw them all 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!

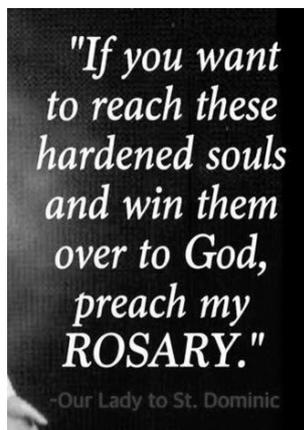
O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame, a second  
Adam to the fight and to the rescue  
came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail, should strive  
afresh 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 undergo.

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



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



Every Friday  
during Lent  
at 7pm

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (YrC)

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12;

Lk 13:1-9;

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** J. Bright, R. Cardoza  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** E. Shaw  
**Offertory:** Cardoza Family  
**Special Ministers:** S. Molloy

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Lim/Pillai Families

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**

Cardoza Family

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

17 **Mar:** Sr. Genevieve, Mate Urlich, Jim Lyons

18 **Mar:** Roe Atkinson, William Ewing

19 **Mar:** Roland Greenslade

20 **Mar:** Rowland Gale

21 **Mar:** Lorre Mihaljevich, William Newman

22 **Mar:** George Watts, Jakov Trubuhovich,  
John Scott, Dale Timmins

23 **Mar:** Doris Molloy, Denis Richardson

**PARISH FINANCES**

<b>Parish</b>	<b>\$ 938.40</b>
<b>Priests</b>	<b>\$ 486.70</b>
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$ 1,460.00</b>

**Holy Family News:**

- **Altar Server Practice for Holy Week:**  
Parents can you please make a note in your diaries and calendars Altar Server Practise - **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April** from 11am till 12:30pm
- **24 Hour Adoration - 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> April:** We have a few hours that we need to be covered on Saturday the times are 6am - 7am, 12pm - 1pm, 3pm - 4pm, 5pm - 6pm. If you are able to commit to coming every month than please sign up with Ellen on 8346677.
- **House of Nazareth (HoN):** We would like to invite all preschool and homeschooling children (and their parents) to join us in the hall for fellowship, fun crafts, learning about our faith and a shared lunch. This year we will be running every 1st Friday from 11am-2.30pm. All are welcome, just bring a plate to share. For more information call Danielle 0212506318

**Diocesan News:**

- **Lenten Prayer for Life:** This Lent join us in prayer, fasting and reparation. For all enquiries call 09 629 4361 or email life@fli.org.nz Register your prayer commitment to fli.org.nz/lentenprayerforlife
- **Baradene College Alumnae A.G.M.** - All Alumnae are invited to the 2019 AGM at BARADENE "The Parlour" on Monday 8th April 2019 at 6.30pm
- **St Peter's College Enrolments close** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 4pm.