



# Holy Family Parish

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019



## FIRST READING : Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 32:1,12,18-20,22

℟. *Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

*Ring out your joy to the Lord O you just, for praise is fitting for loyal hearts, They are happy whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.* ℟.

*The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.* ℟.

*Our soul is waiting for the Lord, the Lord is our help and our shield, May your love be upon us O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.* ℟.

## SECOND READING : Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

## GOSPEL : Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

We must not be surprised  
when we hear  
of **murders**,  
of **killings**,  
of **war**,  
of **hatred**.  
If a mother  
can kill her  
own child,  
**what is left**  
but for us  
to kill each other?  
-Mother Teresa



# GOVERNMENT REMOVES PROTECTION FOR PRE-BORN CHILDREN IN NEW ABORTION LEGISLATION

AUGUST 5, 2019 | BY MICHELLE KAUFMAN

Andrew Little, Minister of Justice, announced the abortion legislation bill which will remove the rights of pre-born children and limit the freedoms of those who defend their right to life.

In a press conference this morning, Little declared that the purpose of the legislative changes "is to modernise our abortion law" ensuring that it is "treated as a health issue and to take it out of the criminal framework that it currently sits in."

It was the opinion of Little that Early Medical Abortions (EMA) would be more readily available in a greater number of areas as the only requirement would be a prescription.

Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, contributed her thoughts on the Bill at a press conference later in the day. With a beaming smile, she announced her happiness that legislation would finally be going before Parliament. She noted that it was the furthest any government had gone since the late 1970s.

Noting that the Bill had the "greatest chance of succeeding in parliament" Ardern stated that "one of the ultimate goals" was modernisation of the legislation.

## WHAT DOES THE LEGISLATION ALLOW FOR?

### Abortion on demand up to 20 weeks

The decision is between a woman and her health practitioner. She can refer herself for abortion.

### Abortion from 20 weeks up to birth with a statutory test

A woman can refer herself for abortion. The health practitioner will need to "reasonably believe that the abortion is appropriate" in the particular circumstance and the woman's physical health, mental health and well-being taken into consideration.

### Informed Choice and Informed Consent

Informed choice and informed consent must be ensured by the health practitioner in all instances.

### Counselling

Counselling is not mandatory, however for any woman who is considering, or have had an abortion should be given the option.

### Conscientious Objection

Health practitioners who do not wish to participate in abortion must refer the woman to the Ministry of Health for a list of practitioners who are willing. While no one can be dismissed because of their objection, an employer can decide whether that objection impacts on their ability to provide the service. If so, the objector's employment may be terminated.

### Ministry of Health and the Director General of Health

The Ministry of Health will ensure the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act is administered. As the Abortion Supervisory Committee will be disbanded, it will be the role of the Director General of Health to collect data and develop standards of care.

### "Safe" Areas

The Bill provides for abortion facilities to request that a "safe area" be implemented around the property. The request would need to be made to the Minister of Health who must deem it necessary and be satisfied it can be "demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society as a reasonable limitation on people's rights and freedoms." The exclusion zone of no more than 150m ensures that no pro-life activity can occur within that area. Violation of the regulation would incur a fine of up to \$1000.

## Criminal Offenses

It will still remain a criminal offense to:

- Procure or perform (or attempt to) an abortion if the person doing so is not a qualified health practitioner.
- Assault a pregnant woman and cause the death of the pre-born child.

## WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS IF THE LEGISLATION IS PASSED?

- Over time New Zealand can expect induced abortion numbers to increase – that is if accurate data is collected and reported.
- There will be an increase in late term abortions as access becomes easier and acceptance among the public increases.
- As it is predicted that more women will seek and obtain early medical abortions, an increase in complications specific to this method should be expected.
- Health practitioners are not only medical doctors – expect midwives and nurse practitioners to also be involved in providing abortions, especially as they can prescribe certain medications. It will follow this legislation that abortion pills will be added to the list of approved medications to prescribe.
- Persecution of health practitioners who object. It is possible that some may be dismissed because of the impact their decision has on the employer's ability to provide abortions.
- The end of prayer and community outreach such as 40 Days for Life outside abortion facilities as "safe areas" are introduced. This will lead to a decrease in lives saved – known and unknown – outside abortion centres.

## What happens next?

The first reading of the Abortion Legislation Bill will take place in Parliament on Thursday 8 August. If it passes, the next stage is select committee where the public will have an opportunity to voice their opinions through submissions.

24 SEPTEMBER 2018:



**"I feel a huge duty of care to our most vulnerable, and genuinely believe our success as leaders should be judged on no lesser standard than the well-being of children."**

5 AUGUST 2019:

**Introduces a Bill that would make it legal to abort a child right up to birth for "well-being"**

"I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion is already born."

-- Ronald Reagan



## ABORTION "REFORM" BREAKS JACINDA ARDERN'S PROMISE TO THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY | BOB MCCROSKIE

5 August 2019 | <http://bobmccoskrie.com/?p=24311>

Down syndrome advocacy group *Saving Downs* have condemned the New Zealand Government's new abortion bill which, if it becomes law, will introduce abortion-right-through-to-birth for babies with disabilities. Under section 187A of the Crimes Act there is currently a gestational time limit of 20-weeks for abortion for disability, providing two doctors sign off on the abortion.

The Government's new abortion bill, if it becomes law, will remove the current 20-week gestational time limit for disability. Instead, abortion will be available for disabilities including Down syndrome right-through-to-birth, providing that one registered health practitioner signs off on the abortion under the new well-being grounds outlined in section 11 of the Bill, that will allow for abortion-up-to-birth. In the handful of jurisdictions overseas that have a similar clause allowing for abortion-up-to-birth, this has in practice allowed for abortion for disabilities including Down syndrome right through-to-birth. The proposed NZ legislation in fact only requires one registered health practitioner, which could include a single nurse, rather than the higher threshold of two doctors, as for example in Victoria, Australia, which has a similar abortion-up-to-birth clause.

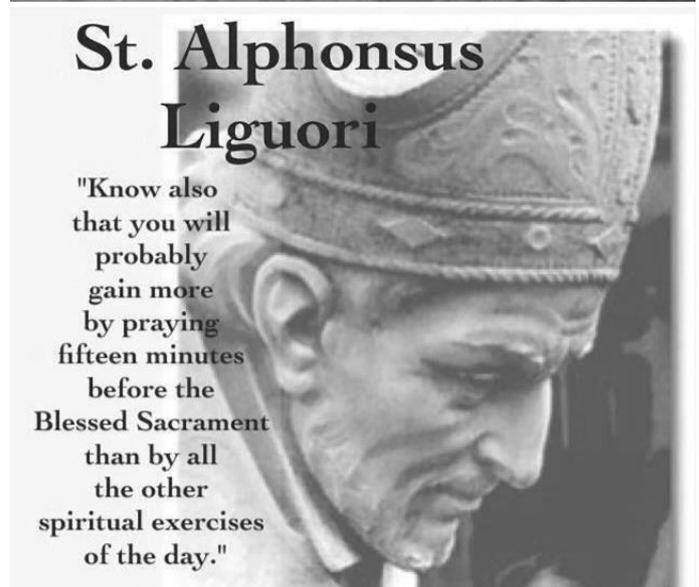
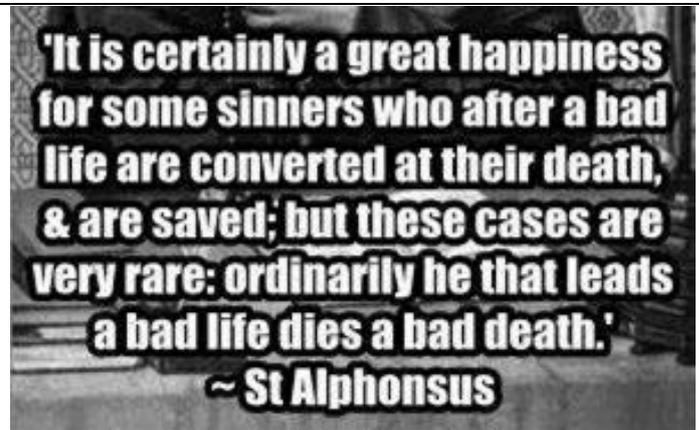
In 2017 *Saving Downs* highlighted their concerns around Jacinda Ardern's pledge to change abortion laws, and that this would introduce abortion-through-to-birth for babies with disabilities. In response, Jacinda Ardern made a commitment to not increase the time limit for disability-selective abortion. In response to the concern raised by *Saving Downs*, Jacinda Ardern said: *"They have said till 40 weeks, which is wrong, which is wrong. We have time periods already set out in law. I'm not proposing changes to that. I'm proposing it comes out of the Crimes Act."*

The Government's proposed change to the law could also see New Zealand fall foul of international disability-rights obligations, as the *UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* has consistently criticised countries that provide for abortion in a way which discriminates on the basis of disability. Already the majority of babies in New Zealand diagnosed with Down syndrome are screened out by termination-abortion, and if this proposed policy became law it could put us on the path towards the situation in Iceland where close to 100% of babies diagnosed with Down syndrome are aborted.

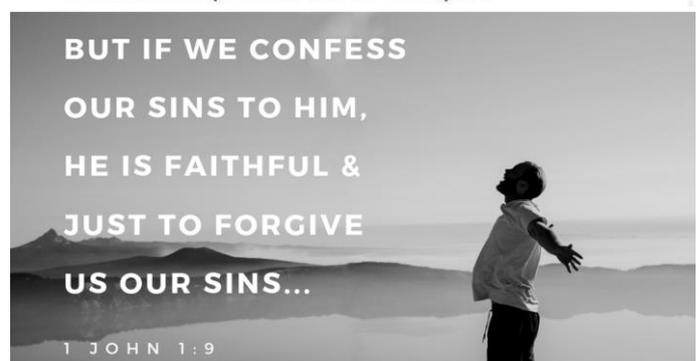
Today *Saving Downs* have launched an open letter to Jacinda Ardern from people with Down syndrome and their families asking the Prime Minister to make a commitment to ensure that she does not break her promise, and that the Government either withdraws the Bill or urgently introduces a specific provision to the Bill that will ensure that abortion for disabilities will not be allowed from 20-weeks through to birth.

Today *Saving Downs* have launched an open letter to Jacinda Ardern from people with Down syndrome and their families asking her to make a commitment to ensure that she does not break her promise; and either withdraws the Government's bill, or introduces a specific provision to the Bill that will ensure that abortion for disabilities will not be allowed from 20-week through to birth.

*"It is vital that she follows through on her promise and ensures that abortion for disabilities including Down syndrome are not allowed after 20 weeks. Already the majority of babies in New Zealand diagnosed with Down syndrome are screened out by termination and if this proposed policy became law it could put us on the path towards the situation in Iceland where close to 100% of babies diagnosed with Down syndrome are aborted."*



"Asking a Christian to keep his religion out of the public square is like asking a married man to act single in public."  
— Archbishop Charles J. Chaput



[STAY INFORMED: WATCH THIS INTERVIEW](#)

**"WHAT NZ NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE MARIJUANA DEBATE"**

July 2019 | <https://youtu.be/7Jh5xTRAeB8>

Ben Cort, interviewed by Bob McCroskie, is from Colorado, and is the author of **"Weed, Inc.: The Truth About the Pot Lobby, THC, and the Commercial Marijuana Industry"**, released in September 2017.

His passion for recovery, prevention and harm reduction comes from his own struggle with substance abuse. Sober since June 15, 1996, Ben has been a part of the recovery community in almost every way imaginable - from a recipient to a provider to a spokesperson. Ben has a deep understanding of the issues and a personal motivation to see the harmful effects of drug and alcohol abuse minimized. Ben's Ted-X talk in 2017, What commercialization is doing to cannabis, has had more than 1.6 million views! Ben recently visited New Zealand, speaking to community leaders, politicians and media. Ben is interviewed by Family First National Director Bob McCoskrie as part of the Forum on the Family 2019.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with fear,  
His praise forth tell;  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make;  
We are His folk, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;  
Approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
The God Whom Heav'n and earth adore,  
From men and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

Let us sing to you, O Mary,  
disciple first and best,  
Join our voices sing with every age  
that loves to call you blest.

Blessed you among all women,  
first in faith, in hope, in love,  
Blessed you who believed in the  
promise from above, Chosen Woman,  
through obedience untied the knot of  
Eve, Holy Virgin, fruitful Mother of all  
who believe.

Hail His Palace! Hail His Tabernacle!  
Hail His Ark! His Shrine!  
Hail His Home! His Throne!  
Hail His Servant! His Mother and mine!  
Consecrated by the Father,  
before time had e'er begun,  
And prepared by the Spirit to mother  
the Son, Spotless Ark, conceived  
immaculate and spared from every sin,  
Full of grace, you won God's favour,  
enfleshed the Word within.

At the cross, a sword of sorrow  
would pierce your loving soul,  
As your Son is opened with a lance  
and Blood and Water flow.  
Hail Model of the Church  
newly created from His side,  
Called to mother Christ's children  
and be His holy Bride,  
And His words: "Behold your mother,"  
And "Woman see your son," Are his gift  
to His disciples while endless ages run.

To the Father, faithful daughter,  
We join with you our praise,  
To your Son, O Blessed Mother,  
Our worship we raise.  
To the Spirit by Whose power  
you conceived The living Word,  
our profound adoration will always be  
heard, Turn your eyes, O Holy Mary,  
Look lovingly and bless,

Take our prayer, in love transform it,  
Unite it with your "Yes!"

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your  
health and salvation! All you who hear  
Now to His altar draw near,  
join in profound adoration!

Praise to the Lord, let us offer our  
gifts at His altar; let not our sins and  
transgressions now cause us to  
falter. Christ the High Priest, bids us  
all join in His feast, gathered with Him  
at the altar.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things  
is wondrously reigning, and as on  
wings of an eagle, uplifting,  
sustaining. Have you not seen, all  
that is needful has been, sent by His  
gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord who will prosper  
your work and defend you; Surely his  
goodness and mercy shall daily attend  
you. Ponder anew, what the almighty  
can do, as with his love he befriends  
you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh let all that is in  
us adore Him! All that has life and  
breath, come now with praises before  
Him! Let the Amen, Sound from His  
people again, gladly forever adore  
Him!

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

Faith of our fathers!  
living still in spite of dungeon,  
fire and sword:  
O how our hearts beat high with joy,  
whene'er we hear that glorious word!  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! faith and prayer  
shall win all nations unto thee; and  
through the truth that comes from God,  
mankind shall then indeed be free.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers!  
we will love both friend and foe in all  
our strife: and preach thee, too, as love  
knows how, by kindly deeds and  
virtuous life.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

**The Solemnity of the  
Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
is a Holy Day of Obligation  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August  
9am and 7pm**

*"Holy days of obligation are feast days on  
which Catholics are required to attend  
Mass and to avoid (to the extent that they  
are able) servile work."*

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**18 August 2019**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)**  
*Jer 38:48-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53;*

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** R. Hall, Leslie Ahio  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** Lupe Ahio  
**Offertory:** Leamuona Family  
**Special Ministers:** M. Tupai

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Lucas/Andrew Families

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**

Samoan Community

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**11 Aug:** Agnes Hannah  
**12 Aug:** Sharon Dally  
**13 Aug:** Jean Lett, Caroline Morgan,  
Patrick Sharp, Esperanza Jacinto  
**16 Aug:** Carl Barriball, Mary Guilford  
**17 Aug:** Mary Cross

**PARISH FINANCES**

**Parish** \$ 1,091.80  
**Priests** \$ 545.90  
**Total Cash** \$1,637.70

**HOLY FAMILY NEWS**

*Altar Server's Practise  
Next Sunday*

*(Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August)*

straight after the 9:30am Mass.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August:** Please note: there will  
be **NO Reconciliations** at all on that Saturday  
as Fr Jeremy will be attending an Ordination  
in Hamilton.

**Sunday Cup of Tea:** in the Hall after the  
9:30am Mass on Sunday during the school  
term.

**Thursday Evening Classes:** In the Bugler  
Centre at 7pm.

**Catholic Movie Night - Padre Pio.**

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of August. 7pm in the  
Bugler Centre. All Welcome.

**Legion of Mary** - Tuesdays at 7.30pm.  
Bugler Centre. Come and See.

**Pro Life Rosary** - Sunday at 3pm. Please join  
us.

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**Why should Christians be Pro-Life:** a  
presentation from Pastor Daniel of the  
Reformed Church on what the Bible has to  
say about Euthanasia and Abortion and  
Brendan Malone from Voice for Life on how  
to be practically pro-life. Wed 14 August 2019  
@ 7:30pm. Reformed Church of the North  
Shore, 72 Trias Road, Sunnynook

**Bishop Pat's Jubilee Celebration Video:** To  
celebrate Bishop Pat's Jubilee a special video  
was made. You can find the video by clicking  
the link below:

<https://youtu.be/zBm3kbvknE4>