



# Holy Family Parish

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

## FIRST READING : Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and Sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat. 'The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 112:1-2,4-8

℟. *Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.*

*Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord, May the name of the Lord be blessed, both now and forevermore! ℟.*

*High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory who is like the Lord our God, who has risen on high to his throne, yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? ℟.*

*From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. ℟.*

## SECOND READING : 1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

## GOSPEL : Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes. "Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." "The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

### Fatima Pardon Prayer

My God, I believe, I adore, I trust and I love Thee! I beg pardon for all those that do not believe, do not adore, do not trust and do not love Thee.

### Fatima Angel's Prayer

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners.

### Fatima Eucharist Prayer

Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

### Fatima Decade Prayer

*"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen."*

**O JESUS**, You have said,  
"Ask and you shall receive,  
Seek and you shall find,  
Knock and it shall be opened to you."  
Through the intercession of Mary,  
Your most Holy Mother,  
I knock, I seek, I ask  
That my prayer be granted.  
~Mention your request~  
**O JESUS**, You have said,  
"All that you ask  
Of the Father in My Name,  
He will grant you."  
Through the intercession of Mary,  
Your most Holy Mother,  
I humbly and urgently ask  
The Father in Your Name  
That my prayer be granted.  
~Mention your request~  
**O JESUS**, You have said,  
"Heaven and earth shall pass away,  
But My Word shall not pass."  
Through the intercession of Mary,  
Your most Holy Mother,  
I feel confident  
That my prayer will be granted.  
~Mention your request~  
Amen.

"THE LORD GRANTS IN A MOMENT  
WHAT WE MAY HAVE BEEN UNABLE  
TO OBTAIN IN DOZENS OF YEARS."

-ST. PHILIP NERI

"THE MAN WHO SETS ABOUT MAKING OTHERS  
BETTER IS WASTING HIS TIME, UNLESS HE  
BEGINS WITH HIMSELF."

-ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

"IF GOD WERE OUR ONE AND ONLY DESIRE WE  
WOULD NOT BE SO EASILY UPSET WHEN OUR  
OPINIONS DO NOT FIND OUTSIDE  
ACCEPTANCE."

-THOMAS À KEMPIS

"TO FORGIVE SOMEONE WHO IS  
LOOKING FOR FORGIVENESS IS THE  
SAME THING AS GIVING ALMS.  
IT IS AN ACT OF MERCY."

-ST. AUGUSTINE

"CONSISTENTLY PRAY IN ALL THINGS, SO THAT YOU  
MIGHT NOT DO ANYTHING WITHOUT THE HELP OF  
GOD ... WHOEVER DOES OR BUSIES HIMSELF WITH  
ANYTHING WITHOUT PRAYER DOES NOT  
SUCCEED IN THE END."

-ST. MARK THE ASCETIC

"OUR LORD IS THE GROUND FROM WHOM OUR PRAYER  
GROWS AND IN HIS LOVE AND GRACE HE HIMSELF  
GIVES US OUR PRAYERS."

-ST. JULIAN OF NORWICH

"DON'T LET THE THRILLS OF THIS WORLD — WHICH VANISH LIKE  
DEW — EXCITE YOU. DON'T LET THE FAKE DELIGHTS OF THIS  
DECEPTIVE WORLD TRICK YOU. CLOSE YOUR EARS TO  
HELL'S WHISPERS. BE BRAVE. RESIST THEM."

-ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

"LIFE AND DEATH ARE IN GOD'S HANDS,  
HE DISPOSES OF THEM AS HE SEES FIT."

-ST. JOHN BOSCO

"ABOVE ALL THE GRACE AND THE GIFTS  
THAT CHRIST GIVES TO HIS BELOVED  
IS THAT OF OVERCOMING SELF."

-ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

"LOVE IS ITSELF THE FULFILLMENT OF ALL OUR WORKS.  
THERE IS THE GOAL; THAT IS WHY WE RUN:  
WE RUN TOWARD IT, AND ONCE WE REACH IT,  
IN IT WE SHALL FIND REST."

-ST. AUGUSTINE

"BLESSED IS THE MIND WHICH, PRAYING WITHOUT  
DISTRACTION, ACQUIRES EVER GREATER  
LONGING FOR GOD."

-ST. NILUS OF SINAI

"YOU CAN DO MORE WITH THE GRACE  
OF GOD THAN YOU THINK."

-ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

"IF YOU WANT TO BE FREE OF ALL THE PASSIONS,  
PRACTICE SELF-CONTROL, LOVE AND PRAYER."

-ST. THALASSIOS THE LIBYAN

"NO OTHER GRACE CAN BE COMPARED WITH THAT OF  
CARRYING THE CROSS OUT OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD."

-ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

"RETURN THANKS TO GOD FOR ALL YOUR SPIRITUAL GRACES,  
NATURAL GIFTS AND EVERY OTHER GOOD THAT YOU POSSESS,  
ATTRIBUTING NOTHING TO YOURSELF EXCEPT YOUR SINS,  
FAULTS AND IMPERFECTIONS."

-ST. JOHN OF ÁVILA

"PRAYER IS THE PLACE OF REFUGE FOR EVERY WORRY,  
A FOUNDATION FOR CHEERFULNESS, A SOURCE  
OF CONSTANT HAPPINESS, A PROTECTION  
AGAINST SADNESS."

-ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

"BE HUMBLE LIKE MARY SO THAT  
YOU CAN BE HOLY LIKE JESUS."

-ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

"THE NATURAL FIRE THAT WE SEE DURING THIS LIFE  
HAS GREAT POWER TO BURN AND TORMENT.  
YET THIS IS NOT EVEN A SHADOW  
OF THE FIRE OF HELL."

-ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

"NO ONE CAN PASS THROUGH THIS  
LIFE WITHOUT A CROSS."

-ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

"THE FRUIT WE OUGHT TO GET FROM PRAYER,  
IS TO DO WHAT IS PLEASING TO THE LORD."

-ST. PHILIP NERI

"LET US ATTACH OURSELVES TO GOD ALONE,  
AND TURN OUR EYES AND OUR  
HOPES TO HIM."

-ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT



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 ~ Nazarevvs
- R ~ Rex
- I ~ Ivdaeorvm

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'.

## THE SEAL OF CONFESSION



The Seal of Confession is the bond of secrecy that forbids the priest to reveal for *any reason whatsoever* what has been told to him in confession. The penitent himself is the only one who can release the priest from that bond.

A priest cannot reveal what has been told to him in sacramental Confession even to save the whole world from destruction. Rather than violate the seal of confession, a priest must be prepared to suffer false accusations, disgrace, and what is worse, death. If a priest were ever guilty of having deliberately broken the seal of confession, he would be penalized with the strictest type of excommunication the Church can inflict.



## "He descended into Hell"

Heaven had been closed to mankind by the sin of Adam. The just among the dead could not enter heaven until Christ satisfied for man's sin. After Christ's death, His soul, still united to the divinity, descended into the realm of the dead (which the Creed calls "hell", in the old English usage) to announce to the souls waiting there the joyful news that with His death, Christ had reopened heaven to mankind. It does not mean at all the hell of the damned. He visited what is called the **Limbo of the Fathers**.

## SIN OF DESPAIR



The sin of despair, which is against the First Commandment, is committed by a person who expects too little of God.

The classic example of this sin is the man who says: "I've been too big a sinner all my life to expect God to forgive me now. God couldn't forgive the likes of me. It's no use asking Him."

The gravity of this sin lies in the insult which it offers to the infinite mercy and inexhaustible love of God.

Judas Iscariot, swinging at the end of a rope, is the perfect type of a despairing sinner: a man with remorse but without contrition.

## ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

"Give thanks to the LORD for He is good, His mercy endures forever."

-- Psalm 107:1

**BORN CATHOLIC  
RAISED CATHOLIC  
STAY CATHOLIC  
DIE CATHOLIC**

## SIN OF PRESUMPTION



Presumption is a rash expectation of salvation without making proper use of the necessary means to obtain it.

A person who goes on leading a bad life, and says when warned of his danger that he is in no hurry to reform, that he will repent some day before he dies, is always living in and committing the sin of presumption. It is a great sin, for it is living in open defiance of Almighty God. Such persons are very seldom given the opportunity to repent at the last moment, and are, in most cases, called to judgment when they least expect it.

**PROCESSIONAL 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!

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father like, he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Praise with us the God of grace.

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

Soul of my Saviour, Sanctify my breast;  
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;  
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy  
tide, wash me with water flowing from  
thy side.

Strength and protection may thy  
passion be; O blessed Jesus, hear and  
answer me; deep in thy wounds, Lord,  
hide and shelter me; so shall I never,  
never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe  
malign; in death's dread moments  
make me only thine; call me and bid me  
come to thee on high, where I may  
praise thee with thy saints for aye.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!  
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,  
All in Heaven above adore Thee;  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the glad celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising,  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising;  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

Lo! the apostolic train  
Joins thy sacred Name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
And the white robed martyrs follow;  
And from morn to set of sun,  
through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only One,  
Undivided God we claim Thee;  
And adoring bend the knee,  
While we own the mystery.

**HOLY FAMILY NEWS****Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes:**

All shoeboxes can be returned to the  
Parish Office on or before the **13<sup>th</sup>**  
**October.**

**Annual Parish Quiz Night: Saturday**  
**30<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm**, please make  
a note on your calendars and start  
thinking about your teams of 8, this year  
we also need more helpers in the kitchen,  
if you are available to help in the kitchen  
on the night, please contact the Parish  
Office on 8346677.

**Fundraising for the fence by the**  
**Presbytery:** if you would like to donate  
to the rebuilding of the fence by the  
presbytery, please contact the Parish  
Office on 8346677.

**Pray and Play Day:** organised by the  
Junior Legion of Mary for all those  
children who are between the ages of 8 -  
17 years old on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October from  
9am to 3pm in the Parish Hall. To  
register please contact the Parish Office  
on 8346677.

**Change to 24Hr Adoration in October:**  
Please note: we have changed the date  
for Adoration from the **4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
to **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October** at 7pm to  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October** at 6pm.

**NEXT SUNDAY:****29 September 2019**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)**  
*Amos 6:1,4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31;*

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** M. D'Souza, A. Leifi  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** F. Xavier  
**Offertory:** Drabble Family  
**Special Ministers:** F. Ulugia

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Kaufman Family

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**

School Holidays

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**22 Sept:** *Beverley Manning*  
**23 Sept:** *Frances Harrison, Bryan Negredo*  
**24 Sept:** *Monica Malloy*  
**26 Sept:** *Muriel Lockwood*  
**28 Sept:** *Phung Mai, Phyllis Rose Oldbury,*  
*John Lopez, Thomas Lopez*

**PARISH FINANCES**

<b>Parish</b>	\$1,156.40
<b>Priests</b>	\$ 578.20
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$1,734.60</b>

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**The Annual Catholic Men's Retreat** will be  
held in Auckland over the weekend of 18-20  
October 2019. To register online go  
to <https://tinyurl.com/y2sa9ujn> or contact  
Greg Sullivan at [greg.sullivan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:greg.sullivan@xtra.co.nz) or  
021 437 747.

**Logo Competition.** The Auckland Diocesan  
Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith  
Relations (ADCEIR) are looking for a logo, and  
seeks for your artistic and design skills. For  
further information about the competition,  
visit our website at  
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/mission-evangelisation/ecumenism/>. Email  
[ecumenicalandinterfaith@cda.org.nz](mailto:ecumenicalandinterfaith@cda.org.nz) to  
submit your design, and if you have any  
questions. Entries close on Monday 14th  
October, 2019

**Scholarship for study at Good Shepherd**  
**College-** the Ruth Miller Scholarship for Study  
at Good Shepherd College. This scholarship  
will be available for a selected number of  
people who intend to do one or more  
Theology papers at Good Shepherd College  
towards a Graduate Diploma of Bachelor of  
Theology degree in 2020. Please contact  
Linda McQuade, Vicar for Education, Email:  
[lindam@cda.org.nz](mailto:lindam@cda.org.nz). The closing date for  
applications is 14 October 2019.

**Marian Day** - Saturday 5th of October  
beginning with Mass at 8am. First speaker at  
9am. Our Lady of the Assumption Church  
130 Church Street, Onehunga.  
See Notice on the Notice Board. Free Entry,  
Lunch Provided, All Welcome