

Holy Family Parish

5th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Sunday 10th May 2020

FIRST READING : Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 32

R: Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

Ring out your joy to the Lord O you just, for praise is fitting for loyal hearts, Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten stringed lute sing Him songs. R:

The word of the Lord is faithful, and all His works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right, and fills the earth with His love. R:

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. R:

SECOND READING : 1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: *See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.* That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL : John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

NOTICES FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES COVID-19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support as a result of the Covid-19 Virus with the payment of 2020 Attendance Dues for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary. Families facing financial difficulties can contact the Revenue Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information. Application forms can be down-loaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools/catholic-schools-in-auckland/fees-and-contribution/>

JUBILEE BURSARY

Applications Invited for Semester 2, 2020 Applications close Thursday, 4 June 2020. Applicants must be Catholic and contributing to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese. The bursaries are a contribution toward university fees for Theology and RE courses. For information and an application pack please contact: Michelle Jarvismichellej@cda.org.nz Ph:(09)360-3091

BISHOP PAT'S MESSAGE

Bishop Pat prepares a short video message each Sunday. It is available on the diocesan website
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/>

VOCATION STORIES

Fr Tony King-Archer
<https://youtu.be/G3g2fKX11Po>

VOLUNTEER MARRIAGE EDUCATORS

to help prepare engaged couples. This is an invitation to those who might be able to minister in this way. We are looking for: couples married 5 + years, strong in their faith who have 2 hours a week to assist engaged couples on their marriage preparation journey. We are especially looking for married couples who are fluent in English and either Maori, Samoan, Tongan or Mandarin. Please call or text Gerry on 021-02247442

"THE JUDGMENT OF GOD MAY BE COMPARED TO A MIRROR. IT IS NOT THE MIRROR'S FAULT IF THE FACE IT REFLECTS IS HIDEOUS."

- ST. JEROME

"WHOEVER KNOWS HOW TO DIE IN ALL WILL HAVE LIFE IN ALL."

- ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

"LET NO ONE APPROACH THIS HOLY TABLE WITHOUT REVERENT DEVOTION AND FERVENT LOVE."

- ST. THOMAS Aquinas

"THE MEANS FOR MAINTAINING PERFECT LOVE IS TO ACCOMPLISH FREQUENT ACTS OF LOVE."

- ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

"TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OFFER US A CHANCE TO MAKE REPARATION FOR OUR PAST FAULTS AND SINS."

- ST. AUGUSTINE

"PATIENCE IS NECESSARY FOR THE SERVANT OF GOD."

- ST. PHILIP NERI

"WE MUST NOT BE DISTRESSED AT TROUBLE, BUT WAIT FOR CONSOLATION."

- ST. PHILIP NERI

"GOD'S LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL. BE SURE THAT YOURS IS TOO!"

- ST. AUGUSTINE

He alone
is my Rock
and my
Salvation,
my Fortress
where I will
not be shaken.
Psalm 62:6

NEXT SUNDAY:

17 May 2020

6th Sunday of Easter (Yr A)

Acts 8:5-8,14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18;

John 14:15-21;

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

10 May: William Can, Marija Mihaljevich,

Hilda Moore, Joseph Gomez

11 May: Maryann Eccleshall

13 May: Gerald O'Reilly

14 May: Puroku Tunui, Ellen Williams,

Alan Collinson

16 May: Tom Darling

PARISH FINANCES (3rd May 2020)

Parish \$950.00

Priests \$475.00

Total AP's \$1,425.00

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

Live streaming from Holy Family

<https://www.facebook.com/HolyFamilyTeAtatu/>

Daily Mon to Sun

Mass @ 10am

Rosary, Divine Mercy and Adoration @ 4:20pm to 6:00pm

If you miss the live feed:

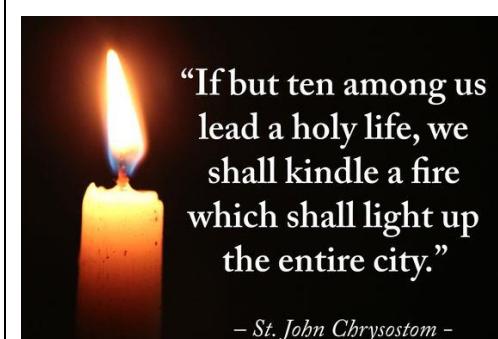
You can still watch a video of the Mass from our parish website

<https://www.teatatuscatholic.org.nz/>

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Blessed is the Mother, who lets the Lord be her guiding hand, whose faith brings her family courage, whose wisdom comes from God and whose children still stand and honour her.

May God bless all Mothers on this memorable day.



"If but ten among us lead a holy life, we shall kindle a fire which shall light up the entire city."

- St. John Chrysostom -