



Holy Family Parish

6th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Sunday 17th May 2020

FIRST READING : Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 65

℟ *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name O render him glorious praise, Say to God: ' How tremendous your deeds! ℟

Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name! Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. ℟

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed over the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him, he rules for ever by this might. ℟

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul, Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer, nor withhold his love from me. ℟

SECOND READING : 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL : John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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

ABORTION LAW REFORM

The Abortion Law reform bill was pushed through Parliament during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. A petition has been started "That the House of Representatives urge the Government to urgently hold a referendum to allow the New Zealand people the opportunity to have their say on whether the Abortion Legislation Act 2020 should be repealed". You can support this petition at https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/petitions/document/PET_97570/petition-of-pamela-mcilwraith-referendum-on-abortion-legislation

ST LUKE'S PARISH – FLAT BUSH

Vacancy - The position is for 20 hours a week. Skills required include a natural and confident communicator who can build relationships with Parishioners, Committee Members, Schools and the Parish Priest, maturity, tact and diplomacy when dealing with issues in the parish, work experience as a Secretary and all that Secretarial work entails, experience in drafting communications, multiple diary and email management, minute taking, coordinating events in the Parish and overseeing the different committees in the Parish. Please send your CV to Fr Craig in the parish office.

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/>

And the Mass is still screening On Sunday on Shine TV at 2pm.

NZ CATHOLIC MESSAGE



<https://indd.adobe.com/view/a27756d2-341a-4d87-a28e-cdbf07465386>

BISHOP'S LETTER TO THE PARISHES

12 May 2020

Dear Priests and People, tēnā koutou
Church activities in restricted Alert Level 2

Following the announcement on Monday afternoon that our country will move to a restricted Alert Level 2 on Thursday of this week, we write to you to clarify the pastoral implications of this decision. The move to a restrictive Level 2 allows many of our parish activities to resume, including churches opening for private prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But because of the gathering restriction of 10 people, we bishops have reluctantly agreed that public Masses will not commence again during this stage of Level 2 and we are not advocating Eucharistic Adoration at this time.

We note that the Government will reconsider this restriction in two weeks, and we have joined with the Anglican Church today in asking the Government to look again with urgency at the restrictive numbers permitted for religious gatherings. Like yourselves, we too are disappointed that we are not yet allowed to assemble in our churches in groups larger than 10 people. For churches to open from Thursday, all health and safety requirements as declared by the Ministry of Health must be adhered to strictly. Safety has always been paramount for us. We understand that many churches may not be able to open as early as this week if parish leadership needs more time to prepare. We are supportive of parishes making decisions fit for the safety of their church community.

While these have been difficult weeks for all, we know that in some surprising ways they have also been graced days for many. We have been encouraged and inspired by the number of people who have taken the opportunity during this lockdown time to deepen their spiritual life and reevaluate their daily lives as individuals and families.

Yours sincerely in Christ our Hope,
Māte Atua koutou e manaaki, e tiaki

✠ Patrick Dunn, Bishop of Auckland and NZCBC President
✠ John Dew, Cardinal Archbishop of Wellington and NZCBC Vice President
✠ Stephen Lowe, Bishop of Hamilton and NZCBC Secretary
✠ Paul Martin SM, Bishop of Christchurch
✠ Michael Dooley, Bishop of Dunedin
✠ Michael Gielen, Auxiliary Bishop of Auckland

NEXT SUNDAY:

24 May 2020

Ascension of the Lord (Yr A)
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23;
Matthew 28:16-20;

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

18 May: Stella Fitzgerald
19 May: Joseph McCormick,
Yvette McIntyre, John Barry
20 May: Eileen Brown, Patrick Hogan
21 May: Nicolaas Janssen,
George Bocirnea
22 May: Frank Vernon, Suzanne Niu
23 May: Kay Povinell, Jack Moody

PARISH FINANCES (10th May 2020)

Parish	\$736.67
Priests	\$368.33
Total AP's	\$1,105.00

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.teatucatholic.org.nz/>

The Church is now Open

*for private prayer and
for up to 10 people at a time.*

Mon – Sat: 7:45am - 4pm

Sun: 11am – 4pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is

available from

Tues – Sat: 11:00am – 11:30am

Sat: 3pm – 4pm

**Please make sure that
if you are coming to visit the
Church**

**That you follow the guidelines
below:**

- 1) Sanitise your hands!
- 2) Sign in and out.
- 3) No more than 10 people in the Church at any one time.
- 4) Don't forget to social distance to 1m or 2m, if the person is unknown to you.
- 5) Please disinfect any surface that you touch.

Please note:

*The Crying Room
and the Church Toilets are locked.
No Parking on Church Property*