

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Let the Church rejoicing sound,
the hundredth has last been found,
once had been a straying sheep,
Drachma found in searching sweep.

*Alleluia, we sing, for our Husband and
our king, Royal Church rejoicing!
Eya et eya, Regia egregia,
Gaudeat ecclesia*

The fountain flowing from Your side,
has formed the Church, Your holy
Bride, Washed in living water's flood,
Nourished by Your Precious Blood.

You give the Spirit through Your Flesh,
to make us one in holiness,
Up our hearts in ecstasy,
Join the heav'nly liturgy.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Though you are God, with Father and
the Spirit, you did not cling to your
equality, emptied yourself, became for
us a slave, and humbler yet, you died
upon a tree, you give your flesh that we
be truly fed, your risen self, in form of
lowly bread.

To satisfy our hunger for your love,
You come to us as flesh and blood
outpoured, and then to quench your
thirsting for our love, you come again,
as poorest of the poor, that what we do
to these the least of brethren, we do to
you, our Saviour and our Lord.

Emmanuel, you're longing to be with
us, you bid us share your one true
sacrifice, offer ourselves, with you the
Holy Lamb, washed by your blood, you
call us into life, so fed by you, made
holy and made one. we, now your body,
for the world, become.

COMMUNION HYMN:

*A new commandment I give you: that
you love one another,
even as I have loved you.
By this all men will know that you are
my disciples. If you have love for one
another.*

For I have given you an example, that
you should also do as I have done to
you an example, that you should also
do as I have to you, Truly, truly I say to
you, a servant is not greater than his
master. nor is he who is sent greater
than who sent him. If you know these
things, blessed are you if you do them.

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
Ev'n the spirit of truth;*

RECESSIONAL 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!
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!"



**NEXT SUNDAY:
13 May 2018**

Ascension of the Lord (Yr B)
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: M. Tagiilima, A. Leifi
Prayers of the Faithful: Lesilie Ahio
Offertory: Shaw Family
Special Ministers: S. Molloy

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Nixon/Binu Families

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Tongan Community

FLOWER ARRANGING ROSTER

S. Molloy

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

6 May: Clare Peters, Herbert Fincher,
Caroline King
7 May: Phillip Turnock
8 May: Slade Bonkovich
9 May: Alphonse Gomez
10 May: William Can, Marija Mihaljevich,
Hilda Moore, Joseph Manual Gomez
11 May: Maryann Eccleshall

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$ 1,296.70
Priests	\$ 648.40
Total Cash	\$ 1,945.10



Offertory Envelopes

Pledge Donation Receipts are available
from the Office.

Wanting to donate: If you would like to
donate to the Parish using the envelope
system or through automatic payments.
Please contact Ellen on 8346677
(Tues, Thurs, Fri from 10am till 2pm)



Rosary Making Workshop

12th and 13th May
Two sessions
1pm to 3pm
\$50 per person or \$80 for two people

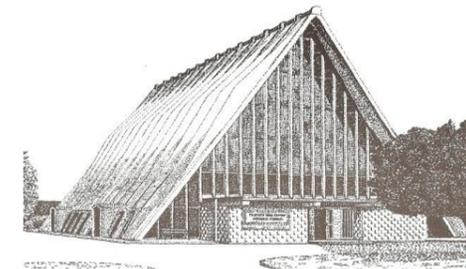
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20% of the proceeds will be donated to Holy Family Parish for the Stations of the Cross restoration project.
176 Lincoln Road, Henderson | contact@justcrafting.co.nz

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

6th Sunday in Easter

6th May 2018



First Reading. Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48;

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm. Psalm 97(98):1-4;

℟. *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving help.*

Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders
His right hand and his holy arm have bought salvation. ℟.

℟. *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving help.*

The Lord has made known his salvation,
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel ℟.

℟. *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving help.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God,
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. ℟.

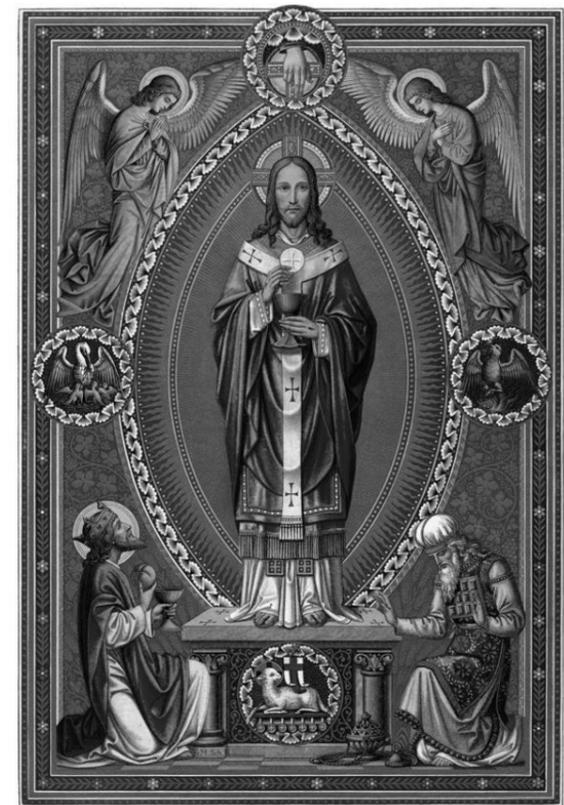
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Second Reading. 1 John 4:7-10;

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes
from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and
knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known
God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could
have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love
for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the
sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel. John 15:9-17;

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'



**No-one was ever lost because his sin was too great,
but because his trust was too small.**

~ St Francis Xavier Seelos



ABORTION: Both a Legal Issue *and* a Health Issue

Health of the mother. Health of the unborn child.
Legal safety of the mother. Legal status of the unborn child.

The Labour-led Government is reviewing the abortion laws. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern says that abortion should not be covered in the Crimes Act and that she wants, “women who want access to be able to have it as a right.”

But recent polling of New Zealanders found there was strong support for legal safeguards and for *greater* time limits on the provision of abortion, including from those who generally *support* abortion. The vast majority of the population accept the current legal framework. They actually want a *greater* presence of safeguards around issues such as coercion, standards for providers, and informed consent.

These results confirm that the Labour-led Government has no mandate at all to liberalise the abortion laws.

However, under instruction from the Government, the Law Commission is now inviting public input on “*How New Zealand’s abortion laws could be made consistent with treating abortion as a health issue.*”

To help you make a submission to the Law Commission, we have prepared the following:

- **Briefing Paper: “I’M WITH BOTH”** – This document contains the key reasons why the abortion laws should reflect both a legal focus and a health focus, in order to allow for both parties involved in an abortion. The information in this document can help form the basis of your own submission. It will give you a head start, and perhaps clarify any questions you may have.
- **How to make a submission** – Don’t know where to start? We’ve listed the key information you need to include, the ways you can send your submission in, and other relevant information. All you need to do is then tell the Law Commission your view. Simple!
- **The final date for submissions is 5pm 18 MAY 2018.** Why not do yours this week!

For further information, go to
ChooseLife.org.nz/Review



ACTS

COME ALONG TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SACRED SCRIPTURE

This study course on the *Acts of the Apostles* will enlighten and explain. It has a video component as well as live teaching and discussion. Do you want to learn more about St Paul and his missionary journeys? Then come along...

When: **Thursdays, @ 7pm**

Where: **Bugler Centre**

Started Thursday, April 26.

Runs for 20 sessions. Come and see.

“The Bible is your most precious treasure, now read it!”

~ Pope Francis

-----NOTICES FOR THE PARISH-----

Catechism Classes: Start today after the 9:30am Mass.

Sacramental Programme: Confirmation Classes start on Saturday 26th May at 4pm, If you would like to register your child, please contact Erin O’Brien on 832 0528.

-----NOTICES FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE-----

Abortion Law Review: Have Your Say The Minister of Justice has asked the NZ Law Commission to review NZ abortion law with a view to taking it out of the Crimes Act. The effect of this would be that abortion would be unrestricted, even up to birth. There is strong evidence that abortion is connected to increased risk of mental and physical health problems and relationship breakdown. Input can be sent to the Law Commission up to **5pm on 18 May 2018**, online at: abortionlaw.lawcom.govt.nz/ or emailing: alr@lawcom.govt.nz or posting your comment to: Abortion Law Review, New Zealand Law Commission, PO Box 2590, Wellington 6140.

There is no set format for input. *It is worth noting that the current abortion law regulates providers, but protects women who have abortions from being prosecuted.* For further information:

<https://mailchi.mp/4f601e802edf/law-commission-review-on-abortion-law?e=9ec1f18628>

<http://voiceforlife.org.nz/blog/>

www.chooselife.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Law-Commission-Submission-Guide.pdf

A Musical Celebration of Mary: One of New Zealand’s finest choirs, The Graduate Choir of New Zealand, is presenting a concert of Marian music at St Benedict’s Church in Newton. This concert is held on the great feast day of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Thursday 31 May at 7.30pm. In short, there will be something to appeal to everyone, and we urge you to book early to ensure that you don’t miss what promises to be a stunning programme of choral music by this outstanding choir. Tickets are \$40 or \$30 for seniors and students, and can be accessed at www.thegraduatechoirnz.org/performances or www.iticket.co.nz, or by phoning 0508 ITICKET

Married Couples: Revitalise and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND –25-27 May at Mt Richmond Hotel Mt Wellington – BOOK NOW! – Phone Christine & David Sloan 372-3581 or Email: david.christinesloan@gmail.com

Jubilee Bursaries for University theological education: applications invited for Semester 2, 2018 Applications close Thursday, 31 May 2018. For information and an application pack please contact: Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz Ph:(09)360-3091

Christian Life Program: Starts Sunday 20th May 2018 1pm onwards at Holy Cross Henderson, Church. Couples for Christ invites all couples and singles over the age of 21 to join us for a free course to learn more about their faith. Everyone is welcome. For more information please call Paolo Ph 0274269399

Christian Lawyers’ Conference: Fri 18 and Sat 19 May, at Elim Christian Centre, 159 Botany Road, Botany. This conference provides an opportunity to connect with Christian lawyers across New Zealand. This year the theme is Humility, Justice and Mercy – exploring these topics in the context of practising law as a follower of Jesus. For more information and to register, visit www.nzchristianlawyers.org.nz, email nzchristianlawyers@gmail.com