

Holy Family Parish

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A –
Sunday 27th September 2020

FIRST READING : Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 24

R. Remember your mercies O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth and teach me: for you are God my saviour.
R.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your greatness O Lord. *R.*

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to all who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; He teaches his way to the poor. *R.*

SECOND READING : Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL : Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

Some further points on the EOLC Act.

- Approximately 10% of our elders are the victims of abuse, mostly from their own families. Elder abuse continues to rise in New Zealand. Our elder abuse laws are not able to protect our elders. It is naive to expect that the End of Life Choice Act can keep people safe. Medical groups have stated that it will be impossible for doctors to detect if people are being pressured or coerced, whether by others or by their own feelings of being a burden.
- The End of Life Choice Act is broader than similar laws passed overseas. Key medical groups, including the New Zealand Medical Association, Hospice New Zealand, Palliative Care Nurses and Palliative Medicine Doctors all oppose the EOLC Act as unsafe.
- The Act only requires a doctor to “do their best to ensure that the person expresses their wish free from pressure.” However, the Act fails to outline how this happens. Doctors are not trained to detect coercion and are further limited in their ability to detect coercion because, unlike the Netherlands, they cannot interview others without the patient’s permission.
- Requests for an assisted death are often motivated by depression, something that is also extremely difficult to detect. There is no mandatory screening for depression in the Act.
- In the Netherlands and Belgium, disabled people and people who are mentally ill were not initially eligible. However, assisted death is now offered to people with mental illnesses and dementia, and to disabled people. The same changes will likely happen here.

The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed.

Whatever one’s views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not ‘compassion’ to vote for a dangerous law.

See www.riskvlaw.nz or www.votesafe.nz or www.carealliance.org.nz or www.nathaniel.org.nz

“God has not forgotten the man to whom He sends suffering and trials, but in this way is proving His closeness to him.”

- St. John Chrysostom -

“We must be faithful to the present moment or we will frustrate the plan of God for our lives.”

- Solanus Casey



“A rich man is not one who has much, but one who gives much. For what he gives away remains his forever”

- St John Chrysostom

God loves us more than a father, mother, friend, or anyone else could, and even more than we are able to love ourselves.

~ St. John Chrysostom

From now on, we are either with God, or we are with the Devil; there is no middle ground.

Sr. Lucia of Fatima.

“Our business is to gain heaven; everything else is a sheer waste of time.”

St. Vincent de Paul

“The greatest obstacles to holiness are discouragement and anxiety.”

Said Jesus to St. Faustina,
The Diary of St. Faustina

“If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself.”

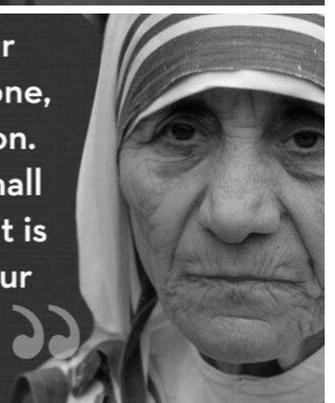
St. Augustine of Hippo

“He wants you entirely for Himself. He wants you to place all your trust and all your affection in Him alone.”

- St. Padre Pio

“Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person. Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.”

- MOTHER TERESA,
RELIGIOUS SISTER



what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory He will reveal to us later

romans 8:18

HOLY FAMILY UPDATES

- Dear Friends...
- Please find here repeated the Instructions from L2 last time.

SUNDAY MASS

- There will now be 3 Sunday Masses:
08:00am LATIN
09:30am ENGLISH
11:00am ENGLISH
- Book for the Masses here
<https://www.trybooking.com/BLSAX>
- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still suspended. This means that there is still no obligation to come to Mass on Sunday. If you are frail in health, elderly, worried about Covid, or feeling unwell, then don't come; and continue to keep the Lord's Day holy by domestic Prayer, Scripture reading, and Spiritual Reading. The 1st and 3rd Commandments of God still apply (Thou shalt worship the Lord your God & Thou shalt keep the Lord's Day holy) and has NOT been suspended; and we must make every effort to keep holy the Lord's Day through other spiritual exercises, if we legitimately can't come to Mass.
- There will be people at the door to scan your ticket from your mobile phone or printout, or record your attendance. These are for contact tracing purposes.
- There will be ushers to allocate you (and your "Bubble") a seat. Sit with those in your "Bubble". Those in a "Bubble" do not need to keep the 1m distancing.
- Every 2nd Pew will be used so as to give the 1m spacing. These will be marked.
- If you are parking onsite, please drive in on the left hand side, and drive out on the right hand Presbytery side.
- If you park onsite, please leave quickly after your Mass so that those arriving for the next Mass can park easily onsite.
- No more than 100 people in the Church at a time.
- Please disinfect your hands on your way in and on your way out.
- Please keep the social distance of 1m.
- Wear a mask if you have one. This is mainly to avoid coughing issues in Church.
- The ushers will indicate to you when you can leave the Pew after Mass so that there is not a log-jam at the door.
- Do not leave by the side-doors.
- There will be no candles at the devotional areas and no kneelers there.
- Bottles of Holy Water will be available to take home at the Church door. Please take only 1.
- The Crying Room will be locked, so young children will have to be with you in the Pew.
- There will be no usual gathering after Mass in the Hall, nor any Catechism classes.
- Any other needed details will be explained to you at the Mass you attend.

WEEKDAYS

DURING THE WEEK, OUR USUAL PARISH TIMETABLE

RESUMES FOR: ADORATION, MASS, AND
CONFESSIONS.

"We shall soon be in a world in which a man may be howled down for saying that two and two make four, in which people will persecute the heresy of calling a triangle a three-sided figure, and hang a man for maddening a mob with the news that grass is green."

G.K Chesterton

"Go to the tabernacle in spirit when you are unable to do so physically, & there pour out your ardent desires, talk, pray, & embrace the Beloved of our souls, even more than if you have been permitted to receive Him sacramentally"
~ St Pio

The best way to prepare
for death is to spend
everyday of life as though
it was your last.

St. Philip Neri

"THE WISDOM OF
THE *scriptures*
IS LEARNED RATHER
BY *prayer* THAN
BY *study*."

-St. Philip Neri



Honest, Sister. we didn't say anything to try to offend those two girls. They said "How do you get to be an altar-boy? I told them you have to be a boy first! Then they got mad! I mean, how would you answer if I asked you how I could become a nun?"

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Gather, Lord, Your people,
called to be Your Bride,
formed by Blood and Water
flowing from Your side,
joined with You in baptism,
washed to give rebirth,
she filled with Your Spirit,
shall renew the earth.

You the one true Shepherd,
searching for the lost,
You the Lamb of offering,
counting not the cost,
You have called each one by name,
each Your precious choice,
May we enter by Your gate,
listening to your voice.

At Your mother's pleading,
You gave finest wine,
Now Your Church implores You,
Jesus fruitful vine.
Heed the thirsting of her heart,
and bring forth a flood,
Open wide the fountain
of Your Precious Blood.

Send Your Holy Spirit,
by that Blood outpoured,
making us one Body,
Temple of the Lord.
With Your sev'n fold gifts descend,
font of Charity, that we may cry
"Abba", and true children be.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

All highest glorious God,
Cast Your light into
the darkness of my heart,
Give me right faith, firm hope,
perfect charity, and profound humility,
with wisdom and perception,
O Lord, that I may do
what is truly Your will.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Mary, what you lived in your heart,
Mary, what you lived in your heart,
Mary, what you lived in your heart
on Calvary.
Mary, how you opened your heart,
Mary, how you lifted your heart,
Mary, how you offered your heart
on Calvary. You offered yourself
as He offered His Body and Blood,
Your soul was pierced as His side began
to flood, O Mary, what you lived in your
heart. Mary, what you lived in your
heart.

Mary, help me live in my heart,
Mary, help me live in my heart,
Mary, what you lived in your heart
on Calvary.
Mary, help me open my heart,
Mary, help me lift up my heart,
Mary, help me offer my heart this
Eucharist. I offer myself
as He offers His Body and Blood,
I open my heart as His mercy begins
to flood, O Mary, help me live in my
heart,
Mary, what you lived in your heart

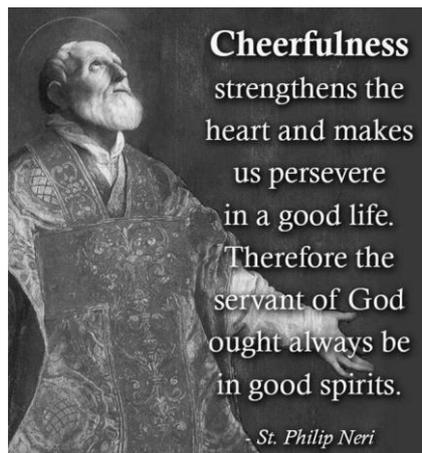
RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star,
Guide of the wand'rer here below;
Thrown on life's surge,
we claim thy care:
Save us from peril and from woe
Mother of Christ, star of the sea.
Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless maid,
We sinners make our prayers through
thee; Remind thy son that he has paid
The price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, start of the sea,
Prayer for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,
To thee, blest advocate, we cry:
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,
And soothe with hope our misery.
Refuge in grief, star of the sea,
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

JEREMIAH 29:11
"For I know the plans
I have for you,
declares the LORD,
"PLANS TO PROSPER YOU
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
HOPE and a FUTURE."



NEXT SUNDAY:

4th October 2020

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)

Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43;

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

28 Sept: Phung Mai, Phyllis Oldbury,
John Lopez, Thomas Lopez
29 Sept: Mary Williams
30 Sept: Wilhelmus Hilhorst
2 Oct: Martin Backall, Mary Cournane
3 Oct: Eunice Maher, Peggy Grubb,
Charmian Edmonds, Rose Hogan,
John Ashley Lopez.

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$1,443.33
Priests	\$721.67
Total AP's	\$2,165.00

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

Live streaming from Holy Family

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

Mon, Weds, Thurs, Fri & Sat at 9am
Tues at 7pm
Sun at 8am, 9:30am and 11:00am

*If you miss the live feed:
You can still watch a video of the Mass
from our parish website
<https://www.teatatuatholic.org.nz/>*

Don't forget Mass
is also on SHINE TV at 2pm.

Our Prayers and Sympathies

are with the family of Mary Somerville
as they mourn her sudden loss.
There will be a Rosary on Thursday
8th October at 7pm and her Requiem
Mass will be on Friday 9th October at
10:30am. Please keep her family in
your prayers during this time.

PRAY AND PLAY DAY
Change of Date

For all those children who are between
the ages of 8 - 17 years old
on Monday 5th October from 9am to
3pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring
something to share for lunch. To
register please contact the Parish Office
on 8346677 or email -
hfparish@xtra.co.nz

Sacramental Programme -
1st Holy Communion

classes start 17th October 2020.
Register with Ellen on 8346677 or
hfparish@xtra.co.nz. *Please note: to
register for First Holy Communion your
child would need to have received the
Sacrament of Reconciliation
on the 8th August.*