



Holy Family Parish

1st Sunday in Advent – Year B –
Sunday 29th November 2020

FIRST READING : Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!– at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O Shepherd of Israel hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne, O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. *R.*

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, Look down from heaven and see, visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. *R.*

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength and we shall never forsake you again, give us life that we may call upon your name. *R.*

SECOND READING : 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

GOSPEL : Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

FAMILY PRAYERS FOR ADVENT WREATH

What to do?

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross
2. Light Candle
3. Say Antiphon of the Day
4. Say the Advent Prayer of that week
5. say Gospel of the Week
6. Finish with Grace before Meals.

1st Week Prayer: Stir up your might we beg You Lord, and come, so that we may escape through Your protection and be saved by Your help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

1st Week Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent..."

**PARISH PICNIC Sunday 20th December,
after the 9:30am Mass**

On the back field of the Parish Property

watch this space for more details next week ...

Please bring a plate to share and a picnic mat to sit on.

We are in need of popup gazebos we can borrow for the day to offer shade. Please contact Ellen on 8346677.

First Candle and Week 1 of Advent

Monday: "O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong yet gentle manner. O come to teach us the way of truth."

Tuesday: "O Adonai and leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in a burning bush and you gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power."

Wednesday: "O stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay."

Thursday: "O key of David and sceptre of Israel, what you open no one else can close again; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Friday: "O Rising Sun, you are the splendour of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Saturday: "O King whom all the people's desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man whom you made from clay."

Sunday: "O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the peoples await and their Saviour. O come and save us, Lord, our God."

**"Do not try to please everybody.
Try to please God,
the angels, and the saints
- they are your public."
~St. John Vianney**

**"You cannot always depend on
prayers to be answered the way
you want them answered but you
can always depend on God.
Fulton Sheen**



**"Not all of us
can do great things. But
we can do small things
with great love."
Mother Teresa**

**"There are two things
the devil is deadly afraid of:
fervent Communion
and frequent visits
to the Blessed Sacrament."
~ Saint John Bosco**

**Always remain close to the Catholic
Church, because she alone can give you
true peace, since she alone possesses
Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament,
the true Prince of Peace.
- ST. PADRE PIO -**

**"I am not only the
Queen of Heaven,
but also the Mother
of Mercy."
Our Lady to St. Faustina**

**"THE LORD OUR KING WILL HOLD THE
DOOR OF HIS HEART OPEN FOR ANYONE
WHO WANTS TO ENTER FOR AN
AUDIENCE AT ANY TIME."
- PADRE PIO**

**"Men are often called intelligent wrongly.
Intelligent men are not those who are erudite in
the sayings and books of the wise men of old,
but those who have an intelligent soul and can
discriminate between good and evil. They avoid
what is sinful and harms the soul; and with deep
gratitude to God they resolutely adhere by dint
of practice to what is good and benefits the soul.
These men alone should truly be called
intelligent."
- St. Anthony The Great -**

**Mother Teresa said, "We must
not be surprised when we hear
of murders, of killings, of wars,
of hatred. If a mother can kill
her own child, what is left but
for us to kill each other?" and,
"A nation that kills its children
in the womb has lost its soul."**

**"God will not allow you to be
lost if you persist in your
determination not to lose Him."
- St. Padre Pio**

**FREEDOM CONSISTS NOT IN DOING
WHAT WE LIKE, BUT IN HAVING THE
RIGHT TO DO WHAT WE OUGHT.
POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II**

**THERE IS NO STORM THAT CAN
SHIPWRECK THE MOST SWEET
HEART OF MARY.
ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA**

**JESUS IS WITH ME. I HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.
PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI**

**O LITTLE THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS,
PLEASE PICK FOR ME A ROSE FROM THE
HEAVENLY GARDENS AND SEND IT TO
ME AS A MESSAGE OF LOVE**

**WHAT A GRACE IT IS TO KNOW GOD!
ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA**

**WHOEVER HAS GOD LACKS NOTHING
ST. TERESA OF AVILA**

**HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER
PSALM 136**

THERE IS NEED OF ONLY ONE THING

LUKE 10:42

IT IS UP TO US WHETHER WE WILL COOPERATE
WITH GOD'S GRACE OR WASTE IT.

ST. FAUSTINA

"NO ONE HEALS HIMSELF BY
WOUNDING ANOTHER."

- ST. AMBROSE

Be anxious for nothing,
but in everything by prayer and
supplication, with thanksgiving,
let your requests be
made known to God;
and the peace of God,
which surpasses all
understanding, **will guard**
your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Prayer and Quotes of **St. Augustine**

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart O Holy Spirit,
That I love only what is holy.

Strengthen me O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.

"You have created us for Yourself,
O Lord, and our hearts are
restless until they rest in You."

"To fall in love with God
is the greatest of romances,
to seek Him the greatest adventure,
to find Him the greatest
human achievement."

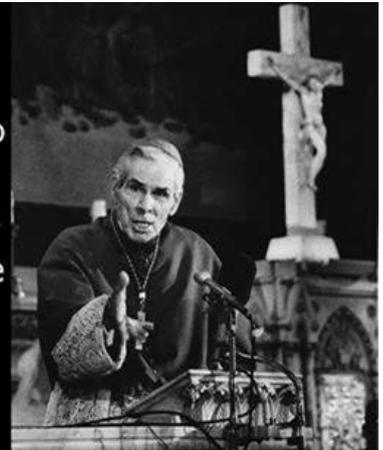
"Suppose one reads a story of filthy atrocities in the paper. Then suppose that something turns up suggesting that the story might not be quite true, or not quite so bad as it was made out. Is one's first feeling, 'Thank God, even they aren't quite so bad as that,' or is it a feeling of disappointment, and even a determination to cling to the first story for the sheer pleasure of thinking your enemies are as bad as possible? If it is the second then it is, I am afraid, the first step in a process which, if followed to the end, will make us into devils. You see, one is beginning to wish that black was a little blacker. If we give that wish its head, later on we shall wish to see grey as black, and then to see white itself as black. Finally we shall insist on seeing everything -- God and our friends and ourselves included -- as bad, and not be able to stop doing it: we shall be fixed for ever in a universe of pure hatred." - C.S. Lewis

Use the gifts you have received,
and *pass on the love* that has been
given to you.

ST. THERESA OF LISIEUX

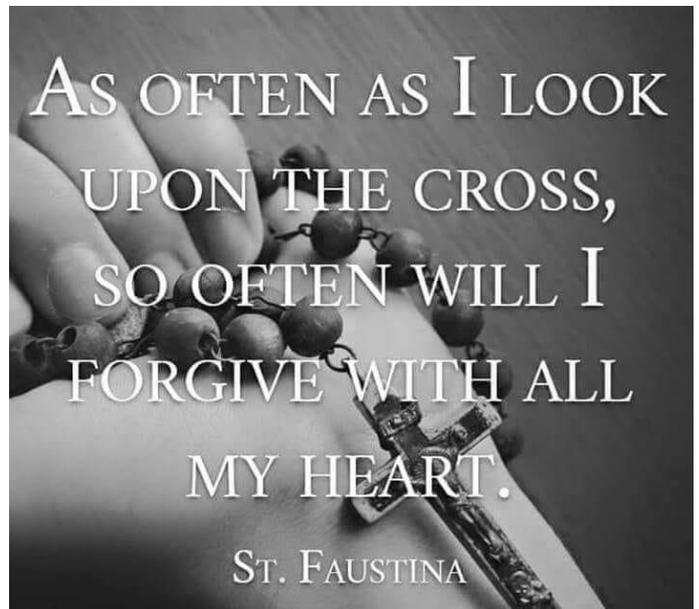
"Judge the
Catholic Church
not by those who
barely live by its
spirit, but by the
example of those
who live closest
to it."

-Fulton Sheen-



AS OFTEN AS I LOOK
UPON THE CROSS,
SO OFTEN WILL I
FORGIVE WITH ALL
MY HEART.

ST. FAUSTINA



PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Alma Redemptoris Mater
quae pervia caeli porta manes
et stella maris, succurre cadenti,
surgere qui curat populo:
tu quae genuisti, natura mirante,
tuum sanctum genitorem:
Virgo prius ac posterius,
Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud ave,
peccatorum miserere.

COMMUNION HYMN:

O Come, O come, Emmanuel
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That doth in exile homeless mourn
Until her Saviour Christ be born.

Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel is born to save thee Israel.

O come thou day star seen on high
with healing for our hearts draw nigh:
Do thou the mists of night dispel and
death's forboding darkness quell.

Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel is born to save thee Israel.

O come of Gentile hearts, the King.
A world that needs thee ransoming
And save thy Servants who confess
with humbled hearts their faithlessness.

Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel is born to save thee Israel.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

O come, divine Messiah;
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph
And sadness flee away.

Dear Saviour, haste!
Come, come to earth.
dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, divine Messiah; the world in silence
waits the day when hope shall sing its
triumph and sadness flee away.

O Christ, whom nations sign for,
Whom priest and prophet long foretold,
Come break the captive's fetters,
Redeem the long lost fold.

Dear Saviour, haste!
Come, come to earth.
dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, divine Messiah; the world in
silence waits the day when hope shall
sing its triumph and sadness flee away.

You come in peace and meekness
And lowly will your cradle be;
All clothed in human weakness
Shall we your Godhead see.

Dear Saviour, haste!
Come, come to earth.
dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, divine Messiah; the world in
silence waits the day when hope shall
sing its triumph and sadness flee away

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Miha Māori at Hāto Petera Chapel -
Miha Māori (Mass in Te Reo Māori)
will once again be celebrated in the
Hāto Petera Chapel, 103 College Road,
Northcote. The Miha will be celebrated
on Sunday 13th December 2020, at
9.30am. You are very welcome to join
us as we celebrate our return to the
Chapel. For more information please
call Manuel Beazley, Vicar for Māori on
(09) 360 3058. *Nau mai, haere mai.*

Advent Carols and Readings Join us
for our annual service of Carols and
Readings for the Season of Advent at
the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph,
with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble.
Saturday, 5 December at 7 pm. Please
note there will be a retiring collection.
Validated parking will be available at
the Wilson car parks on Hobson Street
and Durham Lane.

G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass Sunday 6th
December, 4pm at Good Shepherd
Church, Balmoral. An invitation to all
Catholics with disabilities, their
families and support workers. A light
meal is provided after Mass in the
G.I.F.T. Centre. Everyone is most
welcome. Ph: 629 0445

Quo Vadis, Where are you going?
Breakfast meeting for single men ages
17+ who are interested in considering
a vocation to the diocesan
priesthood. 5 December 9am for Mass
followed by fellowship – St Patrick's
Panmure.

**Employment Opportunities at St
Francis Retreat Centre - Food Service
Director (Head Chef)** - Since our Head Chef
is retiring, St Francis Retreat Centre is
looking for a replacement who is: •
Passionate about food • Experienced •
Qualified • Reliable • Hard-working • A
team player. **General/Operations
Manager** - This is an exciting new position
for someone who is experienced in
hospitality, continued on...

NEXT SUNDAY:

6th December 2020
2nd Sunday of Advent (Yr B)
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: M. D'Souza, R. Hall
Prayers of the Faithful: F. Xavier
Offertory: Thotawattage Family
Special Ministers: F. Ulugia

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Adoration next weekend

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Senior Legion of Mary

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

30 Nov: Alice McCormick
2 Dec: Mary Green, Elizabeth Banfi
5 Dec: Kevin Lyons and Philip Luoni

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$2,027.93
Priests	<u>\$1,013.97</u>
Total Cash and AP's	\$3,041.90

financial administration, managing employees,
and who deeply values the search for God in our
lives through retreats and spiritual direction.. If
one of these positions sounds like you, please
email: finance@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz
for a full job description and application form.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES**Reminder: First Friday Adoration**

starts Friday 4th December at 7pm to
Saturday 5th December at 6pm.

*We have a few time slots where we need an
extra person to be there. The time slots are
5am to 6am, 11am to 12pm, 12pm to 1pm. If
you are available to fill in those time slots,
please contact Ellen on 8346677 or by email
hfp parish@xtra.co.nz*

Grounds Maintenance Fundraising -
Thank you so much to everyone for their
support of our recent fundraiser towards
purchasing ground maintenance equipment
for the Parish. May God bless you all.



Pre-Dawn Candlelit Mass
Rorate Caeli
The Expectation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

5am | 12th December, 2020
St Paul's College Chapel
183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby
Parking at the Basketball court,
entrance at Doira Street

IMPORTANT NOTE: There will be **no 8am
Latin Mass on Jan 3 and Jan 10 2021**, as
Fr Jeremy will be Hearts Aflame. The
9:30am English Mass will be offered by a
visiting priest. If you wish assist at a Latin
Mass on those Sundays, please go to St
Paul's College, Ponsonby. Fr Sumich of the
FSSP will be offering Mass at St Pauls at
9am on both Sundays.