



Holy Family Parish

2nd Sunday in Advent –Year B–
Sunday 6th December 2020

FIRST READING : Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 84:9-14(Advent)

R. Lord, let us see Your kindness grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *R.*

Mercy and faithfulness have met, justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. *R.*

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. *R.*

SECOND READING : 2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

GOSPEL : Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God: It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

FAMILY PRAYERS FOR ADVENT

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.

2nd Week Prayer: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for your only begotten Son, that through His coming, we may be made worthy to serve you with pure souls. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

2nd Week Gospel (Luke 3:1-6.)

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths....and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Second Candle & Week 2 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 peoples 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."

"IN PRAYER THE SOUL RISES ABOVE LIFE'S SADNESSES."

- BL. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

"THERE IS ONLY ONE THING TO BE FEARED
AND THAT IS SIN. EVERYTHING ELSE
IS BESIDE THE POINT."

- ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

"BLESSED BE GOD WHO PERMITS OUR AGE,
SICKNESSES AND MORAL SUFFERING
TO MAKE US FEEL SO USELESS
AND UNABLE DO ANYTHING."

-BL. MARÍA LUISA JOSEFA

"AS LONG AS FAITH GIVES ME STRENGTH,
I WILL ALWAYS BE JOYFUL."

-BL. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

"BY THE DEATH OF MARTYRS
RELIGION HAS BEEN DEFENDED,
FAITH INCREASED, THE CHURCH STRENGTHENED.
THE DEAD HAVE CONQUERED,
THE PERSECUTORS HAVE BEEN OVERCOME."

- ST. AMBROSE OF MILAN

"GLADLY ENDURE WHATEVER GOES AGAINST YOU
AND DO NOT LET GOOD FORTUNE CARRY YOU AWAY;
FOR THIS CAN DESTROY FAITH."

-ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

"IF THE FERVOR OF FAITH IN OUR HEART
IS NOT KEPT ALIGHT, THEN OUR APATHY
MAY ENTIRELY EXTINGUISH OUR FAITH."

-ST. JOHN OF KRONSTADT

"WHAT DARKNESS, WHAT MADNESS,
WHAT SICKNESS, WHAT A TERRIBLE,
DEADLY POWER IS SIN!"

- ST. JOHN OF KRONSTADT

"HE WHO RUNS AWAY FROM ONE CROSS,
WILL MEET A BIGGER ONE ON HIS ROAD."

-ST. PHILIP NERI

"I DO NOT KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME;
I ONLY KNOW ONE THING FOR CERTAIN, THAT THE
LORD WILL NEVER FALL SHORT OF HIS PROMISES."

- PADRE PIO

"AT LAST I AM CONVINCED THAT ONLY GOD CAN MAKE
ME HAPPY, AND IN HIM I HAVE PLACED ALL MY HOPE."

- ST. GEMMA GALGANI

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

- ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

"ONLY ONE THING IS NECESSARY: JESUS CHRIST.
THINK UNCEASINGLY OF HIM."

- ST. JOHN GABRIEL PERBOYRE

"CHASTITY IS THE LILY OF VIRTUES AND MAKES
MEN ALMOST EQUAL TO ANGELS."

- ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

**"We belong to the Church Militant;
and she is militant because on earth
the powers of darkness are ever
restless to encompass her destruction."**

- Pope Pius XII, 1953

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT

DON'T OPEN YOUR MOUTH...

- In the heat of anger - Proverbs 14:17.
- When you don't have all the facts - Proverbs 18:13.
- When you haven't verified the story - Deuteronomy 17:6.
- If your words will offend a weaker brother - 1 Cor 8:11.
- If your words will be a poor reflection of the Lord or your friends and family - Peter 2:21-23.
- When you are tempted to joke about sin - Proverbs 14:9.
- When you would be ashamed of your words later - Proverbs 8:8.
- When you tempted to make light of holy things - Ecclesiastes 5:2.
- If your words convey a wrong impression - Proverbs 17:27.
- If the issue is none of your business - Proverbs 14:10.
- When you are tempted to tell an outright lie - Proverbs 4:24.
- If your words will damage someone's reputation - Proverbs 16:27.
- If your words will destroy a friendship - Proverbs 25:28.
- When you are feeling critical - James 3:9.
- If you can't speak without yelling - Proverbs 25:28.
- When it is time to listen - Proverbs 13:1.
- If you may have to eat your words later - Proverbs 18:21.
- If you have already said it more than one time - Proverbs 19:13
- When you are tempted to flatter a wicked person - Proverbs 24:24.
- When you are supposed to be working instead - Proverbs 14:23.

Proverbs 21:23. "Whosoever Keepth His Mouth And His Tongue, Keepeth His Soul From Trouble."

"IN TRIAL OR DIFFICULTY, I HAVE RECOURSE TO MOTHER MARY, WHOSE GLANCE ALONE IS ENOUGH TO DISSIPATE EVERY FEAR."

– ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

"NONE CAN BECOME FIT FOR THE FUTURE LIFE WHO HAS NOT PRACTICED HIMSELF FOR IT NOW."

– ST. AUGUSTINE

"THE SAFEST ROAD TO HELL IS THE GRADUAL ONE."

– C. S. LEWIS

"BY THE CROSS, WE HAVE BECOME CHILDREN OF FREEDOM."

– ST. JOHN VIANNEY

"IN ORDER TO BE CHRISTIAN, OUR LIVES MUST BE A CONTINUAL RENUNCIATION AND SACRIFICE."

– BL. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

"IF AN EXPERIENCE FAILS TO ENGENDER HUMILITY, CHARITY, MORTIFICATION, HOLY SIMPLICITY, AND SILENCE ... OF WHAT VALUE IS IT?"

– ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

"EVEN THE STRAWS UNDER MY KNEES SHOUT TO DISTRACT ME FROM PRAYER."

– ST. AUGUSTINE

"IT IS BETTER TO SAY ONE OUR FATHER FERVENTLY AND DEVOUTLY THAN A THOUSAND WITH NO DEVOTION AND FULL OF DISTRACTION."

– ST. EDMUND

"WHOEVER HAS THE MISSION OF PROCLAIMING GREAT THINGS IS ALSO UNDER OBLIGATION TO PRACTICE THEM."

– ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

"LEARN TO BE STRONGER IN SPIRIT THAN IN YOUR MUSCLES. IF YOU ARE, YOU WILL BE REAL APOSTLES OF FAITH IN GOD."

– BL. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

"FAITH ENABLES US TO BEAR THE THORNS WITH WHICH OUR LIFE IS WOVEN."

– BL. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

"IF YOU ARE SILENT, BE SILENT OUT OF LOVE. IF YOU SPEAK, SPEAK OUT OF LOVE."

– ST. AUGUSTINE

"MAKE UP YOUR MIND TO BECOME A SAINT."

– ST. MARY MAZZARELLO

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

– ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

"PRIDE IS THE SOURCE OF ALL THE VICIOUS AND THE CAUSE OF ALL THE EVILS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED AND WHICH ARE STILL TO COME IN THE COURSE OF THE CENTURIES."

– ST. JOHN VIANNEY

"IMAGINE YOUR ANGER TO BE A KIND OF WILD BEAST BECAUSE IT HAS FEROCIOUS TEETH AND CLAWS, AND IF YOU DON'T TAME IT, IT WILL DEVASTATE ALL THINGS, EVEN CORRUPTING THE SOUL."

– ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

"The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases."

ST. ROSE OF LIMA,

SUCH IS THE LOVE WHICH MARY BEARS US, THAT SHE IS NEVER TIRED OF PRAYING FOR US.

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

Who except *God* can give you *peace*? Has the *world* ever been able to *satisfy* the heart?

– ST. GERARD MAJELLA –

BEFORE CONCEIVING THE LORD IN HER BODY SHE HAD ALREADY CONCEIVED HIM IN HER SOUL

ST. AUGUSTINE

THE DEVIL FEARS HEARTS ON FIRE WITH LOVE OF GOD.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

"Let each look to himself and see what God wants of him and attend to this, leaving all else alone."

– ST. BLESSED HENRY SUSO

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, succure cadenti,
surgere qui curat populo:
tu quae genuisti, natura mirante,
tuum sanctum genitorem:
Virgo prius ac posterius,
Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud ave,
peccatorum misere.*

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*

ADVENT RECONCILIATION TIMES IN WEST AUCKLAND

DATE	DAY	PARISH
28 Nov	Sat, 11-12:30	Henderson
5 Dec	Sat, 11-12:30	Henderson
9 Dec	Wed, 7pm	Blockhouse Bay
10 Dec	Thurs, 7pm	Glen Eden
12 Dec	Sat, 11-12:30	Henderson
16 Dec	Wed, 7pm	Avondale
17 Dec	Thurs, 7pm	Massey

O JESUS, You have said,
"Ask and you shall receive,
Seek and you shall find,
Knock and it shall be opened to you."
Through the intercession of Mary,
Your most Holy Mother,
I knock, I seek, I ask
That my prayer be granted.
~Mention your request~
O JESUS, You have said,
"All that you ask
Of the Father in My Name,
He will grant you."
Through the intercession of Mary,
Your most Holy Mother,
I humbly and urgently ask
The Father in Your Name
That my prayer be granted.
~Mention your request~
O JESUS, You have said,
"Heaven and earth shall pass away,
But My Word shall not pass."
Through the intercession of Mary,
Your most Holy Mother,
I feel confident
That my prayer will be granted.
~Mention your request~
Amen.

To be deep in history, is to cease
to be Protestant.

~ John Henry Newman

Go to the tabernacle in
spirit when you are not
able to do so physically

St. Padre Pio

NEXT SUNDAY:

13th December 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent (YrB)

Is 61:1-2,10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24;

Jn 1:6-8,19-28;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: R. Cardoza, K. Cheong
Prayers of the Faithful: A. Leifi
Offertory: W & R Fakava
Special Ministers: S. Molloy

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Tagilima Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Tongan Community

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

10 Dec: Kathleen Gould, France Warden,
Ivan Vujcich

11 Dec: Carl Briant

12 Dec: Eneliko Michael

PARISH FINANCES

Parish \$2,249.67
Priests \$1,124.83
Total Cash and AP's \$3,374.50

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES


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.

PARISH PICNIC

**Sunday 20th December,
after the 9:30am Mass
On the back field of the Parish
Property**

*We will have games for all the family
to take part in and a sausage sizzle.*

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

Please contact Ellen on 8346677 or email:
hfparish@xtra.co.nz.

Also a note about parking on the 20th December: we are going to block off from the studio - grey shed back towards Waione. Please do not park in front of the grey shed.