



Holy Family Parish

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B—
Sunday 14th February 2021



FIRST READING : Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46;

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 31:1-2,5,11;

R. I turn to you, Lord, in times of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. *R.*

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: "I will confess my offence to the Lord." And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. *R.*

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult you just. O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. *R.*

SECOND READING : 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1;

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

GOSPEL : Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass times
Wednesday 17th February
9am & 7pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

during Lent
starts
Friday 19th February
at 7pm



Parish Groups

at
HOLY FAMILY PARISH



Group	Days and times of meetings
Adult Formation	<i>Every Thursday at 7pm In the Bugler Centre</i>
Catechism Classes	<i>Every Sunday during the school term after the 9:30am Mass In the Bugler Centre</i>
Choir	<i>Wednesday at 7:30pm In the Choir Loft</i>
House of Nazareth (Playgroup for preschoolers and home schoolers)	<i>1st & 3rd Friday of the month 11am to 2:30pm In the Hall</i>
Junior Legion of Mary (7 to 18 years Old)	<i>Saturday at 10am In the Bugler Centre</i>
Mothers Prayer Group	<i>Every Friday 6:30pm In the Crying Room</i>
Samoan Community	<i>Meeting 3rd Sunday of the Month in the Hall Samoan Mass 4th Sunday of the Month at 12pm</i>
Senior Legion of Mary	<i>Tuesday at 7:30pm In the Bugler Centre</i>
Tongan Community	<i>Meeting 2nd Sunday of the Month in the Hall Tongan Mass 1st Sunday March, June, September at 12pm</i>
Youth (12 to 17 years Old)	<i>2nd & 4th Friday of the month 7pm In the Bugler Centre</i>

**For more information please contact the
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Why is Ash Wednesday on a Wednesday?

So, why is **Ash Wednesday** held on a **Wednesday**, and not on another day of the week?

The name Ash Wednesday comes from the ceremony of **putting ashes on the heads** of the clergy and the people on this day.

Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of the fast of Lent. During this time there are **forty-six days**, but as **we do not fast on the six Sundays** falling in this time, **the fast lasts for forty days**, hence it is called the 'forty days of Lent'. In the Latin language of the Church it is called the **Quadragesima**, that is, forty.

Just as the Jews of the old—after having been delivered from their **seventy-years** of captivity in Babylon—spent **forty-six years** in building their temple in place of the grand edifice raised by Solomon and destroyed by the Babylonians...

...so too Catholics—after having come forth from the Babylon of this world by the rites and the services of the **Septuagesima season (seventy days)**—must spend **forty-six days** in rebuilding the temple of the Holy Ghost, built by God at the moment of our baptism, but destroyed by the sins of the past year.

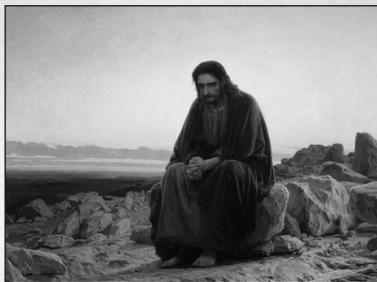
The forty days of fasting comes down to us **from the Old Testament**, for we read that:



Moses fasted **forty days** on the mount (Exodus 34:28);



Elijah fasted for **forty days** (1 Kings 19:8);



...and that our Lord fasted **forty days** in the desert (**Matthew 4**).



According to Pope Gregory, there are:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 42 \text{ days (six weeks) from the} \\
 \text{first Sunday of Lent to Easter} \\
 - 6 \text{ and when we take from Lent} \\
 \text{the six Sundays during} \\
 \text{which we do not fast,} \\
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 36 \text{ then we are left with only} \\
 \text{thirty-six days of Lent.}
 \end{array}$$



So in order to make up the **full fast of forty days** Pope Gregory commanded the fast of Lent to begin:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 36 \\
 + 4 \\
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 40 \text{ days of Lent}
 \end{array}$$

Four days before the First Sunday of Lent:

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which falls on a **Wednesday**

But more significantly, we begin the fast of Lent on Wednesday, for the most ancient traditions of the Church tell us that while our Lord was **born on Sunday**, he was **baptized on Tuesday...**

...and **began his fast** in the desert **on Wednesday**.

Moreover, just as King Solomon began the **building of his great temple on a Wednesday**, so too us Catholics are to prepare our bodies to become the **temples of the Holy Spirit** by fasting at the start of the Great Season of Lent—beginning on **Ash Wednesday**.

Ashes on the Forehead



The act of applying ashes to our forehead **symbolizes our mortality** as well as our need for **ongoing repentance**.

Ashes are applied to our forehead in the sign of the cross as the words, "**Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return**" are spoken to us. The other formula which is used, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel!" emphasizes our call to continual conversion and holiness of life.



Lent



Lent is the penitential season of 40 days (excluding Sundays) set aside by the Church in order for the faithful to prepare for the commemoration of the Lord's Passion, Death and the celebration of His Resurrection.

Lent begins at midnight of Ash Wednesday and officially ends at the start of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

It is obligatory for:

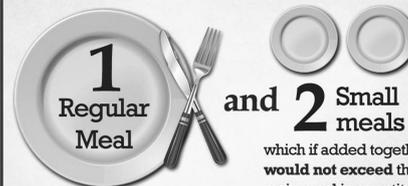


Catholics who are **14** years old until death are bound to practice the **law of abstinence**.



and Catholics who are **18 - 59** years old are bound to practice the **law of fasting**.

Law of Fasting



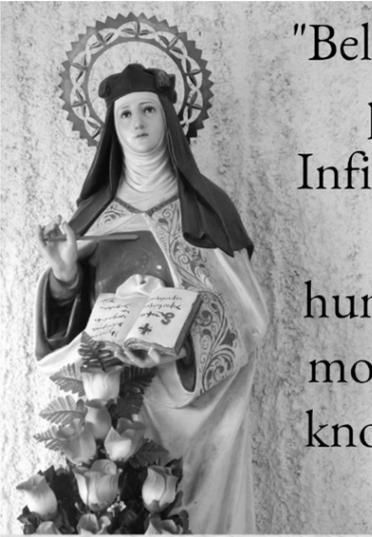
which if added together **would not exceed** the main meal in quantity

The fast is **broken** by eating between meals and by drinks which could be considered food (milk shakes, but not milk).

Those excused from fasting and abstinence

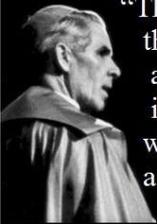
- 1) persons of unsound mind, 2) the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, 3) manual laborers according to need, 4) guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offense or causing enmity, 5) and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

	Ash Wednesday	17 February
	First Sunday of Lent	21 February
	Passion Sunday <small>(Fifth Sunday of Lent - Novus Ordo)</small>	21 March
	Palm Sunday <small>(Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Novus Ordo)</small>	28 March
	Maundy Thursday	01 April
	Good Friday	02 April
	Holy Saturday	03 April
	Easter Sunday	04 April



"Believe me. In the presence of Infinite Wisdom... One act of humility is worth more than all the knowledge of the world."

-St. Teresa of Avila



"The *unemployed*, the socially disinherited, the poor broken earthenware of humanity ask for "work," but what they really want is *independence*. The normal man does not want to be fed either by a *social agency* or a *state*; he wants to be able to feed himself."

~ Fulton J. Sheen

"WHEN YOU HAVE NOTHING LEFT BUT GOD, YOU HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO START OVER AGAIN."

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

What is tradition? It is that which has been understood by everyone, everywhere and at all times; that which you have received, and not that which you have thought up. So then, our job is not to lead religion where we wish it to go, but to follow it where it leads, and not to give that which is our own to our heirs, but to guard that which has been given to us.

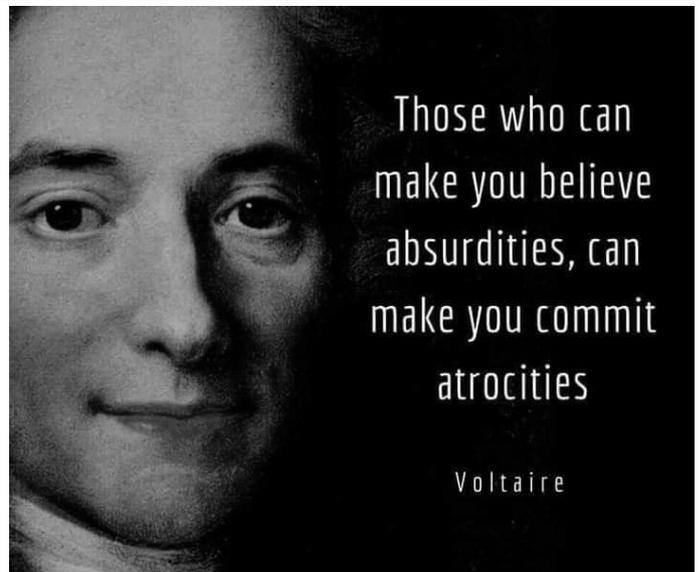
Saint Vincent of Lerins

"ALL THE VIRTUES GROW THROUGH THE PRACTICE OF ANY ONE OF THEM, AND ALL THE VICIES GROW THROUGH THE PRACTICE OF ANY ONE OF THEM LIKEWISE."

-ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

What blooming is to a flower,
that a Godlike life is to our personality
— the beginning of its perfection.

~ Fulton J. Sheen



Those who can make you believe absurdities, can make you commit atrocities

Voltaire

"Never give up PRAYER..."



...and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason.

God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction."

- ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS -

"Jesus said to me; 'How many times would you have abandoned Me, my son, if I had not crucified you. Beneath the cross, one learns love, and I do not give this to everyone, but only to those souls who are dearest to Me.'" ~St Pio

The world's thy ship and not thy home.

~ St. Thérèse of Lisieux

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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:

God of Mercy and Compassion,
Look with pity upon me,
Father let me call Thee Father,
'Tis thy child returns to Thee.

*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy;
let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
never will I sin again.*

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying,
on the cross of Calvary;
To that cross my sins have nail'd Him,
yet bleeds and dies for me.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Even if I had committed every
possible crime,
forever would I have the same
confidence, because I know that this
multitude of offences is but a drop of
water thrown into a blazing fire,
is but a drop of water thrown into a
blazing fire.

Oh how I need a heart burning with
tenderness,
On whom I can rely with no turning
back who loves me as I am and even
my weakness, and who will leave me
not throughout both day and night,
and who will leave me not
throughout both day and night.

I was not able to find any other
living creature who loved me in this
way and who would never die,
because I need a God who makes
Himself like me, whom I can call a
brother, and who can suffer too,
whom I can call a brother and who
can suffer too.

Oh yes I know this well, that all our
acts of justice do not have in your
eyes the slightest worth at all, and so
to give a price to all my sacrifices, I
want to throw them all into your
heart divine.

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.

HOLY FAMILY NOTICES

Sunday Cup of Tea: You are invited to
come to the Hall after the 9:30am
Mass.

Sacramental Programme 2021:
First Reconciliation- 27th February
2021 at 4pm in the Bugler Centre,
*please note: If you would like your child
to receive Confirmation and First Holy
Communion, they would need to receive
the Sacrament of Reconciliation first.*
Please register with Ellen on 8346677
or hfparish@xtra.co.nz. The deadline
for registrations close 6th March.

NEXT SUNDAY:**21stFebruary 2021****1st Sunday in Lent (Yr B)***Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15;***LITURGY ROSTER**

Readers: S. Shaw, E. Shaw
Prayers of the Faithful: F. Xavier
Offertory: Leaumoana Family
Special Ministers: F. Ulugia

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Ahio Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Thotawattage/Tagiilima Families

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

15 Feb: Jack Drabble, Olga Schischka
16 Feb: William Campbell, Mary Woolmore
17 Feb: Frances, Alexander & Jennifer
Lindsay, Annie Ferry, Violet Henkel
18 Feb: Paea, Christopher & Moana
Poauga, Rose Wallace
19 Feb: William Malloy, Cecilia Karl,
Russell Mcdowall
20 Feb: Alfred Wilson

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$1,139.70
Priests	\$569.90
Total Cash	\$1,709.60

DIOCESAN NOTICES

**40 Days for Life: Your peaceful,
prayerful presence saves lives!**

In 2018 40 Days for Life prayer volunteers
were amazed when a young woman
approached them with her story. The
previous year she had arrived for her
appointment at the abortion place, only to
encounter people praying. Curious, she
stopped, listened, and went home instead
of keeping her appointment. "Today, my
son is 3 months old. Thank you!" Help
save lives this Lent by being present
outside the abortion place. February 1 to
March 28, Monday to Saturday, 7am to
7pm.

To find out more and sign up for your
prayer hour(s) please visit
fli.org.nz/40daysforlife
or contact Michelle 027 526 1199 or
michelle@fli.org.nz

DRCNZ - Lenten Retreat in AUCKLAND

Brother Fritz Mascarenhas, will be
conducting a weekend Lenten Retreat.
• 27th Feb. 2021 - 2 to 5.00p.m. followed
by Holy Mass at St Therese Church, Mt
Albert.
• 28th Feb. 2021 - 2 to 5.00p.m. followed
by Holy Mass at Christ the King Church,
Owairaka, Mt. Roskill.
No registration required. All are welcome
For more details visit our website:
drcnewzealand.org