



Holy Family Parish

**2nd Sunday of Lent - Year B -
Sunday 28th February 2021**



FIRST READING : Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 115(116):10,15-19

℟. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted even when I said: "I am sorely afflicted." O precious in the eyes of the Lord, is the death of his faithful. *℟.*

Your servant Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. *℟.*

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. *℟.*

SECOND READING : Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

GOSPEL : Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**Parish Groups
at
HOLY FAMILY PARISH**



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

**For more information please contact the
Parish Office on 098346677**

THE LITANY OF HUMILITY

Lord Jesus. Meek and humble of heart,
Hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being loved,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being extolled,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being honoured,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being praised,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being preferred to others,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being consulted,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being approved,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being humiliated,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being despised,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of suffering rebukes,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being calumniated,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being forgotten,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being ridiculed,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being wronged,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being suspected,
Deliver me, Jesus.

That others may be loved more than I,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be esteemed more than I,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That, in the opinion of the world,
others may increase and I may decrease,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be chosen and I set aside,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be praised and I unnoticed,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be preferred to me in everything,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may become holier than I,
provided that I may become as holy as I should,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

“Humility is not
thinking less of yourself,
it’s thinking of yourself
less.”



— C.S. Lewis

"My beloved, may every fall, even if it is serious and habitual sin, always become for us a small step toward a higher degree of perfection. In fact, the only reason why the Immaculate permits us to fall is to cure us from our self-conceit, from our pride, to make us humble and thus make us docile to the divine graces."

St Maximilian Kolbe

THE ROOT PRINCIPLE OF BIRTH-CONTROL IS UNSOUND. IT IS A GLORIFICATION OF THE MEANS AND A CONTEMPT OF THE END: IT SAYS THAT THE PLEASURE WHICH IS A MEANS TO THE PROCREATION OF THE CHILDREN IS GOOD, BUT THE CHILDREN THEMSELVES ARE NO GOOD. IN OTHER WORDS, TO BE LOGICAL, THE PHILOSOPHY OF BIRTH-CONTROL WOULD COMMIT US TO A WORLD IN WHICH TREES WERE ALWAYS BLOOMING BUT NEVER GIVING FRUIT, A WORLD FULL OF SIGN-POSTS THAT WERE LEADING NOWHERE. IN THIS COSMOS EVERY TREE WOULD BE A BARREN FIG TREE AND FOR THAT REASON WOULD HAVE UPON IT THE CURSE OF GOD.

- VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN -

- St. Padre Pio

"Always live under the eyes
of the Good Shepherd and you will walk
unharméd through evil pastures."

If God sends you many sufferings, it is a
sign that He has great plans for you and
certainly wants to make you a saint.

- St. Ignatius Loyola -

Abbot Gueranger
on unrepentant sinners...

"Offer up your penances and your almsgivings for them. Despair not; and remember that, each year, many straying sheep are brought to the fold by such intercession as this."



In your work, offer your difficulties and troubles quite simply to God ... and you will find that His blessing will rest upon you and on all you do.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY
AUGUST 4

"When you are insulted by someone or humiliated, guard against angry thoughts, lest they arouse a feeling of irritation, and so cut you off from love and place you in the realm of hatred." +St. Maximos the Confessor

"By the cross we know the gravity of sin and the greatness of God's love toward us."

- John Chrysostom

You must remember

TO LOVE PEOPLE AND USE THINGS,
RATHER THAN
TO LOVE THINGS AND USE PEOPLE.

- Venerable Fulton Sheen

HE WANTS
YOU ENTIRELY FOR
HIMSELF.

HE WANTS
YOU TO PLACE
ALL YOUR TRUST
AND ALL
YOUR AFFECTION IN
HIM ALONE.

- ST. PADRE PIO -

Fasting and self-control are a double wall of defense and whoever lives within them enjoys great peace.

St. Gregory Palamas
"In the Time of Fasting and Prayer"
(Homily 9)

"If we ourselves do not learn humility, God will not stop humbling us."

Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

"Be not foolish, O my soul, and do not let the tumult of your vanity deafen the ear of your heart. Be attentive. The Word itself calls you to return, and with him is a place of unperturbed rest, where love is not forsaken unless it first forsakes."

ST. AUGUSTINE
The Confessions

Remember: The sinner who is sorry for his sins, is closer to God than the just man who boasts of his good works.

- St. Padre Pio -

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom
all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses
saw the loving God
who gave the law; and to Elijah,
fasting came the steeds
and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend,
became the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,
and give us joy to see thy face.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord.

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.

All ye who seek a comfort sure
In trouble and distress,
Whatever sorrow vex the mind,
Or guild the soul oppress:

Our Lord, who gave Himself for you
Upon the Cross to die,
Opens to you His sacred Heart;
O to that Heart draw nigh.

Ye hear how kindly he invites;
Ye hear His words so blest:
"All ye that labor come to Me,
And I will give you rest."

What meeker than the Saviour's Heart?
As on the Cross He lay,
It did His murderers forgive,
And for their pardon pray.

O Heart, Thou joy of Saints on high,
Thou hope of sinners here,
Attracted by those loving words
To thee I life my prayer.

Wash thou my wounds in that dear
Blood, Which forth from Thee doth
flow; New grace, hew hope inspire, a
new and better heart bestow.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From earth bound passion set me free,
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
by care and woe oppressed;
Let me your loving servant be,
And taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Amid the bitter strife;
through all my pain and misery
become my health and life

Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point to the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the trial is past,
I may your radiant glory see,
and share your joy at last.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways!

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame, a
second Adam to the fight and to the
rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail, should strive
afresh against the foe, should strive,
and should prevail.

And that the highest gift of grace
should flesh and blood refine: God's
presence and his very self, and
essence all divine.

O generous love! that he who smote
in man for man the foe, the double
agony in Man for man should
undergo.

And in the garden secretly, and on
the cross on high, should teach his
brethren, and inspire to suffer and to
die.

HOLY FAMILY NOTICES

Stations of the Cross- Fridays during
Lent at 7pm.

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

First Friday Adoration: starts Friday
5th March at 7pm till Saturday 6th
March at 6pm.

NEXT SUNDAY:

7th March 2021

3rd Sunday in Lent (YrB)

Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: M. D'Souza, E. Shaw

Prayers of the Faithful: F. Xavier

Offertory: J. Tagiilima Family

Special Ministers: F. Ulugia

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

First Friday Adoration

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

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ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

28 Feb: Robert Keenan

29 Feb: Annie Francis, Patrick Doyle

1 Mar: Samuel Endemann, Anthony Botica

3 Mar: Vera Sadgrove, Myra Woodcock,
Ben Stanley

4 Mar: Betty Dyer

5 Mar: Florence Lorigan

6 Mar: Elizabeth Luoni

PARISH FINANCES

Parish \$1,061.90

Priests \$531.00

Total Cash \$1,592.90

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
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**NZ Catholic- The February 21 – March 6
issue of NZ Catholic is out now.** Some
headlines are:

NZ mental health journeys of a priest and
a lay woman. Alert level shift changes Ash
Wednesday plans. Cardinal preaches on
Waitangi Day. Historic organ retrieved
from Chch cathedral.

The next issue of NZ Catholic will be
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