



Holy Family Parish

5th Sunday of Easter – Year B –
Sunday 2nd May 2021

FIRST READING : Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 21(22)

R. I will praise you Lord in the assembly of the people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him, The poor shall eat and have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him, May their hearts live forever and ever. *R.*

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. *R.*

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: "These things the Lord has done.". *R.*

SECOND READING : 1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL : John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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 -

"I perform works of mercy
in every soul.
The greater the sinner,
the greater the right
he has to My mercy.
My mercy is confirmed
in every work of My hands.
He who trusts in My mercy
will not perish,
for all his affairs are Mine."

Our Lord to St. Faustina
Diary Entry # 723

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death
hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled
the stone away, kept the folded grave
clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast
won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and
gloom; let the Church with gladness,
hymns of triumph sing; for her Lord now
liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince
of life; life is naught without thee; aid us
in our strife; make us more than
conquerors, thro' thy deathless love:
bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home
above.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

*By Your kingly power O risen Lord,
all that Adam lost is now restored,
in Your resurrection be adored.*

Sing the joyful Easter cry,
sound it to the souls in prison,
shout our triumph to the sky,
Sing Christ risen, Sing Christ risen.

Sing the joyful Easter cry,
let all times and peoples listen,
death has no more victory.
Sing Christ risen, Sing Christ risen.

Death has lost and life has won,
ev'ry newborn child we christen,
now becomes the Father's Son.
Sing Christ risen, Sing Christ risen.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Bring all ye dear bought nations, bring,
your richest praises to your King.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

That spotless Lamb who more than due,
paid for His sheep and those sheep you,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

That guiltless Son who bought your
peace, and made his Father's anger cease.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Then life and death together fought,
each to a strange extreme were brought,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I saw the tomb of my dear Lord,
I saw Himself and Him adored.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

I saw the shroud and saw the sheet, that
bound His head and wrapt His feet.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I heard the angels witness bear,
"Jesus is risen, He's not here.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Go tell His followers they shall see,
your Hope and theirs in Galilee."
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We, Lord, with faithful heart and voice,
on this Thy rising day rejoice.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Thou whose pow'r o'er came the
grave, by grace and love us sinners
save,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Though You are God,
with Father and the Spirit,
You did not cling to Your equality,
Emptied Yourself, became for us a
slave, and humbler yet,
You died upon a tree,
You give Your flesh that we be truly fed,
Your Risen Self, in form of lowly bread.

To satisfy our hunger for Your love,
You come to us as flesh and blood
outpoured, and then to quench
your thirsting for our love,
You come again, as poorest of the poor,
that what we do to these
the least of brethren, we do to You, our
Saviour and our Lord.

Emmanuel, You're longing
to be with us, You bid us share Your
one true sacrifice, offer ourselves, with
You the Holy Lamb, washed by Your
Blood, you call us into life, so fed by
You, made holy and made one. We, new
Your Body, for the world, become.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ that once was slain
n'er burst His three day prison
our faith had been in vain, but now is
Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, ARISEN!*

My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber,
till trump from east to west,
shall raise the dead in number.

The temple now restored and from it
side a river. The crucified is Lord,
salvation to deliver.

For death and life have fought,
with life, though slain, the winner.
My life by blood he bought,
while I was yet a sinner.

NEXT SUNDAY:

9th May 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10;
Jn 15:9-17;*

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: L. Ahio, S. Shaw

Prayers of the Faithful: E O'Brien

Offertory: Leaumoana Family

Special Ministers: P. Vernon

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

1st Friday Adoration

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Tongan Community

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

4 May: John Doyle, Richard Grubb,
Rowena Miljak

5 May: John Sheehan, Eurice D'Lima

6 May: Clare Peters, Herbert Fincher,
Caroline King

7 May: Phillip Turnock

8 May: Slade Bonkovich, Vincent Morell

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$2,168.80
Priests	<u>\$1,084.40</u>
Total AP's and Cash	\$3,253.20

HOLY FAMILY NOTICES

Catechism Classes start next Sunday 9th

May- After the 9:30am Mass and there
will be a cup of tea in the Hall.

First Friday Adoration: Friday 7th May
6pm to Saturday 8th May at 6pm.

Sacramental Programme -

**Confirmation: Classes start next
Saturday 8th May 2021 from 4pm -
5pm in the Bugler Centre.** Please
register with Ellen on 834 6677 or
hfparish@xtra.co.nz by the 15th May.

Pentecost Cultural Food Festival

Bring your cultural dish and share it with
the Parish on **Pentecost Sunday 23rd
May, After the 9:30am Mass in the Hall.**
**Don't forget to bring \$2 for entry, your
donation will go towards the stained
glass window.** To book your group/table
or join a group please ring Ellen on 834
6677 or email hfparish@xtra.co.nz

House of Nazareth for pre-schoolers

and home schoolers: Usually the 1st & 3rd
Fridays of the month from 11am-2.30pm
in the Parish Hall. All are welcome, just
bring a plate to share.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Bishops' Forums Bishops Pat and Michael
invite you to join them at one of the 2021
Bishop Forums 5 May, 7.30-9.30 pm St
Joseph Takapuna, Church Hall - *Questions
by 29th April.* 11 May, 7.30-9.30 pm Christ
the King Owairaka, Church- *Questions by
7th May.* Please send your questions for the
Bishop by the date indicated to
bishop-secretary@cda.org.nz