



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER- YEAR A – 23rd April 2023

FIRST READING : Acts 2:14,22-33;

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

R: Lord, You will show us the path of life.

Preserve me God, I take refuge in You, I say to the Lord: "You are my God. O Lord, it is You who are my portion and cup; it is You Yourself who are my prize." R:

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart, I keep the Lord ever in my sight: Since He is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R:

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For You will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let Your beloved know decay. R:

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, at Your right hand, happiness for ever. R:

SECOND READING : 1 Peter 1:17-21;

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

GOSPEL : Luke 24:13-35;

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



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CHRISTIAN FAITH and ethics do not wish to stifle love but to make it healthy, strong and truly free: this is the exact meaning of the TEN COMMANDMENTS, which are not a series of "noes" but a great "yes" to LOVE and to LIFE. POPE BENEDICT XVI m ignatius press From the book, An Invitation to Faith facebook.com/ignatiuspress

CAHOLIC CHIVALRY

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"Gender ideology is a Luciferian refusal to receive a sexual nature from God. Thus some rebel against God and pointlessly mutilate themselves in order to change their sex. But in reality they do not fundamentally change anything of their structure as man or woman."

-Cardinal Sarah



is suffering from intolerance. It is not. It is suffering from tolerance: tolerance of right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and chaos. Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

America, it is said,

"I'm happier

with my

crucifix on

my bed of

pain than a

queen on her

throne."

~St Bernadette Soubirous

"Humility is dependence - dependence on God, just as Pride is independence of God. Humility is the cure of our self-love because it is the Truth of our worthlessness, of and by ourselves apart from God."

~ Falton J. Sheen

BUT MY SIN WAS THIS, THAT I LOOKED FOR PLEASURE, BEAUTY, AND TRUTH NOT IN HIM BUT IN MYSELF AND HIS OTHER CREATURES, AND THE SEARCH LED ME INSTEAD TO PAIN, CONFUSION, AND ERROR.

ST. AUGUSTINE -

TIPS for MAKING A GOOD CONFESSION

- Remember that Jesus loves forgiving our sins and wants to cleanse our soul. It is a joy for Him to forgive. We should go into the confessional desiring to receive His mercy. It is a tribunal of mercy.
- 2) We should always examine our conscience thoroughly beforehand.
- If necessary, we should read through a good "Formal Examination of Conscience" to help enlighten our conscience.
- 4) Further, we should ask Jesus to show us what we really need to confess, i.e., what has really wounded Him in our attitudes, gestures, words, actions, or lack thereof.
- 5) We should also ask the Holy Spirit to give us true contrition for your sins.
- We should wait our turn in line patiently; and pray whilst waiting.
- We shouldn't spend our time scrolling on our phone whilst waiting.
- We should try to come at the time Confessions are scheduled, not a few minutes before they are to end.
- 9) We should speak distinctly, but never so loudly that we might be overheard.
- 10) We should state our sins clearly, honestly, and briefly without rambling; being very simple, and being humble. We only need to give information that is needed. Telling entire stories is not required. Confession is not counselling.
- We should confess all mortal sins in number (quantity) and kind (type).
- 12) We must NEVER deliberately omit or hide a mortal sin, or mortal sins. Doing this will invalidate the confession. Consult a catechism to know which sin are mortal sins.
- 13) We should confess our moral and religious failings; i.e., failures in our practical moral and religious life, including failure to go to Mass, failure to go to Confession regularly, failure to search for God, and to adore Him.
- 14) We should also confess our Christian failings, i.e., failure to love God, failure to use our Faith, Hope, and Charity; failure to read the Scriptures, failure to pray, failure to search for Christ sincerely.
- 15) We should confess our lack of fraternal charity (love for others), and lack of service of the poor; and lack in good works, our failure to seek Christ in others.

- 16) We should confess sinful attitudes, e.g., lack of trust in God, lack of spiritual thirst, lack of concern about sin.
- 17) We should confess attitudes, words, actions, and gestures that lead others to sin.
- We should confess our lack of docility to the Holy Spirit in your daily life.
- We should confess our lack of evangelisation and lack of desire to bring others to Christ.
- 20) We should confess our own sins and not someone else's sins.
- 21) We should never be afraid to say something "embarrassing".
- 22) We should just say it with humility, using clear language, and avoiding euphemisms.
- 23) We should never worry that the priest thinks we are bad. He is usually impressed by our courage and humility.
- 24) It is a joy for a priest to forgive a humble penitent.
- 25) Listen carefully to the advice the priest gives.
- 26) Carefully listen to and remember the penance and be sure to understand it.
- 27) Use a regular formula for confession so that it is familiar and comfortable.
- 28) Memorize an approved Act of Contrition. We shouldn't invent our own act of contrition.
- 29) We must never fear that the priest will not keep our confession secret. He is bound by the Seal of the Confessional.
- 30) We should never leave the confessional before the priest has finished giving absolution.
- 31) We should try to answer the priest's questions briefly if he asks for a clarification.
- 32) Ask questions if you can't understand what he means when he tells you something.
- 33) Keep in mind that sometimes priests can have bad days, just like you do.
- 34) Remember that priests must go to confession too.They know what you are going through.
- 35) If we need a long time for our Confession because we want to talk in depth with the priest, we should either put ourselves at the end of the queue, or tell the priest when we arrive in the confessional, so that he can advise us as to whether there is enough time for a long confession session.
- 36) We should thank the priest at the end "Thank you Fr".
- 37) We should go forth from the confessional thanking God for His goodness, fidelity, and mercy.

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

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love: bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son, Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

OFFERTORY 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!

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!

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!

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!

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!

COMMUNION HYMN:

CHORUS: 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, every newborn child we christen, now becomes the Father's Son. Sing Christ risen, Sing Christ risen.

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. 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!

The temple now restored, and from its side a river. The Crucified is Lord, salvation to deliver. our faith had been in vain, but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, ARISEN!

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



Pentecost Cultural Food Festival Bring your cultural dish and share it with the Parish

Pentecost Sunday Sunday 28th May After the 9:30am Mass To book your group/table Please contact Ellen on 834 6677 or email hfparish@xtra.co.nz

NEXT SUNDAY: 30th April 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Yr A) Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10;

LITURGY ROSTER Readers: E. Shaw, S. Shaw Prayers of the Faithful: C. Tagiilima Offertory: W & R Fakava Family Special Ministers: P. Capundag

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER La'akulu Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER Senior Legion of Mary

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 23 April: Jim Henderson 24 April: Jack Shaw, Ron Myers, Leonard Guise, Jack Malcon, Tuasivi Brown 25 April: James O'Kane 26 April: Brian White 29 April: Helen Freer

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$2,443.53
Priests	<u>\$1,221.77</u>
Total AP's and Cash	\$3,665.30

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES Pledge Envelopes and Receipts – They will be posted and emailed today. Catechism Classes: will start next Sunday 30th April after the 9:30am Mass. Sacramental Programme:

Confirmation Classes starts 13^{th} May at 4pm in the Bugler Centre. Please register with the Parish Office -

hfparish@xtra.co.nz or 098346677. please note: your child would need to have received their First Reconciliation. *Caregiver needed* for a young woman who has autism, preferred someone who has had experience with autism, as well as nursing experience, and a full driver's license. If you are interested in applying please contact Anek 0272761969 Two bedroom rental needed for a Young family with two young girls, a one and two years old – we're looking to move closer to family and work by finding a fenced home/unit in West or Central Auckland. If you have or know of somewhere suitable, please get in touch with Rebecca on 021 08116121.



Look after them the way they looked after you.

There are certain people in life who shape who you are. Special people who were always there to give you advice, support, comfort and love. When the time comes to bid them forewalt, make sure you forewalt them poperly. Talk to us, we'll help you do just that:

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