

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A 20th AUGUST 2023

FIRST READING : Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

R: O God, let all the na-tions praise You.

O God, be gracious and bless us and let Your face shed its light u-pon us. So will Your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn Your saving help. R:

Let the nations be glad and exult for You rule the world with justice. With fairness You rule the peoples, You guide the nations on earth. R:

Let the peoples praise You O God; let all the peoples praise You. May God still give us His blessing, till the ends of the earth revere Him. R:

SECOND READING : Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

~ HOLY FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT ~

Saturday, September 23, 7pm-10pm

It is time to register for the Quiz Night, you can register as an individual, couple or a team of eight (8). Come along for a fun night. Register at hfparish@xtra.co.nz

~ <u>PARISH GROUP ALERTS</u> ~

Youth Group and Adult Formation Classes

If you would like to be added to the youth group or adult formation class alerts Please email: <u>hfparish@xtra.co.nz</u> with your mobile number.

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:

Mary, what you lived in your heart, Mary, what you lived in your heart, Mary, what you lived in your heart on Calvary.

Mary, how you opened your heart, Mary, how you lifted your heart, Mary, how you offered your heart on Calvary.

You offered yourself as He offered His Body and Blood. Your soul was pierced as His side began to flood, O Mary, what you lived in your heart. Mary, what you lived in your heart.

Mary, help me live in my heart, Mary, help me live in my heart, Mary, what you lived in your heart on Calvary. Mary, help me open my heart, Mary, help me lift up my heart, Mary, help me offer my heart this Eucharist. I offer myself as He offers His Body and Blood, I open my heart as His mercy begins to flood, 0 Mary, help me live in my heart, Mary, what you lived in your heart.

COMMUNION HYMN

No more, Lord, may we walk apart, Restore me Jesus to your embrace, make Your tabernacle my heart. and deep within me Your dwelling place. Then will my love become true, and my heart burn with the purest flame, for I would live not for me but You, and glorify the Father's name, For I would live not for me but You, and glorify the Father's name.

Contented to be with my Lord, my Saviour who gave His life for me, O that all creation adored in holiness and humility. This age has many messiahs, all the while seeking to fill its need, but I have found what my soul desires, the Bread of Life does truly feed. But I have found what my soul desires, the bread of life does truly feed.

Your cross, O Christ has set us free, has shown to sinners a loving face. The pow'r of sin can no more be, if all but welcome this healing grace. Faced now with death and with hate, may I love even the sinners worst, that through my love they may contemplate You who alone will quench their thirst that through my love they may contemplate You who alone will quench their thirst.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Cause of our delight. O Splendour of our race. Hail! Full of grace, radiant in light, Holy Mary, shine in our night.

Heaven, hear, rejoice, your Queenship to acclaim and praise your name, by God's own choice Holy Mary, be thou, our voice.

Flower like the rose. e'en in the midst of thorn. all those who mourn. deep your heart knows, Holy Mary, comfort bestow.

Brightest Dawn, you shine, the sun completes your vest, O Mother blest of the divine, Holy Mary, give us new wine.

Cause of our delight, O Splendour of our race, Hail! full of grace, radiant in light, Holy Mary, shine in our night.

First Friday and Saturday 24hr Adoration (Friday 1st September) 6pm (Friday) to 6pm (Saturday) We have a few spots to fill: Friday from 6pm to 7pm, 7pm to 8pm Saturday from 12 am to 5am If you are available to fill those times, Please contact the Parish Office: hfparish@xtra.co.nz

NEXT SUNDAY: 27th August 2023 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20;

LITURGY ROSTER Readers: J. Brodie, G. Lao Prayers of the Faithful: N. Nunes **Offertory:** Thotawattage Family Special Ministers: P. Tagiilima

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER Tagiilima Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER Cardoza Family

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

20 Aug: Faumuina Ioane 21 Aug: Leonora Stephens, Francis Wilson, Julie Vonk 22 Aug: Godfrey Fawcett, Vesna Vuletich **24 Aug:** Harry Allen, Monica Shaw 25 Aug: Elizabeth Gillespie **26 Aug:** Joseph Stowers, Ruth Wentzel

-	PARISH FINANCES
Parish	\$2,156.87
Priests	<u>\$1,078.43</u>
Total Cas	h \$3,235.30

DIOCESAN NOTICES

The Ethnic Chaplaincies Annual Festival is back! It's all happening at Sancta Maria School and St Luke Church, Flatbush, Sat 7th – Sun 8th October 2023. The Ethnic faith communities will once again Rise Up and Shine showcasing their "riches of nations" in Food, Sport, Cultural Show, and celebration of the Mass in the diverse colour, language and peoples. Book this date! Get involved in your ethnic communities! If you want to be involved in the organising/volunteer email louisar@cda.org.nz.

2023 marks 50 years since Sr Jean Sinclair's dream to provide for the needs of those with intellectual disabilities to learn about the Sacraments was implemented. G.I.F.T (Grow In Faith Together) is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Bishop Steve and the GIFT family invite you to join in celebrating this important milestone. Sunday 17 September, 11 am Mass at Good Shepherd Parish, Telford Ave, Balmoral followed by a light lunch in the parish hall. RSVP by 11 /09 to

mylene@giftcentre.org.nz

Church Parking

Dear Parishioners, during winter, please avoid parking in front of the presbytery (Fr Jeremy's house) and under the tree in front of the Church as the grass is too soft for a car to park on. There is plenty of parking behind the Church. If you have mobility issues and need to park closer to the Church, Please let Ellen know in the Parish Office on 834 6677.