

# The Transfiguration of the Lord YEAR A 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023

#### FIRST READING : Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 96(97):1-2,5-6,9

 $\mathbb{R}$ : The Lord is king, the most high above all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. R:

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. R:

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth, exalted far above all spirits.  $\mathbb{R}$ :

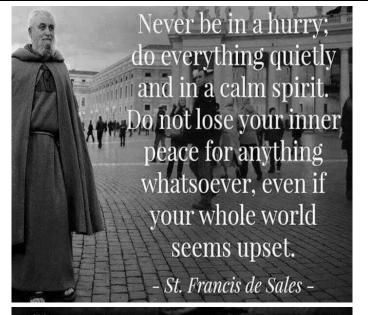
#### SECOND READING : 2 Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'





"AFTER YOU HAVE MADE A DECISION THAT IS PLEASING TO GOD, THE DEVIL MAY TRY TO MAKE YOU HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS. INTENSIFY YOUR PRAYER TIME, MEDITATION, AND GOOD DEEDS. FOR IF SATAN'S TEMPTATIONS MERELY CAUSE YOU TO INCREASE YOUR EFFORTS TO GROW IN HOLINESS, HE'LL HAVE AN INCENTIVE TO LEAVE YOU ALONE."

### -ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

"When I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, my hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. ... They treat Me as a dead object."

JESUS TO SAINT FAUSTINA



"The longer the trial to which God subjects you, the greater the goodness in comforting you during the time of the trial and in the exaltation after the combat." -St. Padre Pio

We must avoid the occasions of sin if we wish to be saved.

## "At communion we ought to ask for the remedy of the vice to which we feel ourselves most inclined."

# St Philip Neri

"Worldly people say it is too difficult to save one's soul. Yet nothing is easier. To observe the Commandments of God and the Church and to do good and avoid evil; that is all."



St.John Vianney

"Our God delights in stooping down to converse with us, and He rejoices when we make known to Him our most trivial everyday affairs."

AL PHONSUS LIGUORI -

"FROM MARY WE LEARN TO SURRENDER TO GOD'S WILL IN ALL THINGS. FROM MARY WE LEARN TO TRUST EVEN WHEN ALL HOPE SEEMS GONE. FROM MARY WE LEARN TO LOVE CHRIST HER SON AND THE SON OF GOD!"



ST. JOHN PAUL II

You stubbornly seek happiness in sin, which causes you nothing but worry, sadness, misery, and emptiness.

St. Charbel Makhlouf

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH OUIZ NIGHT

Does your team have what it takes to be the Ultimate 2023 Quiz Champions?

# SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER DOORS OPEN AT 7PM IN THE PARISH HALL



SPOT PRIZE AND PRIZES SUPPER, SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED

To register your team of 8 or as an individual or couple. Contact: Ellen on 098346677 or hfparish@xtra.co.nz

#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

Hail, Redeemer, King Divine! Priest and Lamb, the throne is Thine, King, whose reign shall never cease, Prince of everlasting peace.

Angels, saints and nations sing; "Praised be Jesus Christ, our King; Lord of life, earth, sky and sea, King of Love on Calvary."

King, whose name creation thrills, Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills, Till in peace each nation rings, With thy praises King of kings!

King most holy, King of Truth, Guide the lowly, guide the youth; Christ, the King of Glory bright, Be to us eternal light.

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN:**

Jesu, rex admirabilis et triumphator nobilis, dulcedo ineffabilis, totus desiderabilis,

Nec lingua potest dicere, nec littera exprimere: experto potes credere, quid sit Jesum diligere.

Jesu, dulcedo cordium, fons vivus, lumen mentium Excedens omne gaudium Et omne desiderium.

Rex virtutum, Rex gloriae, Rex insignis victoriae, Jesu, largitor gratiae, honor caelestis curiae

#### **COMMUNION HYMN:**

O Beauty ever ancient, and yet so new, How I hunger and thirst now I have tasted You, You were deep within me all the while that I remained apart, Now my soul will be restless, until it rests in Your heart.

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood; He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth From the realms of endless day, That the powers of hell may vanish As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six winged Seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eyes. Veil their faces to the presence, and with ceaseless voice they cry: "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Lord, most High.

#### **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.



SUNDAY 6 AUGUST, 2PM-8.30PM

SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE

JOIN US FOR OUR CELEBRATION OF WORLD YOUTH DAY, INCLUDING UPLIFTING MUSIC, INSPIRING SPEAKERS, MASS, DINNER, RECONCILATION AND ADORATION

~ 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. Register at hfparish@xtra.co.nz

#### **NEXT SUNDAY:** 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33;

LITURGY ROSTER Readers: E. Shaw, S. Shaw Prayers of the Faithful: T. Molloy Offertory: N & V Fakava Special Ministers: P. Capundag

> **CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER** Hatzaw/Shwe Thang Families

> SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER Tongan Community

#### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

8 Aug: Graeme Clifton, Louis Boersma, Stefan Bulog
9 Aug: Iris Whyte, Christina Matthews, Mary Dunford, Wendy Poland
11 Aug: Agnes Hannah
12 Aug: Sharon Dally, Bernard Gilmer, Susi Kingham

#### PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$2,598.60
Priests	<u>\$1,299.30</u>
Total Cash	\$4,606.80

#### HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

#### **DIOCESAN NOTICES**

Marist Catholic School – Herne Bay. Come and visit us; we are a values-driven central city Integrated Catholic Primary School. We are an unzoned local school serving our surrounding areas. If you would like to visit Marist, please contact 093767173, see the website <u>maristhernebay.school.nz</u>, or check the noticeboard for more details.

#### St Joseph's Catholic Church

**Dannevirke.** Celebrating 125 years of St Joseph Parish throughout 2023. Special Jubilee Mass & luncheon on Saturday the 14th October, followed by a special Mass Sunday 15th October. We invite all past and present parishioners and their families, and supporters to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Please register your interest by emailing stjodvke@xtra.co.nz with your details no later than 10 September 2023.

Young Adults Ball 26th August 7pm at McHugh's of Cheltenham. The theme for this year is 'Starry Night'. Tickets \$110 (Sales close midnight 17th August). \*This is an 18+ event. Go to facebook.com/AKCYM for tickets.

#### **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.