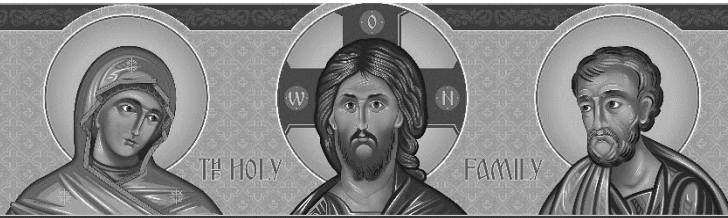


*Holy  
Family*



*Catholic  
Parish*

## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A

1<sup>st</sup> October 2023

### FIRST READING : Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 24(25):4-9

℟ *Re - mem - ber your mer - cies O Lord.*

*Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth and teach me: for you are God my saviour.* ℟

*Remember your mercy, Lord. And the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your greatness O Lord.* ℟

*The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to all who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; He teaches his way to the poor.* ℟

### SECOND READING : Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### GOSPEL : Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

Firmly I believe and truly,  
God is Three and God is One;  
And I next acknowledge duly,  
Manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully,  
In that Manhood crucified;  
And each thought and deed unruly,  
Do to death, as He has died.

Simply to His grace and wholly,  
Light and life and strength belong;  
And I love supremely solely,  
Him the holy, Him the strong.

And I hold in veneration,  
For the love of Him alone;  
Holy Church as His creation,  
And her teachings are His own.

And I take with joy whatever,  
Now besets me, pain or fear;  
And with a strong will I sever,  
All the ties which bind me here.

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

*(English translation)*  
*On the Babylonian river we sat and wept*  
*when we remembered thee, Zion.*  
*On the aspens of that land,*  
*we hung up our harps.*

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

*Lord, make me to know thy ways,*  
*O Lord. O Lord, teach me thy paths,*  
*O lead me in thy truth, and teach me,*  
*For thou art the God of my salvation.*

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, now Your Body, for the world,  
become.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

Let us sing to you, O Mary,  
disciple first and best,  
Join our voices sing with every age  
that loves to call you blest.  
Blessed you among all women,  
first in faith, in hope, in love,  
Blessed you who believed in the  
promise from above, Chosen Woman,  
through obedience untied the knot of  
Eve, Holy Virgin, fruitful Mother of all  
who believe.

Hail His Palace! Hail His Tabernacle!  
Hail His Ark! His Shrine!  
Hail His Home! His Throne!  
His Servant! His Mother and mine!  
Consecrated by the Father,  
before time had e'er begun,  
And prepared by the Spirit to mother  
the Son, Spotless Ark, conceived  
immaculate and spared from every sin,  
Full of grace, you won God's favour,  
enfleshed the Word within.

At the cross, a sword of sorrow  
would pierce your loving soul,  
As your Son is opened with a lance  
and Blood and Water flow.  
Hail Model of the Church  
newly created from His side,  
Called to mother Christ's children  
and be His holy Bride,  
And His words: "Behold your mother,"  
And "Woman see your son," Are his gift  
to His disciples while endless ages run.

To the Father, faithful daughter,  
We join with you our praise,  
To your Son, O Blessed Mother,  
Our worship we raise.  
To the Spirit by Whose power  
you conceived The living Word,  
our profound adoration will always be  
heard, Turn your eyes,  
O Holy Mary, Look lovingly and bless,  
Take our prayer, in love transform it,  
Unite it with your "Yes!"

**First Friday and Saturday**

**24hr Adoration** (Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October)  
6pm (Friday) to 6pm (Saturday)

**DIOCESAN NOTICES**

**Evangelion and the Hamilton Diocese** is bringing over Cy Kellett, international speaker from the USA on 2nd - 7th October to give a number of talks on a range of interesting topics across the Auckland and Hamilton. For tickets, please visit [www.evangelion.co.nz/events](http://www.evangelion.co.nz/events).

**Family Life Catholic Gifts- 20% OFF**  
ALL ROSARIES – the sale will run from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> October. Visit us at our shop – 569 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**8<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

*Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43;*

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** L. Ahio, C. Tagiilima  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** N. Nunes  
**Offertory:** La'akulu Family  
**Special Ministers:** P. Capundag

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

24 Hour Adoration

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**

School Holidays – Capundag Family

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**2 Oct:** Martin Backall, Mary Cournane

**3 Oct:** Eunice Maher, Peggy Grubb,  
Charmian Edmonds, Rose Hogan,  
John Ashley Lopez

**4 Oct:** Nancie Murch, Harding Leef

**5 Oct:** Honorah Tempany

**6 Oct:** Terry Tuck

**7 Oct:** Hera Epukura Pou

**PARISH FINANCES**

<b>Parish</b>	<b>\$2,061.00</b>
<b>Priests</b>	<b>\$1,030.50</b>
<b>Total AP's and Cash</b>	<b>\$3,091.50</b>

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES**

**Sacramental Programme: 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion**, please don't forget to register, classes start 21<sup>st</sup> October at 4 to 5pm in the Bugler Centre. *Please note: to register your child for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion they would have received preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation earlier in the year.* To register email [hfp parish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hfp parish@xtra.co.nz)

**Church Carpark** –just a reminder that we have plenty of parking behind the Church and Hall.

**Columban Calendars for SALE** - \$12, see Ellen in the Office or email [hfp parish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hfp parish@xtra.co.nz) or phone 098346677

