23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A 10th September 2023

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9



Ry O that to-day you would lis-ten to his voice, hard-en not Your hearts.

Come ring out our joy to the Lord, hail the rock who saves us, Let us come before Him giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. \mathbb{R}

Come in, let us bow and bend low, let us kneel before the God who made us, For He is our God and we, the people who belong to His pasture, the flock that is lead by His hand. R

O that today you would listen to his voice, Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, As on that day at Massah in the desert, when your fathers put me to the test, when they tried me though they saw my work. R

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet,* and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love your neighbour as yourself.* Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

NEW GROUPS AT HOLY FAMILY

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

IMAGO DEI

Meets every 1st Saturday of the Month

5-6pm Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament 6pm-9pm Fellowship/Meal/Social Time/Learning. Location: Parish Centre Contact Parish Office for more details...

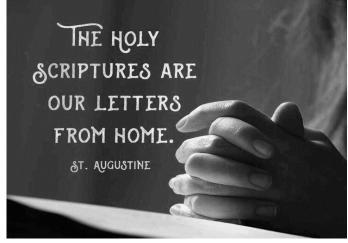
MEN'S GROUP

First Meeting, Wednesday, September 20, 7pm. Location: Parish Centre Contact Parish Office for more details...

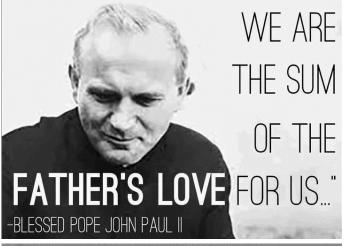


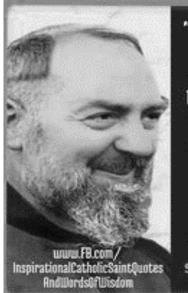


"Do not foster hatred for the sinner, for we are all guilty...
Hate his sins, and pray for him, so that you may be made like unto Christ, who had no dislike for sinners, but prayed - St Isaac the Syrian -



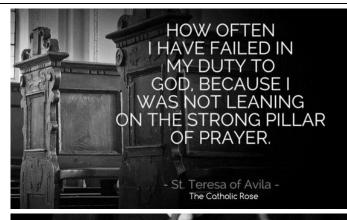
WE ARE NOT THE SUM OF OUR WEAKNESSES AND FAILURES:





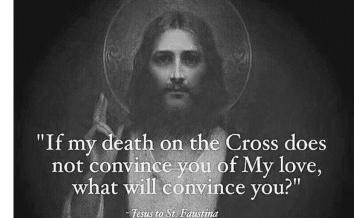
"If you should fail,
be humble,
make a resolution
to be submissive
to God's will
and then get up,
and carry on."

ST. PADRE PIO



Let your prayer be completely simple.
For both the publican and the prodigal son were reconciled to God by a single phrase.

~ St. John Climacus



"Let us understand that God is a physician, and that suffering is a medicine for salvation, not a punishment for damnation."

- St Augustine -

"You don't need to wallow in guilt.
Wallow in the mercy of God. When you are guilty, say so to God through a confessor. Acknowledge your problems & sins. The moment you have stated them, God puts His Hand over you & you are a newborn babe."

St John Mary Vianney

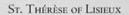
"I perform works of mercy in every soul.
The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy.
My mercy is confirmed in every work of My hands. He who trusts in My mercy will not perish, for all his affairs are Mine."

Our Lord to St. Faustina

Now that I am about to appear before God, I understand very clearly that one thing only is necessary: to work for Him alone, and not for oneself or for others. - St. Thérèse of Lisieux

"It is a characteristic of any decaying civilization that the great masses of the people are unaware of the tragedy."

"Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them."





"In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human successes, but on how well we have loved".

St. John of the Cross

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
All you who hear
Now to His altar draw near, join in profound adoration!

Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at His altar; let not our sins and transgressions now cause us to falter. Christ the High Priest, bids us all join in His feast, gathered with Him at the altar.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning, and as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen, all that is needful has been, sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord who will prosper your work and defend you; Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew, what the almighty can do, as with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh let all that is in us adore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the Amen, Sound from His people again, gladly forever adore Him!

OFFERTORY HYMN:

To love is to give all, To love is to give all, To love is to give all and give oneself.

If I were to speak the tongues of both mortals and angels, If I do not have love I'm no more than a thundering gong, No more than a cymbal clashing.

If I prophesied and understood All the myst'ries even if I had faith to be Able to move ev'ry mountain Without love I'm nothing at all.

If I give to the poor the sum of my ev'ry possession, And if I go so far as to give up my body To burn without love it's nothing at all.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum ita desiderat, anima mea ad te Deus. Sitivit anima mea ad
Deum fortem vivum,
Quando veniam et apparebo,
ante faciem Dei?
Fuerunt mihi lacrymae meae
Panes die ac nocte,
Dum dicitur mihi quotidie
Ubi est Deus tuus?

"My soul thirsts for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is the God?"

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you forever ev'n the spirit of truth

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.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

Parish Cup of Tea during the School
Holidays, we still need a family to host the cup of tea on the 24th September. Please let Ellen know in the Parish Office, if you are available.

Church Parking

Don't forget to please park behind the Church on a Sunday as the grass is still too soft for cars to park on. There is plenty of parking behind both the Church and the Hall. If you have mobility issues and need to park closer to the Church, Please let Ellen know in the Parish Office on 834 6677.

NEXT SUNDAY: 17th September 2023 24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: M. D'Souza, E. Shaw Prayers of the Faithful: N. Nunes Offertory: Leifi Family Special Ministers: F. Ulugia

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Adoration

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Samoan Community

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

11 Sept: Eliza Ashton, Jolene Lopez

12 Sept: Gary Hogg 13 Sept: Telesia Logo

14 Sept: Galvin Humphries, Phillip Trifilo Jnr,

Tatiana Murray

15 Sept: Heather Booth, Stanley Culas,

Alice Endemann

16 Sept: Eileen Devich, John Lokes

PARISH FINANCES

 Parish
 \$2,426.60

 Priests
 \$1,213.30

 Total AP's and Cash
 \$3,639.90

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 11 September 2023 at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland.

Auckland Catholic Singles Social Group:

A new group for single Catholic men & women in their 30s & 40s Baila Salsa Beginner's Class Thursday 14th September 2023 8:00PM socialising; Class 8:30-9:15pm; social dancing afterwards. Entry free. Revelry Bar, 106 Ponsonby Road, Ponsonby, Auckland 1011

St Joseph's Catholic School , Onehunga If you are a Past Pupil, Staff member or BoT member -We are celebrating our 175th Anniversary Fri 27, Sat 28 and Sun 29 October 2023 Contact Melanie Duarte -mduarte@sjs.school.nz to register your interest.

St Francis Retreat Centre:

For more info/dates and to book visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Tue 3 Oct | Wed 1 Nov | Thu 7 Dec

24 Hr Prayer Retreat for Women- Join us for a reflective prayer retreat in the Catholic tradition for talks on prayer, with time for personal prayer, Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration | Sat 7 Oct 3pm- Sun 8 Oct 3pm | Earlybird (before 24/9) \$130 pp | Standard \$150pp (All meals and accommodation included)