

FIRST READING : Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12



 \mathbb{R} The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger and rich in com-pas-sion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. \mathbb{R}

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. R

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry forever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. \mathbb{R}

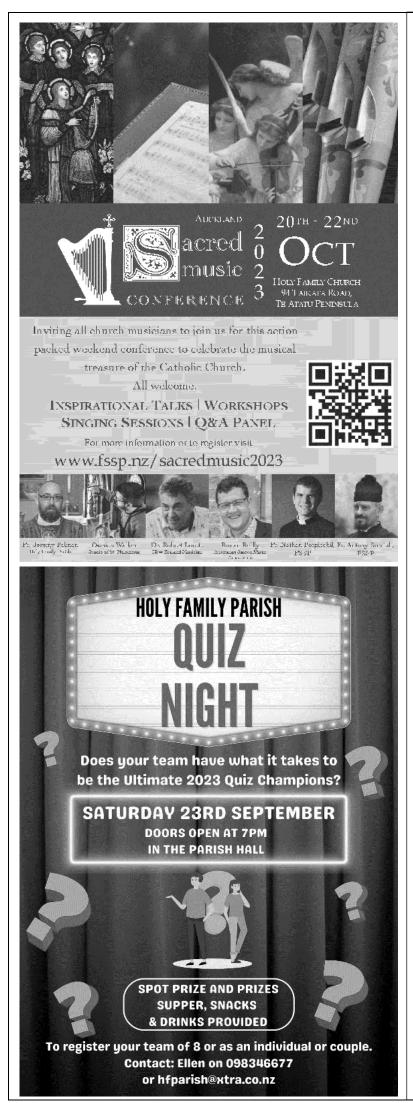
For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. \mathbb{R}

SECOND READING : Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'



"Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. We must always remember this. The actual words matter less." POPE ST JOHN XIII

"Each of us should bear the fruit of some action performed in God's name, even if he has employed himself diligently in but one good work. Otherwise he will be totally barren, & without any share in eternal blessings." St Symcon Metaphrastis



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"Sinners, how much I want to tell you...Do not risk losing Jesus for all eternity, for He is so good. Enough with sin. Love Jesus, love Him!" BLALEXANDRINA MARIA DA COSTA

"Soul not nourished by prayer becomes tired, weary, without strength, courage or power, a source of annoyance to others and unbearable to itself."

"BLESSED THE ONE WHO MANAGES HIS POSSESSIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOD'S WILL AND HAS NOT BEEN CONDEMNED BY GOD THE SAVIOUR AS A LOVER OF MONEY WITHOUT COMPASSION FOR HIS NEIGHBOUR."

St Ephrem the Syrian

"In all of our deeds God looks at the intention, whether we do it for His sake, or for the sake of some other intention."

St Maximos the Confessor

WHEN I WAS BORN, MY MOTHER LAID ME ON A BED OF STRAW AND I DESIRE NO BETTER PALLET WHEN I DIE, ASKING ONLY TO BE In the state of grace and worthy of salvation. Blessed Anton Martin Slomsek

"THE CHRISTIAN'S MOTTO IS THE CROSS. YOU WILL RECOGNIZE God's love by this sign, by the sufferings he sends you."

St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

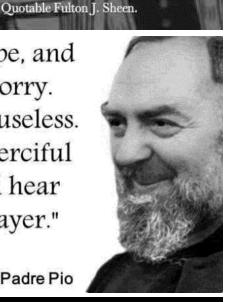
"All honor paid by the world is the business of the devil."

ST HILARY OF POITIERS

As we show mercy, we shall receive mercy. We harvest what we sow. - Ven. Fulton Sheen -

A Catholic may sin and sin as badly as anyone elsé, but no genuine Catholic ever denies he is a sinner. A Catholic wants **his sins** forgiven -notexcused or sublimated. >>

"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."



- Saint Padre Pio

'You need a heart which is in love, not an easy life, to achieve happiness.'

St Josemaría Escrivá

"Always be ready; always live in such a way that death can never find you unprepared."

Thomas Á Kempis

To celebrate Halloween is to make a hossanna to the devil which is so adored even if only for one night, presuming on the rights of the person. so do not be surprised if the world seems to go through the drain, and if psychologists and psychiatrists offices are full of children that are sleepless, vandals, agitated, obsessed depressed and potentially suicidal.



'Memory of our good works makes us negligent and leads to arrogance. Do not think of your good deeds, so that God may remember them.'

St John Chrysostom

THE MORE DESPERATE THINGS SEEM. THE MORE MUST WE HOPE IN GOD. WHEN MAN'S AID FAILS, GOD'S IS CLOSE AT HAND."

ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

"WHATEVER TROUBLES MAY BE BEFORE YOU, ACCEPT THEM BRAVELY, REMEMBERING WHOM YOU ARE TRYING TO FOLLOW."

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

"Learn to humble yourself, you are but earth and clay."

Thomas Á Kempis

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia, alleluia, Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress; praise him still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless: Alleluia, alleluia, Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia, Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia, alleluia, Praise with us the God of grace.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin; From earth-bound passion set me free and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, by care and woe oppressed; let me your loving servant be and taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the bitter strife; through all my pain and misery, become my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray; through darkness and perplexity, point to the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, that when the trial is past, I may your radiant glory see and share your joy at last.

COMMUNION HYMN:

English Translation - Anima Christi Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds, hide me. Separated from Thee let me never be. From the malignant enemy, defend me. At the hour of death, call me. To come to Thee, bid me, That I may praise Thee in the company Of Thy Saints. for all eternity. Amen. All ye who seek a comfort sure In trouble and distress, Whatever sorrow vex the mind, Or guild the soul oppress:

Our Lord, who gave Himself for you Upon the Cross to die, Opens to you His sacred Heart; O to that Heart draw nigh.

Ye hear how kindly he invites; Ye hear His words so blest: "All ye that labor come to Me, And I will give you rest."

What meeker than the Saviour's Heart? As on the Cross He lay, It did His murderers forgive, And for their pardon pray.

O Heart, Thou joy of Saints on high, Thou hope of sinners here, Attracted by those loving words To thee I lift my prayer.

Wash thou my wounds in that dear Blood, Which forth from Thee doth flow; New grace, hew hope inspire, a new and better heart bestow.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star, Guide of the wand'rer here below; Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care: Save us from peril and from woe Mother of Christ, star of the sea. Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless maid, We sinners make our prayers through thee; Remind thy son that he has paid The price of our iniquity. Virgin most pure, star of the sea, Prayer for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears, To thee, blest advocate, we cry: Pity our sorrows, calm our fears, And soothe with hope our misery. Refuge in grief, star of the sea, Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

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 **24**th **September**. Please let Ellen know in the Parish Office, if you are available.

<u>Men's group</u> – starts this Wednesday 20th September at 7pm in the Marian Centre.

<u>Mother's group</u> – is moving to Saturday 23rd September in the Bugler Centre from 10am to 11am.

<u>Church Carpark</u> – please just a reminder that we have plenty of parking behind the Church and Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY: 24th September 2023 25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16;

LITURGY ROSTER Readers: R. Cardoza, E. O'Brien Prayers of the Faithful: G. Lao Offertory: Murrell Family Special Ministers: P. Tagiilima

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER Pua Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER School Holidays

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

 Sept: Mary Antunovich - Williams
Sept: John Williams
Sept: Cecilia Tanenui
Sept: Geoffrey Mason, Emanuele Bahn, Mary Somerville
Sept: Wilfred Glynn, John Townes, Alice Stanley, Dave Hill, May Grant
Sept: Beverley Manning
Sept: Frances Harrison, Bryan Negredo

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PARISH NOTICES

On Saturday, September 30, Fr Jeremy will be attending the Episcopal Consecration of Fr John Adams in Palmerston North. Mass will still be offered as per usual at 9am, however, there will be no Confessions.

DIOCESAN NOTICES



Marian Day 2023 8am to 3pm 7th October 2023 Our Lady of the Assumption Parish 130 Church Street, Onehunga

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