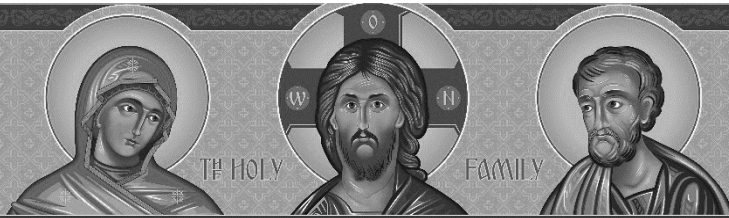


*Holy  
Family*



*Catholic  
Parish*

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

YEAR A

24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### FIRST READING : Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18



℣ *The Lord is-- near to all who- call him.*

*I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. ℣*

*The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. ℣*

*The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. ℣*

### SECOND READING : Philippians 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

### GOSPEL : Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'



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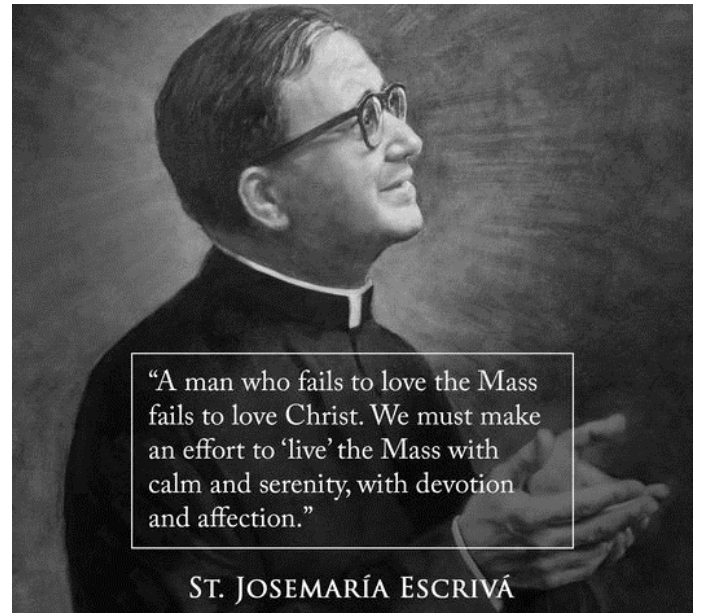
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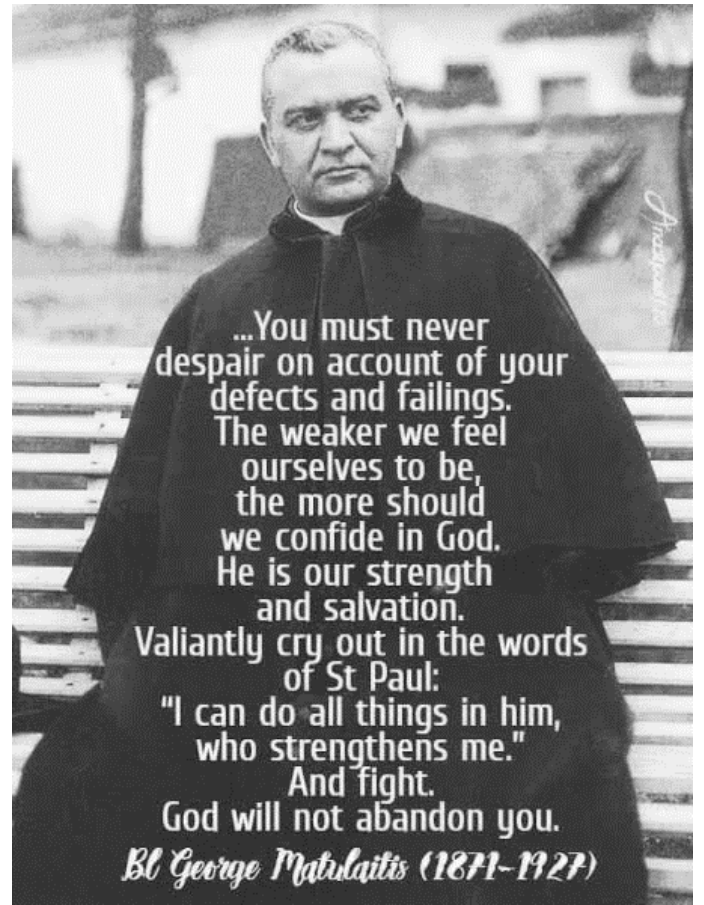


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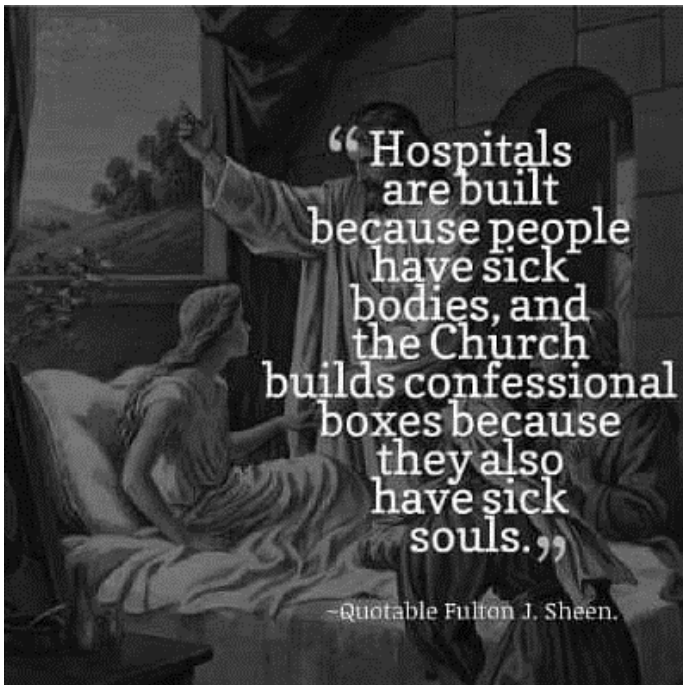
"A man who fails to love the Mass fails to love Christ. We must make an effort to 'live' the Mass with calm and serenity, with devotion and affection."

ST. JOSEMARÍA ESCRIVÁ



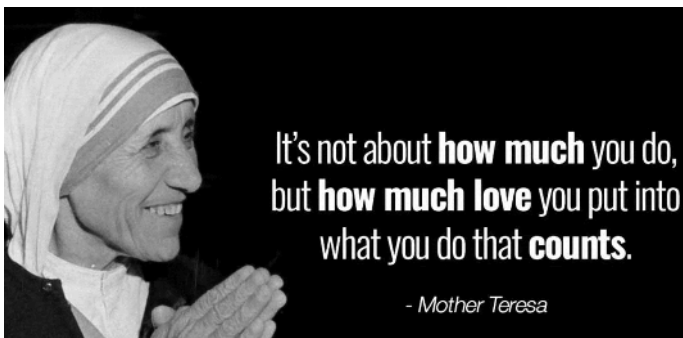
...You must never despair on account of your defects and failings. The weaker we feel ourselves to be, the more should we confide in God. He is our strength and salvation. Valiantly cry out in the words of St Paul: "I can do all things in him, who strengthens me." And fight. God will not abandon you.

Bl. George Matulaitis (1871-1927)



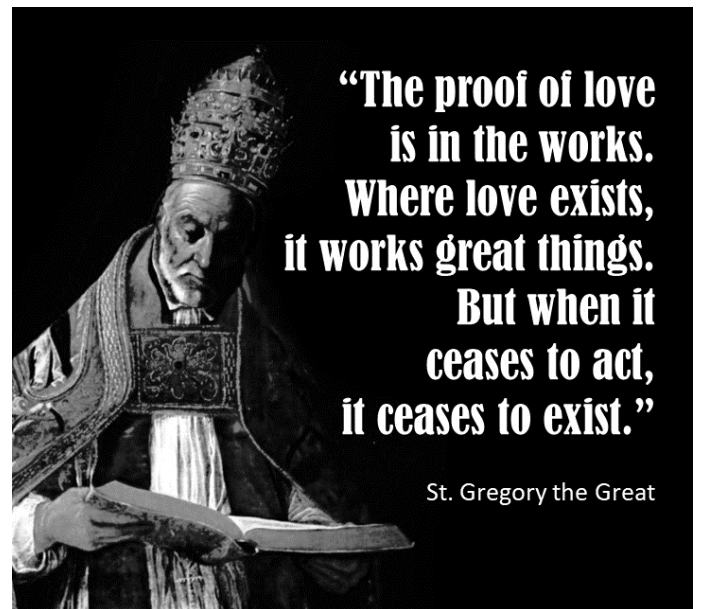
"Hospitals are built because people have sick bodies, and the Church builds confessional boxes because they also have sick souls."

-Quotable Fulton J. Sheen.



It's not about **how much** you do, but **how much love** you put into what you do that **counts**.

- Mother Teresa



"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist."

St. Gregory the Great



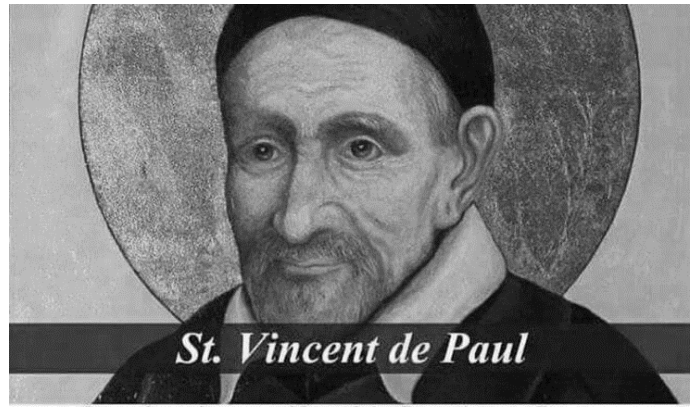
**THE NEW  
TESTAMENT  
LIES  
HIDDEN,  
IN THE OLD;  
THE OLD IS  
MADE  
ACCESSIBLE,  
BY THE  
NEW.**

St Augustine  
[354-430]  
Father and  
Doctor of  
Grace

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**IN FAILING  
TO CONFESS,  
LORD,  
I WOULD ONLY  
HIDE YOU  
FROM MYSELF,  
NOT MYSELF  
FROM YOU.**

ST AUGUSTINE  
(354-430)  
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH



*St. Vincent de Paul*

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**THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON TO  
CONQUER THE DEVIL IS HUMILITY. FOR,  
AS HE DOES NOT KNOW AT ALL HOW TO  
EMPLOY IT, NEITHER DOES HE KNOW HOW  
TO DEFEND HIMSELF FROM IT.**



You will  
never be  
commonplace  
if you are  
vigilant in  
love.

*St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*

**Let us remember that love lives through  
sacrifice and is nourished by giving.  
Without sacrifice, there is no love.**

*- St. Maximilian Kolbe -*



**"Of all prayers, the most  
meritorious, the most  
acceptable to God, are prayers  
for the dead, because they  
imply all the works of charity,  
both corporal and spiritual."**

*~St. Thomas Aquinas*



**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

We gather to worship God,  
in truth and in spirit,  
We gather to be made holy,  
to build up the Body of Christ  
United in Jesus  
that God might be all in all.

We gather to know His Word,  
be fed by His Body,  
We gather to make thanksgiving  
by offering the Spotless Lamb,  
And offering ourselves  
that God might be all in all.

O Sacrifice of the Cross,  
extended through the ages,  
A memorial for Your spouse  
of your death and resurrection,  
Our gift to the Father  
that God might be all in all.

O Banquet where Christ is consumed,  
O Sacrament of love,  
O Bond of purest charity,  
O sign of perfect unity,  
O pledge of the glory  
when God will be all in all

**OFFERTORY 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.

All highest glorious God,  
Cast Your light into  
the darkness of my heart,  
Give me right faith, firm hope,  
perfect charity,  
and profound humility,  
with wisdom and perception,  
O Lord, that I may do  
what is truly Your will.

**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.*

**First Friday and Saturday**

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

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:**

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**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**1<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

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

*Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32;*

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** S. Shaw, E. Shaw  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** T. Molloy  
**Offertory:** Culas Family  
**Special Ministers:** K. Selvan

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

S. Spemann

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**

School Holidays – Ahio Family

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**24 Sept:** Monica Malloy

**28 Sept:** Phung Mai, Phyllis Oldbury,  
John Lopez, Thomas Lopez

**29 Sept:** Mary Williams

**30 Sept:** Wilhelmus Hilhorst

**PARISH FINANCES**

**Parish** \$2,632.00  
**Priests** \$1,316.00  
**Total AP's and Cash** \$3,948.00

**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**

Make a conscious voting decision this general election by being informed in the light of faith through the Gospels and Catholic Social Teaching. Please refer to the leaflet 'Your Vote Counts' issued by Bishop Lowe and the Justice & Peace Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for more information

**Holy Cross Parish – Annual Food Festival**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 11am until sold out, in Holy Cross School Grounds, 8 Lavelle Rd, Henderson, Please bring cash.

