

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A 22nd October 2023

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10



Ry Give the- Lord- glo-ry and ho-nour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, Sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations His glory, and His wonders among all the peoples. R

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. R

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and pow'r, Give the Lord the glory of His name. Bring an offering and enter His courts. R

Worship the Lord in His temple. O earth, tremble before Him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. \mathbb{R} :

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika, which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

REMINDERS

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship and Refreshments after Mass in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM CLASSES

After the 9:30am Mass, from 10:45-11:30am. Please do send your children to the age-appropriate catechism class for their continued formation in the Faith.

There are 4 classes for the different ages:

5-6 yrs: The Joseph Centre (Bugler Centre)

7-9 yrs: The Joseph Centre

10-12 yrs: The Marian Centre (courtyard, next to the Joseph Center)

13 yrs and above: Back outside classroom.

After the classes they can come to the Hall for fun, food, and fellowship.

"It is a reasonable consequence, that he who runs after the perishable goods should himself perish."

St. Teresa of Avila

"You know you've reached some level of humility when you're not loving your own will nor be pleased to fulfill your own desires."



-Saint Benedict

"It is necessary to communicate in a state of grace; otherwise the Communion will become a poison, or rather a halter to strangle the unworthy communicant."

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

"It is certainly a great
happiness for some sinners who
after a bad life are converted at
their death, and are saved; but
these cases are very rare:
ordinarily he that leads a bad
life dies a bad death."

-St. Alphonsus Liguori

"In the contemplation of His holy life we should try to enter into the sanctuary of His heart, admire and adore the virtues and imitate them as far as we possibly can."

-St. Arnold Janssen

Do we think that God is appeased by the mere circumstance of our appearing at church without repenting of our sins, without restoring the property or character of our neighbor, without avoiding those occasions of sin which keep us at a distance from God? Ah, let us not mock the Lord!

-St. Alphonsus Liguori

"Sanctity does not consist in being faithful for a day or a year but in persevering until death."

-St. Claude de la Colombiere

"The wicked fear the good, because the good are a constant reproach to their consciences."

-Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

"The Lord's Prayer is to be said in order that we may be preserved not only from venial sin, but also from mortal sin."

-St. Thomas Aquinas

"Contemplation is a ladder to God. And when you come down the ladder, come to the aid of your neighbour in need."

-St. Anthony of Padua

It is better to adorn with good habits the soul which will live forever, than to deck in choice garments the body which will soon decay in the dust.

-St. Alcuin

"Parents are guilty of sin against the duty of educating their children, if they do not instruct them in matters of faith, and in what regards their eternal salvation."

-St. Alphonsus Liguori

"A single tear shed at the remembrance of the Passion of Jesus is worth more than a pilgrimage to Jerusalem or a year of fasting on bread and water."

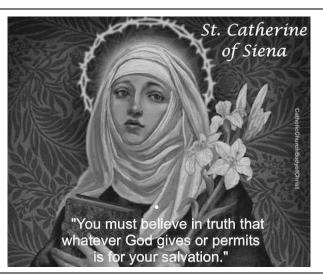
- St. Augustine

Many cry to the Lord that they may win riches, that they may avoid losses; they cry that their family may be established, they ask for temporal happiness, for worldly dignities; and, lastly, they cry for bodily health, which is the patrimony of the poor. For these and suchlike things many cry to the Lord; hardly one cries for the Lord Himself! How easy it is for a man to desire all manner of things from the Lord and yet not desire the Lord Himself! As though the gift could be sweeter than the Giver!

-St. Thomas Aquinas

The number of those who will be saved is not as great as some people imagine. It is only the brave and the daring who take heaven by storm, where only those are crowned who strive to live according to the law of the Gospel and not according to the maxims of the world.

St. Louis de Montfort



THE ENDURANCE OF DARKNESS IS THE PREPARATION FOR GREAT LIGHT.

- St. John of the Cross

"THERE IS NO SIN WHICH CANNOT

BE PARDONED EXCEPT THAT ONE WHICH

LACKS REPENTANCE."

-ST. ISAAC OF SYRIA

"God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them."

St. Augustine

"If you do not worship God, you worship something, and nine times out of ten it will be yourself.

You have a duty to worship God, not because He will be imperfect and unhappy if you do not, but because you will be imperfect and unhappy."

- ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

"MEN DO NOT FEAR A POWERFUL HOSTILE ARMY AS THE POWERS OF HELL FEAR THE NAME AND PROTECTION OF MARY."

— ST. BONAVENTURE

God has called us to sainthood, to perfection, and to a share in His life. God is not cruel. He would not call us to something we could not achieve. And God cannot lie. He Himself is the ground of all truth. Our God is all-powerful . . . With such a God, even impossible dreams become attainable hopes. For He Himself has attained them for us.

- SWEAR TO GOD

'Keep your mind from malicious thoughts of your neighbors, knowing that such thoughts are hurled by diabolical power, to keep your mind from your own sins and from seeking God.'

St. Elias of Egypt

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:

Ave Maria (Choir)

COMMUNION HYMN:

Ave verum corpus,
Natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum,
Immolatum in cruce pro homine.
Cuius latus perforatum,
Unda fluxit sanguine
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine
O Dulcis, O pie, O Jesu fili Mariae,
Miserere mei. Amen

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beams, thou silver moon that gently gleams, O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of heaven find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givist man both warmth and light, O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day, unfoldest blessings on our way, O praise Him, Alleluia!
The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow, let them His glory also show:
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia! Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Holy God, we praise Thy Name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee! All on earth Thy sceptre claim, All in Heaven above adore Thee; Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising, Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising; Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

Lo! the apostolic train Joins thy sacred Name to hallow; Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white robed martyrs follow; And from morn to set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.

All Saints' and All Souls' Days

ALL SAINTS: November 1 Mass at 9am and 7pm

ALL SOULS: November 2 Mass at 9am and 7pm

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

Imago Dei "Young Adults Group" – Rosary walk before the 9:30am Mass. Meet outside the Joseph Centre (Bugler Centre) at 8:30am.

Men's Group – Men's Breakfast, Saturday 11th November at 6:45am, more details to come shortly or contact Paul on 021704181.

House of Nazareth – All Saints' Day Party for preschoolers and homeschoolers in the Hall on Wednesday 1st November from 10am to 2pm. Come dressed as your favourite Saint. Please register with Danielle on 0212506318 or Luci on 0212014603

1st Friday & Saturday- 24hr
Adoration – from 6pm (Friday 3rd
Nov) to 6pm (Saturday 4th Nov) – we are looking for people to cover 6pm to 7pm, 7pm to 8pm, 9pm to 10pm, 10pm to 11pm on Friday 3rd
November. Please contact Ellen on 8346677 or hfparish@xtra.co.nz

NEXT SUNDAY: 29th October 2023 30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: J. Brodie, E. O'Brien Prayers of the Faithful: N. Nunes Offertory: Capundag Family Special Ministers: S. Molloy

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Thotawattage Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Senior Legion of Mary

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

22 Oct: Tuvale Mau'u Pu'epu'emai, Edmund Scurrah, Vaitogi Mnauleleua

23 Oct: Joe Milich, Miro Letica 24 Oct: Charles Iamieson

25 Oct: Isobel Peters, Joanna Matthew

27 Oct: Michael Whitford

28 Oct: George Viskovich, Ljubislava Sinkovich

PARISH FINANCES

 Parish
 \$2,075.40

 Priests
 \$1,037.70

 Total AP's and Cash
 \$3,113.10

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

DIOCESAN NOTICES

7th Annual National March for Life in Wellington on 2nd December. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm, March to Parliament grounds at 2pm – 4pm.

Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Fundraising for the Greek Melkite School in Shefa Amr (Israel)

members have agreed to help fund a fire sprinkler system for the school. If you can help there are pamphlets down the back of the Church or see the poster on the noticeboard.

Auckland Catholic Singles Social Group: A new group for single Catholic men & women in their 30s & 40s Dinner at Burger Burger

Saturday 28th October 2023 • 6:30PM onwards. Osbourne lane, 3B York Street, Newmarket, Auckland 1023 Find us - we will have Fra Angelico's Annunciation on the table.

Gaudete: Advent & Christmas Carols 3pm - 6pm Saturday, 25th November 2023 Sir Woolf Fisher Arena (770 Great South Road, Manukau 2104) For All Ages | Donation / Entry by Koha| Free Parking Available For more information Contact: (09) 360 3061

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