

# 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A

5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

#### FIRST READING: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 130(131)



Ry In you O Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud, nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. R

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so my soul. R

O Israel, hope in the Lord, both now and forever.  $\mathbb{R}$ 

#### SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

#### **REMINDERS**

## **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP**

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

#### CHILDREN'S CATECHISM CLASSES

Please do send your children to the age-appropriate catechism class after Mass.

There are 4 classes for the different ages:

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

7-9 yrs: The Joseph Centre

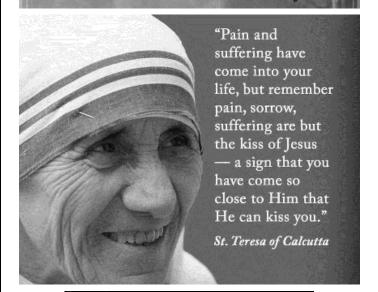
10-12 yrs: The Marian Centre (courtyard, next to the Joseph Center)

13 yrs and above: Back outside classroom.

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



Prayer is the cure for a confused mind, a weary soul, and a broken heart.





Pray with great confidence, with confidence based upon the goodness and infinite generosity of God and upon the promises of Jesus Christ. God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray.

- St. Louis de Montfort -

If we only knew how God regards this Sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass.

- St. Padre Pio -

"DO NOT THINK THAT YOU LIVE IN THIS WORLD TO HAVE FUN, TO BECOME RICH, TO EAT, DRINK AND SLEEP. THE END FOR WHICH YOU WERE CREATED IN THE FIRST PLACE IS INFINITELY MORE NOBLE AND SUBLIME; AND IT IS THIS: TO LOVE

AND SERVE GOD IN THIS LIFE, AND

THAT WAY SAVE YOUR SOUL."

"When you are angry with someone, the way to find peace is to pray for that person and ask God to reward him or her for making you suffer"

—Saint Therese of Lisieux



"We cannot live without joy; so when we are deprived of true spiritual joys we become addicted to carnal pleasures."

~ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

We can overcome evil only if we are rich in good.

Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko

"The best, simplest, and easiest way to assist at Holy Mass is that suggested by St. Leonard of Port Maurice. Divide the Mass into three parts. From the beginning to the Elevation, meditate on Our Lord's Passion; from the Elevation to Communion, on our sins and the sorrow we should feel for them; from Communion to the end, on the resolution to sin no more."

Saint John Bosco

"MARY SEEKS FOR THOSE WHO APPROACH HER DEVOUTLY AND WITH REVERENCE, FOR SUCH SHE LOVES, NOURISHES. AND ADOPTS AS HER CHILDREN."

Saint Bonaventure

"Be eager to go to Mass on weekdays also, even if it costs a sacrifice. Our Lord will reward you with His Blessings and make you succeed in your undertakings."

Saint John Bosco

"You must show mercy in this world if you want to receive mercy in heaven."

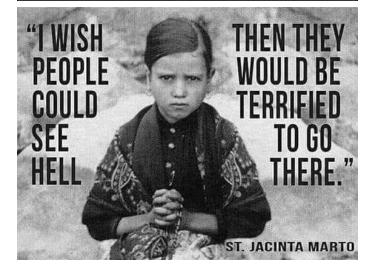
St. Caesarius of Arles

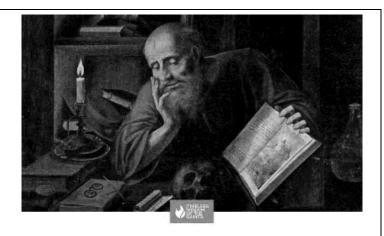
AS OUR BODY RETURNS TO DUST, HOW DOES OUR SOUL FARE? IT WILL RECEIVE A SENTENCE OF EVERLASTING HAPPINESS OR MISERY ACCORDING TO OUR WORKS.

Sargio Boko - 11

The whole company of saints bears witness to the unfailing truth that without real effort no one wins the crown.

St. Peter Claver



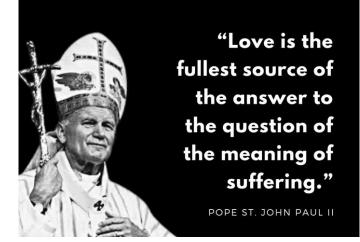


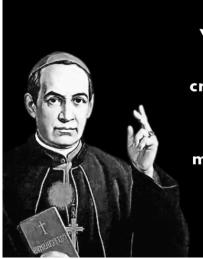
"The peace of Christ is with us when the mind is at peace and undisturbed by the passions."

Saint Jerome

"A sudden death excites terror in all; and still how many expose themselves to the danger of dying suddenly, and of dying in sin."

St. Alphonsus Liguori





The Christian
who desires to
follow Jesus
carrying His
cross must bear
in mind,
that the name
"Christian"
means "learner
or imitator of
Christ."

ST. ANYHONY MARY CLARET BISHOP AND CONFESSOR

"Do not follow the desires of your flesh. For when the flesh desires what is contrary to the spirit, there is no question that it desires what is evil; for good is not contrary to the best good."

St. Augustine of Hippo

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Faith of our fathers! living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword:
O how our hearts beat high with joy, whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! faith and prayer shall win all nations unto thee; and through the truth that comes from God, mankind shall then indeed be free.

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers!
we will love both friend and foe
in all our strife: and preach thee, too,
as love knows how, by kindly deeds
and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN:**

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:**

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

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood; He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth From the realms of endless day, That the powers of hell may vanish As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six winged Seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eyes. Veil their faces to the presence, and with ceaseless voice they cry: "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Lord, most High.

#### **RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

Immaculate Mary!
Our hearts are on fire;
that title so wondrous
Fills all our desire!
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

We pray for God's glory, May His kingdom come; We pray for His Vicar, Our Father in Rome. Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

We pray for our Mother, The Church upon earth, And bless, sweetest Lady, The land of our birth. Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

#### **HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES**

St Joseph's Mens Group -Mens

**Breakfast**, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 6:45am, For catering purposes please register your interest in attending with Paul on 021704181.

Imago Dei "Young Adults Group" -

Rosary walk before the 9:30am Mass. Meet outside the Joseph Centre (Bugler Centre) at 8:30am.

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

## **November Event:**

French Cooking Class
Monday 27th November 2023 • 6:00PM
- 9:00PM. Selwyn College, 203-245
Kohimarama Road. \$76 per person.
Register yourself
at: https://www.selwyncomed.school.nz
/courses/2003-date-night-frenchcuisine/

#### **December Event:**

Handel's Messiah: Performance by Auckland Choral Sunday 17th December 2023 • 5:00PM onwards. Great Hall, Auckland Town Hall. \$35 per person + booking fees.

## NEXT SUNDAY: 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13;

#### LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: E. O'Brien, L. Ahio Prayers of the Faithful: J. Brodie Offertory: Drabble Family Special Ministers: P. Capundag

## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Xavier/D'Lima Families

## ${\bf SUNDAY\,CUP\,OF\,TEA\,ROSTER}$

**Tongan Community** 

#### **ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**8 Nov:** Christina Thomson, Dorothy Brinton **9 Nov:** Peg Hallas

#### **PARISH FINANCES**

 Parish
 \$2,682.27

 Priests
 \$1,314.13

 Total AP's and Cash
 \$4,023.40

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

#### **DIOCESAN NOTICES**

Come and visit us and see the diocesan centre. 9 November The Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, St Mary's Bay is a service hub for the diocese. And a mystery to many. On the 9 November from 4.00-7.30pm you are invited to an Open Home at the Centre. It will be an opportunity to engage with staff, explore some of the archival treasure, enjoy a snack, purchases liturgical resources and more.

Holy Cross Seminary, Auckland Seeking part-time Chef. Our much-loved, longstanding chef is retiring, so we are seeking a part-time chef for 30-hours per week over 5-days (Sunday-Thursday nonnegotiable), commencing early February 2024. Duties will include responsibility for the weekly grocery shop, working within budgets, as well as x1 evening meal preparation for the Seminarians and Seminary Priests. Holy Cross Seminary follows a university term schedule, and the successful applicant will be required termtime only (x32 weeks per year). If you have the necessary qualifications/experience and are interested in this role, please send your CV with Cover Letter to office@holycross.org.nz by Wednesday, 15 November 2023.

Franciscan Spirituality Series - Learn about what St Francis had to say about death and what his approach to it was. Next session is this Sun 5 Nov- 'Sister Death' by Anne Moody - 2pm-4pm (Free)

Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Thu 7 Dec | Wed 21 Feb 2024 | Thu 21 Mar 2024