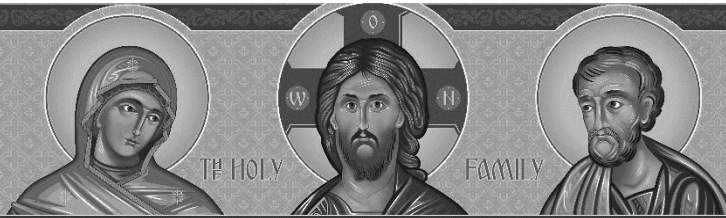


Holy
Family



Catholic
Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C – 30th of MARCH 2025

FIRST READING : Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.’ The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 33(34):2-7



℣ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips, in the Lord my soul shall make its boast, the humble shall hear and be glad. ℣

Glorify the Lord with me, together let us praise his name I sought the Lord and he answered me, from all my terrors he set me free. ℣ Look towards him and be radiant, let your faces not be abashed, This poor man called, the Lord heard him, and rescued him from all his distress. ℣

SECOND READING : 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God’s work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men’s faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

GOSPEL : Luke 15:1-3,11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them: ‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, ‘Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.’ So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. ‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, ‘How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.’ So he left the place and went back to his father. ‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. ‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. ‘Your brother has come’ replied the servant ‘and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.’ He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, ‘Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.’ ‘The father said, ‘My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.’”

A. **P** A-ter nos-ter, qui es in cae-lis: sancti-fi-cé-tur
no-men tu-um; advé-ni-at regnum tu-um; fi-at vo-lún-
tas tu-a, sic-ut in cae-lo, et in terra. Panem nostrum
co-ti-di-á-num da no-bis hó-di-e; et dimítte no-bis

de-bi-ta nostra, sic-ut et nos di-mít-timus de-bi-tó-ri-bus
nostris; et ne nos indú-cas in tenta-ti-ó-nem; sed
lí-be-ra nos a ma-lo.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways!

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame, a
second Adam to the fight and to the
rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail, should
strive afresh against the foe, should
strive,
and should prevail.

And that the highest gift of grace
should flesh and blood refine: God's
presence and his very self, and
essence all divine.

O generous love! that he who smote
in man for man the foe, the double
agony in Man for man should
undergo.

And in the garden secretly, and on
the cross on high, should teach his
brethren, and inspire to suffer and
to die.

OFFERTORY CHANT: Choir

Even if I had committed every possible
crime, for ever would have the same
confidence, because I know that this
multitude of offences is but a drop of
water thrown into a blazing fire,
is but a drop of water thrown into a
blazing fire.

Oh how I need a heart burning with
tenderness, on whom I can rely with no
turning back who loves me as I am and
even my weakness, and who will leave
me not through out both day and night
and who will leave me not throughout
both day and night.

I was not able to find any other living
creature who loved me in this way and
who would never die, because I need a
God who makes Himself like me, whom
I can call a brother, and who can suffer
too, whom I can call a brother, and who
can suffer too.

Oh yes I know this well, that all our acts
of justice do not have in your eyes the
slightest worth at all, and so to give a
price to all my sacrifices, I want to
throw them all into your heart divine,
I want to throw them all into your heart
divine.

Your angels were not found to be
spotless in your sight, with lightning
flash and fire, you gave us your law, it's
in your Sacred Heart, O Jesus that I hide,
No I am not afraid, my virtue it is You!
No I am not afraid, my virtue it is You!

COMMUNION HYMN:

*God loved the world so much
He gave His only Son that who believes in
Him shall never die
but have eternal life.*

God sent His Son into the world not to
condemn the world but that the world
might be saved through Him.

Through Him, God reconciled all things
on earth and in the heav'ns, by making
peace by His blood outpoured.

May God give knowledge of His will, and
you with wisdom's understanding fill that
you bear lasting fruit.

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.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

Stations of the Cross
Every Friday during Lent at 7pm

Pledge Envelopes are ready for collection: They can be collected from the Office.

24hr Adoration - 4th and 5th April - 6pm to 6pm. We have sometimes that need to be covered they are Fri - 8pm - 9pm, 11pm - 12am - Sat - 11-am - 12pm, 1pm - 2pm. If you are able to cover any of these times, please let Ellen know or send an email to hfp parish@xtra.co.nz

Palm Crosses - We are meeting in the Hall on **Thursday 10th April** at 7pm. If you are attending, please let Ellen know or email hfp parish@xtra.co.nz

Altar Servers Practise for Holy Week
Saturday 12th April
11am - 12:15pm
Saturday 19th April
10am - 11:15am

Candlelight Vigil for the Unborn
When? Palm Sunday at 7:00 p.m.
Where? Potter's Park - Corner of Dominion and Balmoral Roads.

NEXT SUNDAY:

6th April 2025
5th Sunday of Lent (Yr C)
Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: C. Tagiilima, J. Brodie
Prayers of the Faithful: E. O'Brien
Offertory: Richmond Family
Special Ministers: K. Selvan

CHURCH CLEANING

No Church Cleaning - 24hr Adoration

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Richmond and Singh Families

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

3 Apr: Mara Viskovich
5 Apr: Patrick McMeekin, Patricia Hogan

PARISH FINANCES

Parish \$2,653.87
Priest \$1,326.93
Total APs and Cash **\$3,980.80**

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

~ **PASSION SUNDAY** ~

13th April

The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

8:00am Latin Mass

10:00am English Mass

(Please gather in the Courtyard)

~ **HOLY THURSDAY** ~

17th April

The Mass of the Last Supper - 8:00pm
Adoration till 12am (Midnight) in Church

~ **GOOD FRIDAY** ~

18th April

The Passion of Christ

Veneration of the Holy Cross

Stations of the Cross - 10:00am

Veneration of the Holy Cross - 3:00pm

~ **HOLY SATURDAY** ~

19th April

Vigil of Light - 7:00pm

Please bring:

a bell to ring during the Gloria

Candles will be provided

(Please gather in the courtyard to collect your candle)

~ **EASTER SUNDAY** ~

20th April

The Resurrection of the Lord

8:00am Latin Mass

10:00am English Mass

~ **Easter Week (Monday - Saturday)** ~
All Masses at 9am

Church Parking - Please do not park on the grass or block the front driveway and access to the parking behind the hall. There is ample parking available behind the Church and Hall.