



# Holy Family Parish

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

24<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## **FIRST READING : 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23**

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13**

*℟. The Lord is kind and merciful.*

*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. ℟.*

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

*The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy, He does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults. ℟.*

*As far as the East is from the West, so far does he remove our sins as a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. ℟.*

## **SECOND READING : 1 Corinthians 15:45-49**

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

## **GOSPEL : Luke 6:27-38**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

**"Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love."**

**~ St Therese of Lisieux**

IF I DO NOT  
BECOME  
A SAINT,  
I AM DOING  
NOTHING.

**ST. DOMINIC SAVIO**

*"There is no place in the priesthood or religious life for those who would harm the young."* – St. John Paul II

Rejoice in your hope,  
be patient in tribulation,  
be constant in prayer.

ROMANS 12:12

Contemplation  
and remembrance of eternity  
can correct even the  
most depraved man.

St Tikhon of Zadonsk

A day will come when the civilized world will deny its God, when the Church will doubt as Peter doubted. She will be tempted to believe that man has become God. In our churches, Christians will search in vain for the red lamp where God awaits them. Like Mary Magdalene, weeping before the empty tomb, they will ask, 'Where have they taken Him?'

Pope Pius XII



**SAINT FRANCIS REGIS CLET  
LAZARIST MISSIONARY**

(1748-1820) – (Feast Day, February 17)

Born in 1748, Francis was the son of a merchant of Grenoble in France; he was the tenth of fifteen children. The family was deeply religious, and several of its members were already consecrated to God. Francis attended the Jesuit college at Grenoble, and in 1769 entered the novitiate of the Lazarists, a missionary Community founded by Saint Vincent de Paul. He was ordained a priest in 1773, then taught moral theology in a diocesan seminary. In 1789 he was named director of the Lazarist Seminary in Paris, but was obliged by the fury of the revolution in that year, with the entire Congregation, to abandon the mother house.

Saint Francis exposed his desire to be a foreign missionary to his superior, and was sent by him to China in 1791; there he laboured for 28 years, entirely alone for several years in a vast district. Death had deprived him of his two brother-priests.

Persecutions in 1812 and 1818 destroyed his church and schoolhouse, and he himself escaped several times, as it were by miracle, from searching parties. But he was finally betrayed by a Chinese Christian for a large sum of money, and seized in June of 1819.

For five weeks he endured cruel tortures in total silence, then was transferred to another prison, where he found a fellow Chinese Lazarist from whom he could receive the Sacraments. His death sentence was pronounced in January of 1820, and he died in February of that year, strangled while tied to a stake erected like a cross.

Saint Francis Regis Clet pray for us.

"Never give up PRAYER...



- ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS -

...and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason.

God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction."

## Prayer for Strength

O Christ Jesus,  
when all is darkness  
and we feel our weakness  
and helplessness,  
give us the sense  
of Your Presence,  
Your Love and  
Your Strength.

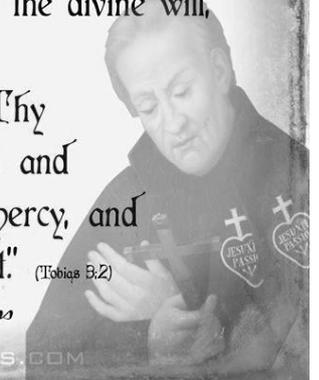
Help us to have perfect trust  
in Your protecting love  
and strengthening power,  
so that nothing may  
frighten or worry us,  
for, living close to You,  
we shall see Your Hand,  
Your Purpose, and Your Will  
through all things.  
Amen.

~St. Ignatius of Loyola

In all your afflictions  
and interior desolations make  
frequent acts of total abandonment to  
the will of God. Recite the chaplet  
which St. Gertrude composed of  
these words only; Fiat voluntas  
tua-"May Thy will be done." At  
other times say, with sentiments of  
perfect conformity to the divine will,  
"Thou art just,  
O Lord! and all Thy  
judgments are just, and  
all Thy ways are mercy, and  
truth, and judgment." (Tobias 8:2)

*St. Paul of The Cross*

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Do not despair.

Do not be depressed.

Do not let your weakness make you impatient.

Instead, let the serenity of your spirit

Shine through your face.

Let the joy of your mind burst forth.

Let words of thanks break from your lips.

~St. Peter Damian

Before God we are all poor.  
We are all handicapped in  
one way or another.  
Sometimes it can be seen  
on the outside; sometimes it  
is in the inside. The healthy  
person may be closer to  
dying or even more "dead"  
than the person who is  
dying. They might be  
spiritually dead, only it does  
not show. ~~Bl. Mother  
Teresa

**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:**

God of Mercy and Compassion,  
Look with pity upon me,  
Father let me call Thee Father,  
'Tis thy child returns to Thee.

*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy; let me not  
implore in vain; All my sins,  
I now detest them, never will I sin again.*

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying, on the  
cross of Calvary; To that cross my sins  
have nail'd Him, yet bleeds and dies for  
me.

If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may abide with you forever;  
Ev'n the spirit of truth;

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

*A new commandment I give you:  
that you love one another  
even as I have loved you.  
By this all men will know  
that you are my disciples  
If you have love for one another.*

For I have given you an example,  
that you should also do  
as I have done to you.  
Truly, truly I say to you,  
a servant is not greater than his master,  
nor is he who is sent,  
greater than he who sent him.  
If you know these things,  
blessed are you if you do them.

**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 News:**

• **Sacramental Programme:**  
**First Reconciliation** - 16<sup>th</sup> March at  
4pm in the Bugler Centre, *please note:*  
*If you would like your child to receive  
Confirmation and Holy Communion,  
they would need to receive the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation first.*  
Please register with either Ellen on  
8346677 or Erin on 8320258. The  
deadline for registrations close 23<sup>rd</sup>  
March.

• **Next Week: 24hr ADORATION** -  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm till Saturday  
2<sup>nd</sup> March at 6pm. If you would like to  
sign up for an hour every month,  
please see Ellen or ring 834 6677.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Mass times  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
March**   
9am & 7pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
during Lent  
starts  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
at 7pm

  
**OLD PALMS:** Please drop  
your old palm crosses to the  
office by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.**

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (YrC)**

*Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15: 54 - 58;*

*Lk 6:39 - 45;*

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** M. D'Souza, R. Lopez  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** F. Xavier  
**Offertory:** Thotawattage Family  
**Special Ministers:** F. Ulugia

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Adoration in Church

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**

Xavier/D'Lima Family

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- 25 Feb:** Greg Boyle
- 26 Feb:** Catherine McCarthy,  
Susanna Te Tai, Alice Barry
- 28 Feb:** Robert Keenan
- 29 Feb:** Annie Francis, Patrick Doyle
- 1 Mar:** Samuel Endemann, Anthony Botica

**PARISH FINANCES**

Parish	\$ 957.50
Priests	<u>\$ 478.70</u>
Total Cash	<b>\$ 1,436.20</b>

**Diocesan News:**

- **Lenten Prayer for Life:** This Lent join us in prayer, fasting and reparation, especially for the 36 pre-born babies who lose their lives through abortion every day of the year in New Zealand. For all enquiries call 09 629 4361 or email [life@fli.org.nz](mailto:life@fli.org.nz). Register your prayer commitment to [fli.org.nz/lentenprayerforlife](http://fli.org.nz/lentenprayerforlife)
- **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN DAYS:**
- **Sacred Heart College:** 250 West Tamaki Road, Glendowie, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Parking available at Gate 3. Principal's Welcome address at 1pm and Tour at 11.45am and 1:30pm.
- **St Paul's College:** 183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Sessions - 9.30am & 1.45pm Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by tour. Enrolments for Years 7, 8 and 9.
- **St Mary's College:** Thursday 7 March commencing at 2:30pm and 6:30pm in the Paul Keane Gymnasium.
- **OPEN EVENING - St Dominic's College,** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm at 28 Rathgar Road, Henderson.
- **David Parkes Fundraiser Concert:** this fundraiser concert for WACOM 2020 takes place on Friday 1 March at 7.30 pm at the Malaeola Centre in Mangere. For more information phone Fr Rory Morrissey at Ponsonby Herne Bay Parish.