



# Holy Family Parish

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year C)

10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## FIRST READING : Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me." 'You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 90(91):1-2,10-15

*R. Be with me Lord when I am in trouble.*

*He who dwells in the shelter of the most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty, says to the Lord 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust.' R.*

*Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell; For you has he commanded his angels to keep you in all your ways. R.*

*They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone; On the lion and the viper you will tread, and trample the young lion and the dragon. R.*

*His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name; When he calls I shall answer: ' I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. R.*

## SECOND READING : Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: *The word* (that is the faith we proclaim) *is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart.* If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: *those who believe in him will have no cause for shame,* it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, *for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :** *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.*

## GOSPEL : Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you ,and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

*"This age detests the things that silence brings us to: encounter, wonder, and kneeling before God."*

CARDINAL ROBERT SARAH

“TRUE FASTING LIES IN  
REJECTING EVIL,  
HOLDING ONE’S  
TONGUE, SUPPRESSING  
ONE’S HATRED, AND  
BANISHING ONE’S  
LUST, EVIL WORDS,  
LYING, AND BETRAYAL  
OF VOWS.

St Basil the Great

“Conquering  
the tongue is  
better than  
fasting on  
bread and  
water.”

~ St. John of the Cross

Fear not, for I am with you,  
be not dismayed,  
for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you,  
I will help you,

ISAIAH 41:10

*Always keep in mind that the people of Israel spent forty years in the desert before reaching the Promised Land, even though the journey should not have taken more than six weeks. They were not permitted to ask why God led them in circuitous and arduous ways, and all those who complained about it died before reaching their destination. Even Moses that great friend of God, died on the border of the Promised Land and saw it only from afar, without being able to enjoy it himself. Do not focus so much on the path you have; keep your eyes fixed instead on the one who guides you and on the heavenly home to which he is guiding you. Why should you care if you are walking through the desert or through meadows, provided that God is always with you and you succeed in possessing blessed eternity?"*

*- Padre Pio*

**When someone  
does evil to you,  
be affectionate and humble  
toward him,  
and treat him kindly.  
By doing so  
you will deliver him  
from his sin.**

~ St. Maximus the Confessor

**"I have learned more from  
prayer before the  
Blessed Sacrament  
than from all the books  
I have studied"**  
~ St Thomas Aquinas

Remember: The sinner who is sorry for  
his sins, is closer to God than the just  
man who boasts of his good works.

- St. Padre Pio -

**St. Andre Bessette  
DO NOT SEEK TO HAVE  
TRIALS LIFTED FROM  
YOU. INSTEAD, ASK FOR  
THE GRACE TO BEAR  
THEM WELL.**

**"In God's plan,  
nothing happens  
by chance."**

~ St. John Paul II

**"DON'T LET  
ANYTHING DEPRIVE  
YOU OF HOPE"**

- ST NEKTARIOS OF AEGINA

**"Don't omit your visits to the blessed  
sacrament. After saying your usual prayer  
tell Jesus, really present in the tabernacle,  
about the cares and worries of your day.  
And he will give you light and courage for  
your life as a Christian."**

- St. Josemaria Escriva

**"By the cross we know the  
gravity of sin and the  
greatness of God's love  
toward us."**

- John Chrysostom

*You must remember*  
TO LOVE PEOPLE AND USE THINGS,  
RATHER THAN  
TO LOVE THINGS AND USE PEOPLE.

- Venerable Fulton Sheen

**"Your tears were collected by the angels  
and were placed in a golden chalice, and  
you will find them when you present  
yourself before God."**

St Pio of Pietrelcina

**"It is better to pray badly than not  
to pray at all. As Chesterton once  
wrote: "If a thing is worth doing at  
all, it is worth doing badly." We  
may not breathe properly, but it is  
a good idea to keep breathing.  
So on the spiritual plane,  
a little practice will help us  
grow in perfection."**

STEVENSON

~ Bishop Sheen Writes

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend and didst the vict'ry win, O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide, yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering o'er past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

All ye who seek a comfort sure In trouble and distress, Whatever sorrow vex the mind, Or guilt the soul oppress:

Our Lord, who gave Himself for you Upon the Cross to die, Opens to you His sacred Heart O to that Heart draw nigh.

Ye hear how kindly he invites; Ye hear His words so blest: "All ye that labor come to Me, And I will give you rest."

What meeker than the Saviour's Heart? As on the Cross He lay, It did His murderers forgive, And for their pardon pray.

O Heart, Thou joy of Saints on high, Thou hope of sinners here, Attracted by those loving words to Thee I life my prayer.

Wash thou my wounds in that dear Blood, Which forth from Thee doth flow; New grace, new hope inspire, a new And better heart bestow.

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin; From earth-bound passion set me free and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, by care and woe oppressed; let me your loving servant be and taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the bitter strife; through all my pain and misery, become my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray; through darkness and perplexity, point to the heavenly way.

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.*

*"As the deer long for the springs of water, so my soul longs for you, oh God."*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

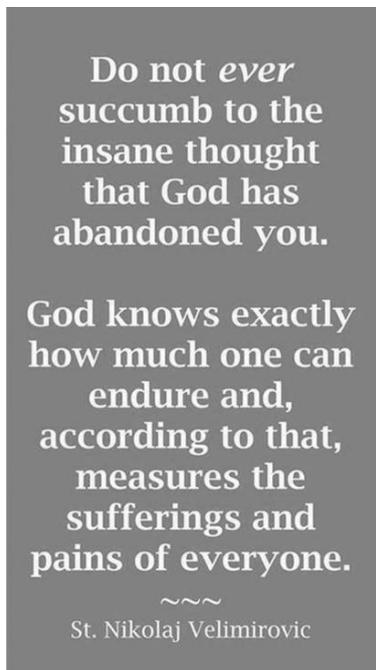
Forty days and forty nights Thou wast fasting in the wild; Forty days and forty nights Tempted, and yet undefiled.

Shall not we thy sorrow share, And from earthly joys abstain, Fasting with unceasing prayer, Glad with thee to suffer pain?

And if Satan, vexing sore, Flesh or spirit should assail, Thou, his Vanquisher before, Grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine: Holier gladness ours shall be; Round us, too shall angels shine, Such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, Ever constant by thy side; That with thee we may appear At the eternal Eastertide.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Every Friday during Lent at 7pm

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**17<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (YrC)**

*Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1;*

*Lk 9:28-36;*

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** C. Tagiilima, M. Tagiilima

**Prayers of the Faithful:** F. Xavier

**Offertory:** Tagiilima Family

**Special Ministers:** M. Tupai

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Fakava Family

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**

Samoan Community

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**10 Mar:** *Isobel Glynn, Jack Waitapu,*

*Lois Sumich, Rosaline Corkill*

**11 Mar:** *Bernadette Williams, Melva Molloy*

**12 Mar:** *Joyce Fitzgerald, Terry Fitzgerald,*

*Kathleen Bonner*

**14 Mar:** *Donald Ah Loo*

**16 Mar:** *Ravindra Prasad*

**Holy Family News:**

- **Sacramental Programme: Two more weekends left to register for First Reconciliation-** 16<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm in the Bugler Centre. Please register with either Ellen on 8346677 or Erin on 8320258. The deadline for registrations close 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
- **House of Nazareth (HoN):** We would like to invite all preschool and homeschooling children (and their parents) to join us in the hall for fellowship, fun crafts, learning about our faith and a shared lunch. This year we will be running every 1st Friday from 11am-2.30pm. All are welcome, just bring a plate to share. For more information call Danielle 0212506318
- **Accommodation Wanted:** Brother Ralph (plays the organ at the 9:30am Mass) is looking to house share. Works in Takapuna. Contact Ralph 022 369 7137
- **Stall after Mass:** There will be a stall after Mass for the next three Sundays.

**Diocesan News:**

- **Lenten Prayer for Life:** This Lent join us in prayer, fasting and reparation. 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)
- **Upcoming legislation intends to allow ABORTION UP TO BIRTH:** please email: [tonybrebner@hotmail.com](mailto:tonybrebner@hotmail.com) for full information and 'Open Letter' to all MPs.
- **Mercy Ships** Every year a bunch of Kiwis head to West Africa to volunteer on-board an enormous hospital ship run by a Christian charity called Mercy Ships. Tonight The SUNDAY current affairs programme profiles them and their incredible work. TVONE - 7.30pm March 10th .