



Holy Family Parish

4th Sunday of Lent (Year C)

31st March 2019

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 it's 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 ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ King of endless Glory!

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."

THE LITANY OF HUMILITY

Lord Jesus. Meek and humble of heart,
Hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being loved,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being extolled,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being honoured,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being praised,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being preferred to others,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being consulted,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being approved,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being humiliated,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being despised,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of suffering rebukes,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being calumniated,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being forgotten,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being ridiculed,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being wronged,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being suspected,
Deliver me, Jesus.

That others may be loved more than I,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be esteemed more than I,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That, in the opinion of the world,
others may increase and I may decrease,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be chosen and I set aside,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be praised and I unnoticed,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be preferred to me in everything,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may become holier than I,
provided that I may become as holy as I should,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

“Humility is not
thinking less of yourself,
it’s thinking of yourself
less.”



— C.S. Lewis

“THE WORLD’S THY SHIP
AND NOT THY HOME.”



— ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

“My beloved, may every fall, even if it is
serious and habitual sin, always
become for us a small step toward a
higher degree of perfection. In fact, the
only reason why the Immaculate
permits us to fall is to cure us from our
self-conceit, from our pride, to make us
humble and thus make us docile to the
divine graces.”



St Maximilian Kolbe

Memorare

Remember,

O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled
to your protection,
implored your help,
or sought your intercession
was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence,
I fly unto you,

O Virgin of virgins, my mother;
to you do I come,
before you I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but
in your clemency hear
and answer me. **Amen.**

-prayer composed by St. Bernard

"I WILL GO ANYWHERE AND DO ANYTHING IN ORDER TO COMMUNICATE THE LOVE OF JESUS TO THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW HIM OR HAVE FORGOTTEN HIM."

-ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

"How far we have departed from the virtue of humility! *Humility is truth*. He knows that the trees that bear the most fruit have branches that bend downward and hang lowest to the ground."

+ Fulton J. Sheen
'Humility'

J.M.J.



Redemptive Suffering

"Jesus said to me; 'How many times would you have abandoned Me, my son, if I had not crucified you.

Beneath the cross, one learns love, and I do not give this to everyone, but only to those souls who are dearest to Me."

Saint Padre Pio

**MOVE FORWARD BOLDLY IN
THE NAME OF GOD - ST.
JOAN OF ARC**

"I PLEAD WITH YOU!
NEVER, EVER
GIVE UP ON HOPE,
NEVER DOUBT,
NEVER TIRE,
AND NEVER
BECOME DISCOURAGED.
BE NOT AFRAID."

Pope John
Paul II

- St. Padre Pio

"Always live under the eyes of the Good Shepherd and you will walk unharmed through evil pastures."

- VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN -

"Satan always tempts the pure – the others are already his."

If God sends you many sufferings, it is a sign that He has great plans for you and certainly wants to make you a saint.

- St. Ignatius Loyola -

Hope has two beautiful daughters. Their names are anger and courage; anger at the way things are, and courage to see that they do not remain the way they are.

(Saint Augustine)

"There are not more than 100 people in the world who truly hate the Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they perceive to be the Catholic Church."

-Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

THE ROOT PRINCIPLE OF BIRTH-CONTROL IS UNSOUND. IT IS A GLORIFICATION OF THE MEANS AND A CONTEMPT OF THE END: IT SAYS THAT THE PLEASURE WHICH IS A MEANS TO THE PROCREATION OF THE CHILDREN IS GOOD, BUT THE CHILDREN THEMSELVES ARE NO GOOD. IN OTHER WORDS, TO BE LOGICAL, THE PHILOSOPHY OF BIRTH-CONTROL WOULD COMMIT US TO A WORLD IN WHICH TREES WERE ALWAYS BLOOMING BUT NEVER GIVING FRUIT, A WORLD FULL OF SIGN-POSTS THAT WERE LEADING NOWHERE. IN THIS COSMOS EVERY TREE WOULD BE A BARREN FIG TREE AND FOR THAT REASON WOULD HAVE UPON IT THE CURSE OF GOD.

- VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN -

The beautiful truth is there is no repetition in "I love you...."

~ Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

St. Augustine

What grace is meant to do is to help good people, not to escape their sufferings, but to bear them with a stout heart, with a fortitude that finds its strength in faith.

AS LONG AS WE MAKE THE BEST EFFORT WE ARE CAPABLE OF, WE CANNOT FEEL DISCOURAGED BY OUR FAILURES. WE CANNOT CLAIM ANY SUCCESSES EITHER. WE SHOULD GIVE GOD ALL THE CREDIT AND BE EXTREMELY SINCERE WHEN WE DO.



PROCESSIONAL 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 heat bestow.

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 he bleeds and dies
for me.

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.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the trial is past,
I may your radiant glory see,
and share your joy at last.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Even if I had committed
every possible crime,
forever would I 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
throughout 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.

RECESSIONAL 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday
during Lent
at 7pm

NEXT SUNDAY:

7th April 2019

5th Sunday of Lent (Yr C)

Is 43: 16 - 21; Phil 3: 8 - 14; Jn 8:1 -11;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: M' D'Souza, R. Lopez
Prayers of the Faithful: C. Tagiilima
Offertory: La'akulu Family
Special Ministers: S. Molloy

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Adoration next weekend

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Nixon/Joseph Families

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

3 Apr: Mara Viskovich
5 Apr: Patrick McMeekin, Patricia Hogan
6 Apr: Bernard Tubberty

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$ 1,129.50
Priests	\$ 564.70
Total Cash	\$ 1,694.30

HOLY FAMILY NEWS

Altar Server Practice for Holy Week:

Saturday 13th April and

Saturday 20th April

from 11am till 12:30pm

- **24 Hour Adoration - Next week 5th - 6th April from 7pm Friday till Saturday 6pm.**
- **Catholic Movie Nights** - Sat. 30th of March & Sat. 6th of April 7pm in the Bugler Centre, Saint John Bosco - All welcome.
- **Pledge Envelopes** - Are ready for collection. Receipts will be available next week.

SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH

with Robert Loretz
on **Saturday 6th April**
in the Bugler Centre
starts with 9am Mass in the Church

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 Register your prayer commitment to fli.org.nz/lentenprayerforlife
- **Humanity of the Unborn Child:** Upcoming legislation intends to allow ABORTION UP TO BIRTH - If you're willing to come against this please email Name and postal area to: tonybrebner@hotmail.com
- **Scholarship for Medical Students**
If you are a 4th or 5th year Medical Student in 2019 undertaking your medical study in New Zealand, and are a practicing Catholic, you may be eligible for the Walter Darby Scholarship. For more information, contact Linda McQuade, Vicar for Education, Catholic Diocese of Auckland on +64-9-360 3057 or lindam@cda.org.nz.