



# Holy Family Parish

Ascension of Our Lord (Year C)

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

## **FIRST READING : Acts 1:1-11**

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 46:2-3,6-9**

*℟. God mounts his throne with shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

*All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy.*

*For the Lord the most High we must fear, great king over all the earth. ℟.*

*God goes up with shouts of joy, the Lord goes up with trumpet blast,  
sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. ℟.*

*God is king of all the earth, Sing praise with all your skill,  
God is king over the nations, God reigns on his holy throne. ℟.*

## **SECOND READING : Ephesians 1:17-23**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

## **GOSPEL : Luke 24:46-53**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

"DON'T THINK SO MUCH ABOUT WHO IS FOR OR AGAINST YOU, RATHER GIVE ALL YOUR CARE, THAT GOD BE WITH YOU IN EVERYTHING YOU DO."

-THOMAS À KEMPIS

YEARS ARE NOT NEEDED FOR TRUE REPENTANCE, AND NOT DAYS -

**BUT ONLY AN INSTANT.**

~ ST. AMBROSE OF OPTINA

"REMEMBER THAT THE DEVIL'S FAVORITE BAIT FOR LEADING ONE INTO SIN IS, 'OH THAT IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.'"

-ST. JOHN BOSCO

**Nothing so becomes a church as silence and good order. Noise belongs to theatres, and parades, and market-places. But where such doctrines are taught, there should be stillness, and quiet, and calm reflection, a haven of much repose.**

*Saint John Chrysostom*

**"The psychological trials of dwellers in the last times will be equal to the physical trials of the martyrs. In order to face these trials, we must be living in a different world."**

- *Father Seraphim Rose* -

"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."

-ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

• **THE WORLD'S THY SHIP** •  
AND NOT THY HOME

*St. Therese of Lisieux*

Your tongue longs to jump into argument, but restrain it.

It is a tyrant, and you must fight it daily seventy times seven.

*St. John Climacus*

*I know of my spiritual poverty, my own nothingness without faith. I am so weak, that it is only by Christ's name that I live and obtain peace, that I rejoice and my heart expands, whilst without Him I am spiritually dead, I am troubled, and my heart is oppressed; without the Lord's Cross I should have been long since the victim of the most cruel distress and despair. Only Christ keeps me alive: and the Cross is my peace and my consolation.*

*St John of Kronstadt*

**Outside the Church you can find everything except salvation.**

*Saint Augustine*

"A humble person, whether he is laughed at or esteemed, or praised, or blamed, whether he is honoured or despised, whether people pay attention to him or pass him by, it is all the same to him."

~St. John Vianney

" I want you to know that in this kind of warfare, the battering ram has always been the Rosary. "

*Our Lady to St. Dominic*

"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.

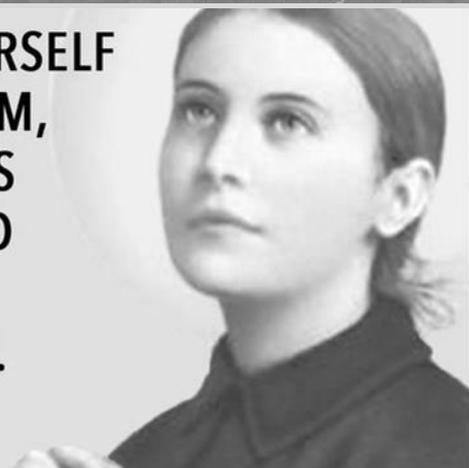
-Saint John Bosco

"Find Jesus at the door of your heart and you will discover paradise"

- St John Chrysostom

LIFT YOURSELF UP TO HIM, WHO HAS LOWERED HIMSELF FOR YOU.

St. Gemma Galgani



*Never utter in your neighbors' absence what you would not say in their presence.*

*St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi*

The good God has told us that on the last day He "will wipe away all tears from our eyes", (Rev 21:4), and without doubt, the more tears to be dried, the greater will be the consolation.

— St. Thérèse of Lisieux



HOW OFTEN I HAVE FAILED IN MY DUTY TO GOD, BECAUSE I WAS NOT LEANING ON THE STRONG PILLAR OF PRAYER.

- St. Teresa of Avila -



"The only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ"

- St John Chrysostom

No one heals himself by wounding another.

— St. Ambrose

We are not some *casual* and *meaningless* product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is *willed*, each of us is *loved*, each of us is *necessary*.

- Pope Benedict XVI -



DO NOT TRUST THE MINDSET OF SECULAR PEOPLE. ... DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT MOST: THE SYMPATHY OF THE WORLD OR A RETURN NEAR TO GOD?

— ST PAISIOS



**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
His the scepter, his the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory  
alone. Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed  
us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are  
we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes,  
nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er shall our  
hearts forget his promise, "I am with you  
evermore"?

Alleluia! bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food and stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful flee  
to thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me.  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep  
across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest.  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim in  
the Eucharistic Feast.

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

Jesu, rex admirabilis et triumphator  
nobilis, dulcedo ineffabilis,  
totus desiderabilis,

Nec lingua potest dicere, nec littera  
exprimere: experto potes credere,  
quid sit Jesum diligere.

Jesu, dulcedo cordium, fons vivus,  
lumen mentium  
Excedens omne gaudium  
Et omne desiderium.

Rex virtutum, Rex gloriae, Rex insignis  
victoriae, Jesu, largitor gratiae,  
honor caelestis curiae

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

Crown Him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem  
drowns all music but it's own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love,  
behold His hands and side,  
Those wounds, yet visible  
above in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky can fully  
bear that sight, But downward bends  
his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of Heaven,  
enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the King to Whom  
is given the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns,  
as thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many  
crowns, for He is King of all.

Soul of my Saviour, Sanctify my  
breast; body of Christ, be thou my  
saving guest; blood of my Saviour,  
bathe me in thy tide, wash me with  
water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy  
passion be; O blessed Jesus, hear and  
answer me; deep in thy wounds,  
Lord, hide and shelter me; so shall I  
never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe  
malign; in death's dread moments  
make me only thine; call me and bid  
me come to thee on high, where I  
may praise thee with thy saints for  
aye.

**RECESSIONAL 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.

**Cultural Food Festival****Next Sunday****After the 9:30am Mass****tables that have been booked are****Asian/Indian, Filipino, New Zealand, Samoan and Tongan***If you would like to bring a dish to share and to be added to a table.*

Please contact  
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**NEXT SUNDAY:****9<sup>th</sup> June 2019****Pentecost (Yr C)***Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16, 23-26;***LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** Lupe Ahio, Leslie Ahio  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** R. Cardoza  
**Offertory:** D'Lima Family  
**Special Ministers:** P. Vernon

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Adoration next weekend

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**

Tongan Community

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK****4 Jun:** Bernadette McCormick**6 Jun:** Harold Gillespie**7 Jun:** Joyce Barlow**8 Jun:** Lynette Thomson, Gilbert Fernandez**HOLY FAMILY NEWS**

**Adoration 7<sup>th</sup> June - 8<sup>th</sup> June:** We have a few times that we need covered they are **Friday 7pm - 8pm, Saturday 5am - 7am and 10am - 3pm.** If you are able to cover these times, please contact Ellen on 8346677.

**House of Nazareth:** Every 1st Friday from 11am-2.30pm in the Hall. All are welcome, just bring a plate to share. For more information call Danielle 0212506318

**Parish Hall:** Reminder: If you have borrowed anything from the Hall, don't forget to return it. Thank you.

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**Receive the Power:** Pentecost Vigil event. Everyone welcome. Speaker: Fritz Mascarenhas, ICPE Wellington. Saturday June 8th, 9am - 4pm. Sacred Heart Church, Vermont St, Ponsonby. BYO lunch and Bible. More information: [www.catholiccharismatic.org.nz](http://www.catholiccharismatic.org.nz) or contact Deidre 02102251103

**Personal Assistant/Secretary** - a newly established position for the NZ Marist Brothers Trust Board providing assistance to the Director of Business Services, the District Leader and the Director of Mission. For a position description and application form please contact

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**The Sisters of Mercy** invite young women aged 18 and over to a Come and See Day to discover more about our Mercy Life. Saturday 22 June. 10am to 3.30pm.

Ponsonby. RSVP and more information Sr Fatima - [flem2609@yahoo.com](mailto:flem2609@yahoo.com) - 021 0842 9440. Sr Linda - [vocations@mercy.org.nz](mailto:vocations@mercy.org.nz) - 021 263 0439

**Sri Lankan Appeal: St Mary's Parish in Northcote** where funds will directly go to Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith in Colombo. Sri Lanka Fundraising account number is

**02-0108-0336462-001****Ref: Sri Lanka Appeal**