



Holy Family Parish

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
Sunday 14th July 2019

FIRST READING :Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 68(69):14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37

R. Turn to the Lord in your need and you will live.

This is my prayer for you, my prayer for your favour, In your great love answer me O God, with your help that never fails. Lord, answer me, for your love is kind, in your compassion turn towards me. R.

As for me in my poverty and pain, Let your help O God life me up, I will praise God's name with a song: I will glorify him with thanksgiving. R.

The poor when they see it will be glad, for God-seeking hearts will revive, for the Lord listens to the needy, and does not spurn his servants in their chains. R.

For God will bring help to Zion, and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. R.

SECOND READING : Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers—all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL : Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

“FOR GOD IS NOT
THE AUTHOR OF
CONFUSION
BUT OF PEACE.”
1 CORINTHIANS 14:33

St Gregory
of Nyssa

"Love is -
the bond
of life,
the mother
of the poor
and the teacher
of the rich.
It is the nurse
of orphans,
the attendant
of the elderly,
the treasure
of the indigent
and the
common port
of all
the afflicted."

THE MIRACLE THAT SET ARCHBISHOP SHEEN ON THE PATH TO BEATIFICATION

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When James Fulton Engstrom was born without a pulse in 2010, his mother turned to the media pioneer – i.e., Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

As Bonnie Engstrom watched life-saving measures being taken for her son, who had been born just moments before without a pulse or drawing breath, she asked for help from the person whose prayerful support she had sought throughout her pregnancy: Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

After 61 minutes, just as emergency room personnel were about to pronounce him dead, James Fulton Engstrom began to breathe and his heart rate shot up to a normal level for a newborn. Despite dire prognoses for his future, the child has thrived and is now a healthy eight-year-old who likes chicken nuggets, Star Wars, and riding his bicycle.

Those who have heard the story of the Washington, Illinois boy call it a miracle, and Pope Francis has made it official. At a July 5th audience with Cardinal Angelo Becciu, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, the Pope formally approved the miracle attributed to the intercession of Archbishop Sheen, moving him one step closer to beatification.

"It is truly amazing how God continues to work miracles," Peoria Bishop Daniel Jenky said on July 6 in announcing the Pope's approval of the miracle: "I am so grateful that the Vatican acted so quickly after last week's transfer of Sheen's remains from New York to the Cathedral of St Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Peoria."

Archbishop Sheen had been placed in a crypt below the main altar of St Patrick's Cathedral in New York after his death on December 9, 1979.

After protracted legal proceedings, his remains were brought to Peoria on June 27 at the request of his niece, Joan Sheen Cunningham, and now rest in a new marble tomb in the Peoria cathedral.

With the miracle confirmed, the Diocese of Peoria can formally begin planning for the beatification of Archbishop Sheen, according to the statement.

It added that while the date for that is unknown, Bishop Jenky "hopes and prays" that it will be announced soon.

In a recent interview with The Catholic Post, Peoria's diocesan newspaper, Bonnie Engstrom said God had allowed the miracle to happen for his honour and glory.

"I really don't think it was given to us, for us," she said. "I think it was given to the Church, for the Church."

After a "beautifully easy" pregnancy, Bonnie Engstrom went into labour with James Fulton the evening of September 15, 2010. Mother and baby had been healthy, and as his planned home birth progressed, he had a "perfect" heart rate.

As they prepared to welcome this baby into their family, which already included daughter Lydia and son Bennet, parents Bonnie and Travis Engstrom made room for another special friend – Archbishop Sheen.

"I remember Travis and I were watching YouTube videos of Bishop Sheen preaching, and there's old footage of him on a television game show," Bonnie said.

"We were so impressed – he's funny, he's smart, and he's just so approachable and warm. We were just so engaged with him."

While Archbishop Sheen was a world-famous media pioneer who also had taught at The Catholic University of America in Washington and led the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, his roots were just down the road in El Paso, Illinois. They knew his cause for canonisation was being sponsored by the Diocese of Peoria, so the Engstroms decided if their unborn child was a boy they would name him James Fulton.

"I started asking, basically on a daily basis, for Fulton Sheen's prayers, for his intercession in the life of my child and in our marriage – to walk with us and to walk with my son, that he would be a lifelong Catholic who would love God and love his faith, that he would be a man of integrity," Bonnie said. "I was asking him to intercede every day while I was pregnant. "She counted on that intercession again when, unbeknown to them, a rare true knot formed in James Fulton's umbilical cord and tightened during the final stages of labour. He was blue and lifeless when he arrived at 1:48am on September 16, 2010.

"I remember sitting on my bedroom floor and watching them do CPR and in my head repeating over and over and over again, 'Fulton Sheen, Fulton Sheen, Fulton Sheen, Fulton Sheen,'" Bonnie said. "I really think it was the Holy Spirit giving me the words I needed to say in that moment, because I had no words."

And after months of asking for Archbishop Sheen's intercession, she said it was the most natural thing in the world to turn to him again and ask him to pray for her son.

Taken to OSF HealthCare St Francis Medical Center in Peoria, James Fulton was given advanced medical treatment, but doctors determined he couldn't be revived, and was pronounced dead.

After 61 minutes, however, his little heart started to beat.

After his incredible revival, the Engstroms were told by medical professionals that he would probably be blind, and never walk, talk or be able to feed himself; but in the days and weeks that followed the boy defied them all and continued to make progress.

In September 2011, the Diocese of Peoria initiated an investigation into the events of James Fulton's recovery, hearing testimony from family members, first responders, doctors, nurses and others present at his birth. Each testified that there was no medical explanation for the infant's recovery.

The case was sent to the Congregation for Saints' Causes in December 2011, and reviewed by panels of medical experts, theologians, and the cardinals and bishops of the congregation. The miracle received a unanimous recommendation from them all. The day after Archbishop Sheen's remains returned to Peoria, Bonnie Engstrom brought five of her eight children, including James Fulton, to pray at his tomb.

"I still need his prayers. That's what I was sitting there telling him: 'I need you to stick by me and help me. Don't stop interceding for James,'" she told The Catholic Post. "We need his prayers. I feel like we need his prayers just as much now as we did then."

Go to CelebrateSheen.com for more information.



LEFT: The Engstrom Family - including James Fulton - with Bishop Jenky, Bishop of Peoria. RIGHT: Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

"A WOMAN WHO DELIBERATELY DESTROYS A FETUS IS ANSWERABLE FOR MURDER, AND ANY FINE DISTINCTION BETWEEN ITS BEING COMPLETELY FORMED OR UNFORMED IS NOT ADMISSIBLE AMONG US."

-ST. BASIL THE GREAT

"No one reaches the kingdom of Heaven except by humility."

St Augustine

"Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak. We are full of words but empty of action, and therefore are cursed by the Lord since He Himself cursed the fig tree when He found no fruit but only leaves."

-St. Anthony of Padua

"Love is the passport with which man passes through all the heavenly doors without obstacle."

- St John Chrysostom -

«The Christian solution is to get behind neither Capital nor Labor exclusively; but to be behind Capital when Marxian Socialism would destroy private property, and to be behind Labor when Monopolistic Capitalism would claim the priority of profits over the right to a just wage.»

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"SOME PEOPLE ARE SO FOOLISH THAT THEY THINK THEY CAN GO THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE BLESSED MOTHER. LOVE THE MADONNA AND PRAY THE ROSARY, FOR HER ROSARY IS THE WEAPON AGAINST THE EVILS OF THE WORLD TODAY."

- St. Padre Pio

Confession is the soul's BATH. EVEN A CLEAN AND UNOCCUPIED room gathers dust; return after a week AND YOU WILL SEE THAT IT needs dusting again!

St. Padre Pio

"And to the Cross He went, crucified by the liberty of a decaying democracy which is indifferent to truth...Calvary on that day is the picture of the modern world. The crisis of that day, as that of our own day, is the crisis of liberty. As Christ was crucified on Good Friday by false liberty, so is man crucified today. Liberalism and capitalism which were indifferent to morality and truth did not give us liberty but only the right to be individually selfish. Freedom is not the right to do whatever we please; neither is it the right to do what we must; it is the moral right to do what we ought." ~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"God has not forgotten the man to whom He sends suffering and trials, but in this way is proving His closeness to him."

- St. John Chrysostom -

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Gather, Lord, Your people,
called to be Your Bride,
formed by Blood and Water
flowing from Your side,
joined with You in baptism,
washed to give rebirth,
she filled with Your Spirit,
shall renew the earth.

You the one true Shepherd,
searching for the lost,
You the Lamb of offering,
counting not the cost,
You have called each one by name,
each Your precious choice,
May we enter by Your gate,
listening to your voice.

At Your mother's pleading,
You gave finest wine,
Now Your Church implores You,
Jesus fruitful vine.
Heed the thirsting of her heart,
and bring forth a flood,
Open wide the fountain
of Your Precious Blood.

Send Your Holy Spirit,
by that Blood outpoured,
making us one Body,
Temple of the Lord.
With Your sev'n fold gifts descend,
font of Charity, that we may cry
"Abba", and true children be.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

All highest glorious God,
Cast Your light into
the darkness of my heart,
Give me right faith, firm hope,
perfect charity, and profound humility,
with wisdom and perception,
O Lord, that I may do
what is truly Your will.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Though You are God,
with Father and the Spirit,
You did not cling to Your equality,
Emptied Yourself, became for us a slave,
and humbler yet,
You died upon a tree,
You give Your flesh that we be truly fed,
Your Risen Self, in form of lowly bread.

To satisfy our hunger for Your love,
You come to us as flesh and blood
outpoured, and then to quench
your thirsting for our love,
You come again, as poorest of the poor,
that what we do to these
the least of brethren, we do to You, our
Saviour and our Lord.

Emmanuel, You're longing
to be with us, You bid us share Your
one true sacrifice, offer ourselves, with
You the Holy Lamb, washed by Your
Blood, you call us into life, so fed by You,
made holy and made one. We, new Your
Body, for the world, become.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,
All in Heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

Lo! the apostolic train
Joins thy sacred Name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun,
through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
Though in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

**Solemn High Extraordinary Form
Mass (Latin Mass)**

Friday 26 July @ 7:30pm
in honour of
Sts Anne and Joachim
on their Feast Day.

*This will be a combined celebration of
Holy Family Parish and St Anne's
Chapel Latin Mass community.
All welcome.*

**Lay bare your wound to the healer.
Only through shame can you be
freed from shame. Tell him, and do
not be ashamed. 'This is my wound,
Father; this is my injury. It
happened because of my
negligence and not from any other
cause...' He who exposes every
serpent shows the reality of his
faith, while he who hides them
still walks the trackless wastes.**
-John Climacus

SHOW ME YOUR HANDS.
DO THEY HAVE SCARS FROM GIVING?
SHOW ME YOUR FEET.
ARE THEY WOUNDED IN SERVICE?
SHOW ME YOUR HEART.
HAVE YOU LEFT A PLACE FOR
divine love?
-Venerable Fulton Sheen

**"This is the wonderful Truth, my dear
friends: the Word which became flesh
two thousand years ago, is present
today in the Eucharist."**
- St. Pope John Paul II

NEXT SUNDAY:**21st July 2019****16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)***Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42***LITURGY ROSTER****Readers:** S. Shaw, Leslie Ahio**Prayers of the Faithful:** F. Xavier**Offertory:** L & S Ahio**Special Ministers:** M. Tupai**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Lim/Pillai Families

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

School Holidays

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**14 Jul:** *Pat Chillingworth, James Hodge,
Gerald Stansfield, June Tyrell,
Constantinus Bonsel***15 Jul:** *Alice Robinson***16 Jul:** *Dood Lett***17 Jul:** *Alfred McCullough, June Vuksich***18 Jul:** *Vaea Manuha'apai***20 Jul:** *Thelma and Meruim Hogg,
Mary Posa***PARISH FINANCES**

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| Parish | \$ 920.10 |
| Priests | \$ 460.10 |
| Total Cash | \$1,380.20 |

HOLY FAMILY NEWS**Thursday Evening Classes:** In the Bugler Centre at 7pm.**Remember Holy Family Parish in your will:** A gift in your Will (bequest) to Holy Family Parish could help to support the Parish in maintaining our Parish buildings especially the Church.**Legion of Mary: Junior (8 - 17 years old) meetings** are on Saturday after the 9am Mass and **Senior meetings (18+)** are on Tuesday after the 7pm Mass **both Junior and Senior meetings are in the Bugler Centre.****DIOCESAN NEWS****Catholic Caring Foundation's Annual Appeal:** Want to make a difference to our community? Then please consider gifting to the foundation.
www.caringfoundation.org.nz**Walk by Faith:** is a programme of adult faith formation. The introduction for 2019: Sunday 21st July, 1-3pm Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St Ponsonby, Auckland. Come and See! diannaf@cda.org.nz**Today is Sea Sunday.** Apostleship of the Sea, are dependent on donations so if you would like to donate:
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