



Holy Family Parish

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
Sunday 8th September 2019

FIRST READING : Wisdom 9:13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 89

℟. In every age O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust, and say 'go back son of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. ℟.

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning, In the morning it springs up and flowers, by evening it withers and fades. ℟.

Make us know the shortness of our life, that we may gain wisdom of heart, Lord, relent! is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants. ℟.

In the morning fill us with your love, we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us, give success to the work of our hands. ℟.

SECOND READING : Philemon 9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

GOSPEL : Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Resolutions suggested by St John Bosco.

1. Try to be early for Mass always. A few minutes spent in before Mass can open your soul to wonderful Graces.
2. When you enter or leave the church take Holy Water and sign yourself with the Sign of the Cross.
3. Always genuflect when you enter or leave your seat. This is an Act of Adoration to Almighty God, present in the tabernacle. So take time to genuflect reverently, facing the altar and saying "My Lord and My God" as your right knee touches the floor.
4. Don't talk in church unless absolutely necessary. Talk only to Jesus – it is Him you have come to visit. Don't talk as you leave either. Some people may still be praying.
5. Listen to the sermon. It is a message from God which could bear much fruit for you.
6. Don't start to leave church until the priest has returned to the Sacristy. Stay to thank God for the Graces you received from Him in the Mass.

Finally St John Bosco reminded us that every day we take a step closer to Heaven, that every act should be for the greater glory of God and that every morning we should renew our resolve to work for the Salvation of souls.

“The revealing act of Herod is his treatment of John the Baptist. He had invited John the Baptist into his palace not to hear the truth of his preaching but to enjoy the thrill of his oratory. There are so many in the world that way: they do not want to be better; they want only to feel better. But John was not the type of preacher who toned down his Gospel to suit the paganism of his hearers. Because he condemned Herod’s second marriage, he lost his head. Everyone in the world at one time loses his head, but it is better to lose one’s head John’s way in the defence of truth, rather than Herod’s way, to wine and passion.” ~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen



Lila Rose ✓
@LilaGraceRose



A planned child is a human
An unplanned child is a human
A child conceived in rape is human
A child conceived in incest is human
All are worthy of protection for simply being human
Circumstances of conception do not change a child's humanity

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SAYING GOD TURNS AWAY FROM THE SINFUL IS LIKE SAYING THE SUN TURNS AWAY FROM THE BLIND.

ST. ANTONY THE GREAT
ORTHODOX CHURCH FATHERS

“LIFE AND DEATH ARE IN GOD’S HANDS, HE DISPOSES OF THEM AS HE SEES FIT.”

-ST. JOHN BOSCO

“You need to hold fast to two virtues: kindness toward your neighbour and humility toward God.



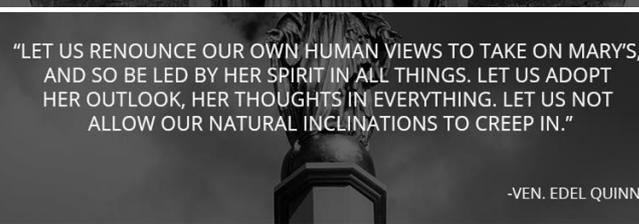
I trust that you will do this, because that great God who has taken you by the hand to draw you to himself will not abandon you until He brings you into His eternal tabernacle.”

~ St. Padre Pio



“HE WHO DOES NOT EMBRACE THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH DOES NOT HAVE THE HABIT OF FAITH.”

-ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

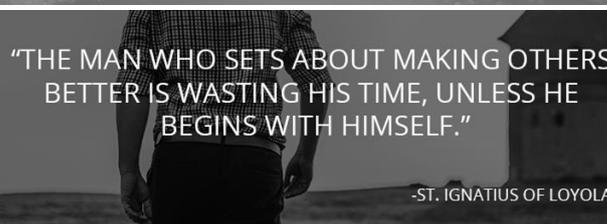


“LET US RENOUNCE OUR OWN HUMAN VIEWS TO TAKE ON MARY’S, AND SO BE LED BY HER SPIRIT IN ALL THINGS. LET US ADOPT HER OUTLOOK, HER THOUGHTS IN EVERYTHING. LET US NOT ALLOW OUR NATURAL INCLINATIONS TO CREEP IN.”

-VEN. EDEL QUINN

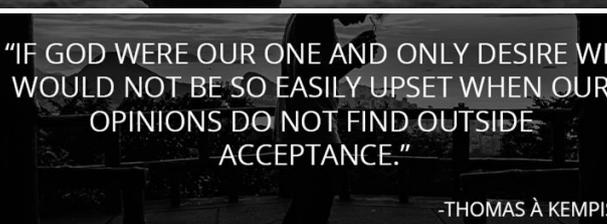
“THE LORD GRANTS IN A MOMENT WHAT WE MAY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN IN DOZENS OF YEARS.”

-ST. PHILIP NERI



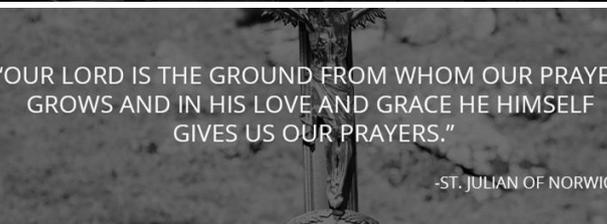
“THE MAN WHO SETS ABOUT MAKING OTHERS BETTER IS WASTING HIS TIME, UNLESS HE BEGINS WITH HIMSELF.”

-ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



“IF GOD WERE OUR ONE AND ONLY DESIRE WE WOULD NOT BE SO EASILY UPSET WHEN OUR OPINIONS DO NOT FIND OUTSIDE ACCEPTANCE.”

-THOMAS À KEMPIS



“OUR LORD IS THE GROUND FROM WHOM OUR PRAYER GROWS AND IN HIS LOVE AND GRACE HE HIMSELF GIVES US OUR PRAYERS.”

-ST. JULIAN OF NORWICH

"LOVE IS ITSELF THE FULFILLMENT OF ALL OUR WORKS. THERE IS THE GOAL; THAT IS WHY WE RUN: WE RUN TOWARD IT, AND ONCE WE REACH IT, IN IT WE SHALL FIND REST."

-ST. AUGUSTINE

"BLESSED IS THE MIND WHICH, PRAYING WITHOUT DISTRACTION, ACQUIRES EVER GREATER LONGING FOR GOD."

-ST. NILUS OF SINAI

Lord, heal my family.

Help those in my family who are torn by misunderstandings to bond through communication and forgiveness.

Help family members who have drifted apart to reunite.

Show each of us the value of investing ourselves in our families, giving more of our time than our treasure.

Let children bring joy to our family life.

Let the elderly and the young alike share a sense

of belonging. Let us value one another for who we are — sons and daughters of God.

Help us, God, to love one another. Amen.

*God provides the wind.
Man must raise the sail.
Saint Augustine*



SAINT OF THE WEEK

"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise."

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA



Q: HOW COULD YOU STAY IN THE CHURCH AFTER ALL THE SCANDAL?

A: YOU DON'T LEAVE JESUS BECAUSE OF JUDAS.

"Judas was more zealous in the cause of the enemy than he was in the cause of Our Lord. Men who leave the Church in like manner seek to atone for their uneasy consciences by attacking the Church. Since their consciences will not leave them alone, they will not leave the Guide of their consciences alone. The Voltaire who left the Church was the Voltaire who scoffed. Their hatred is not due to their unbelief, but their unbelief is due to their hatred. The Church makes them uneasy in their sin and they feel that if they could drive the Church from the world they could sin with impunity." ~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen



The reason we have such massive slaughter of the innocents is because we have become a fornicating society, an adulterous society, a masturbating society, a homosexual society, and a contraceptive society. Unchaste people are selfish people. They will not stop at murder if an unborn child would be a burden to their indulgence and sexual pleasure.

Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

"TO FORGIVE SOMEONE WHO IS LOOKING FOR FORGIVENESS IS THE SAME THING AS GIVING ALMS. IT IS AN ACT OF MERCY."

-ST. AUGUSTINE

"CONSISTENTLY PRAY IN ALL THINGS, SO THAT YOU MIGHT NOT DO ANYTHING WITHOUT THE HELP OF GOD ... WHOEVER DOES OR BUSIES HIMSELF WITH ANYTHING WITHOUT PRAYER DOES NOT SUCCEED IN THE END."

-ST. MARK THE ASCETIC

"DON'T LET THE THRILLS OF THIS WORLD — WHICH VANISH LIKE DEW — EXCITE YOU. DON'T LET THE FAKE DELIGHTS OF THIS DECEPTIVE WORLD TRICK YOU. CLOSE YOUR EARS TO HELL'S WHISPERS. BE BRAVE. RESIST THEM."

-ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

"Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the Cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast. The other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache"

~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"LIFE AND DEATH ARE IN GOD'S HANDS, HE DISPOSES OF THEM AS HE SEES FIT."

-ST. JOHN BOSCO

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:

No more, Lord, may we walk apart,
Restore me Jesus to your embrace,
make Your tabernacle my heart,
and deep within me Your dwelling place.
Then will my love become true,
and my heart burn with the purest flame,
for I would live not for me but You, and
glorify the Father's name,
For I would live not for me but You,
and glorify the Father's name.

Contented to be with my Lord,
my Saviour who gave His life for me,
O that all creation adored in holiness and
humility. This age has many messiahs, all
the while seeking to fill its need, but I have
found what my soul desires, the Bread of
Life does truly feed.
But I have found what my soul desires, the
bread of life does truly feed.

Your cross, O Christ has set us free,
has shown to sinners a loving face.
The pow'r of sin can no more be,
if all but welcome this healing grace.
Faced now with death and with hate,
may I love even the sinners worst,
that through my love they may
contemplate You who alone will quench
their thirst. That through my love they
may contemplate You who alone will
quench their thirst.

**Don't forget to 'Have Your Say by
19 September' - Abortion Reform
Law Submissions.**

COMMUNION HYMN:

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all,
How can I love thee as I ought?
And how revere this wondrous gift,
So far surpassing hope or thought?

*Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore,
O make us love Thee more and more!
O make us love Thee more and more!*

Had I but Mary's sinless heart,
To love Thee with, my dearest King;
O! with what bursts of fervent praise,
Thy goodness Jesus would I sing.

O, see within a creature's hand,
The vast creator deigns to be,
Reposing infant like as though
On Joseph's arm, on Mary's knee.

Thy body, soul, and Godhead, all
O mystery of love divine!
I cannot compass all I have,
For all thou hast and art are mine.

Sound, sound His praises higher still,
And come ye Angels to our aid;
'Tis God, 'tis God, the very God,
whose power both man and angels made.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Hail to you through whom all joy will
shine forth, Alleluia!

Hail to you, whom the curse will
disappear, Alleluia!

Hail to you O restoration of the fallen
Adam.

Hail to you, O full redemption of the tears
of Eve.

Hail to you, O mountain peak, far beyond
all reach of human thought,

Hail to you, O Depth profound,
e'en beyond the gaze of angels.

Hail to you who have become a kingly
throne, Alleluia!

Hail to you who carry Him who carries
all, Alleluia.

Hail to you, O brilliant Star who manifests
the Sun.

Hail to you, O womb sublime of the
Incarnation.

Hail to you, through whom creation at
last is made new.

Hail to you, through whom the Creator
becomes a babe.

Hail, O Bride! and maiden undefiled.

**Thursday Evening Classes
Gospel of Matthew by Jeff Cavins.
24 week course**

Thursday 14th September
In the Bugler Centre
at 7pm.

Introductory video of the course
<https://youtu.be/dxI8k1qumWY>

**I am not afraid... I was
born to do this.**

Joan of Arc

NEXT SUNDAY:

15 September 2019

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)

*Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17;
Lk 15:1-32;*

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: S. Shaw, E. Shaw

Prayers of the Faithful: C. Tagiilima

Offertory: N & V Fakava

Special Ministers: M. Tupai

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Xavier/D'Lima Families

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Samoa Community

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

8 Sept: Juliana Leifi, Brenda (Pat) Harvey

9 Sept: Margaret Anderson, Albert Wallace

11 Sept: Eliza Ashton, Jolene Lopez

13 Sept: Telesia Logo

14 Sept: Galvin Humphries, Phillip Trifilo Jnr

HOLY FAMILY NEWS

Youth Group: Every 2nd and 4th Friday in the
Bugler Centre from 7pm - 9pm. For more
information call Danielle 0212506318

Sunday Cup of Tea: in the Hall after the
9:30am Mass on Sunday during the school
term.

Annual Parish Quiz Night: Saturday 30th
November at 7:30pm, please make a note on
your calendars and start thinking about your
teams of 8, this year we also need more
helpers in the kitchen, if you are available to
help in the kitchen on the night, please
contact Ellen on 8346677.

Fundraising for the fence by the Presbytery:
if you would like to donate to the rebuilding
of the fence by the presbytery, please contact
Ellen on 8346677 or see Fr Jeremy.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: will
be available next Sunday.

DIOCESAN NEWS

**Volunteer Overseas - The Cagliero Project,
Salesians of Don Bosco**

We are seeking volunteers for January 2020
departure, working with disadvantaged
young people in Salesian communities
throughout Cambodia, Samoa, East Timor &
Solomon Islands. Applications close October
15th. Send us an inquiry -

www.cagliero.org.au

Holy Cross Parish Henderson (2 Lavelle
Road, Henderson) will be having an
**International Food Fair on Saturday 14th
Sept 2019 at 12pm** in the Parish Hall, as part
of its Feast Day celebration (in conjunction
with *the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy
Cross*). Do come and join us for this joyous
occasion! For more info, contact: Holy Cross
Parish Office 838 1558 (Mon to Fri, 9am to
1pm).

Holy Cross Seminary - Feast of the Holy
Cross. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart
church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, at **5.00
pm on Monday, 16 September**. Principal
celebrant will be Bishop Denis Browne.