



Holy Family Parish

Christ the King (Year C)

Sunday 24th November 2019

FIRST READING : 2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 121:1-5

℟. *I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

℟.

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. ℟.

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lords' name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. ℟.

SECOND READING : Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He 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 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Come along to Advent Reconciliation at
Holy Family, Dec 20th, Friday, 7pm.
Prepare your soul spiritually for Christmas
by going to Confession.

Other options:

Avondale, Wednesday, Dec 18, 7pm

Glen Eden, Tuesday, Dec 10, 7pm

Henderson, Saturdays, Dec 7 & 14 & 21, 11:30am-12:30pm

Blockhouse Bay, Thursday, Dec 12, 7pm

Massey, Tuesday, Dec 17, 7pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to

Jean Bright

Martha Hatzaw

Johanna Jojo

Nathaniel Kaufman

Vincent O'Brien

Sebastian Pua

Isaac Spemann

Brian Tovio

Chardonne Villanueva

on making their First Holy Communion!

Congratulations also to

Kathlyn Bency

Sherlyn Bency

Faustina Hall

on their Confirmation and First Holy Communion!

A big thank you to Erin and Pierre for
preparing the children for their First Holy Communion.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARTY

All Parishioners are invited to
come to the Hall after Mass
to celebrate with the children and their families.

Please bring a plate.

Last Chance to register for the

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT!

Next Saturday

Saturday 30th November

starts @ 7:00pm

Register either individually
or a team of eight.

Register with Ellen in the Parish Office
on 098346677 or email hfp@xtra.co.nz

Please bring a plate.

How a young Chinese Girl inspired Archbishop Fulton Sheen to make a Holy Hour every day

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A couple of months before he died, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was interviewed on national television. One of the questions he was asked was this: "You have inspired millions of people all over the world. Who inspired you? Was it a pope?" He responded that it was not a pope, cardinal, another bishop, or even a priest or nun, but rather an eleven year old Chinese girl.

He explained that when the communists took over China, they imprisoned a priest in his own rectory near the church. After being locked up in his own house, the priest looked out the window and was horrified to see the communists enter the church. Once inside, they went into the sanctuary, broke open the tabernacle and in a hateful act of desecration, threw down the ciborium scattering the Hosts on the floor. The priest knew exactly how many Hosts had been in the ciborium: thirty two.

When the communists left they either didn't notice, or didn't pay any attention to a small girl praying in the back of the Church who saw everything. That night she returned, and slipping past the guard at the rectory, entered the Church where she made a holy hour perhaps of reparation for the desecration she witnessed of the Blessed Sacrament.

After her holy hour she went into the sanctuary, and kneeling down, she bent over and received Jesus in the Holy Communion with her tongue since it was not permissible at the time for laymen to touch the Sacred Host with their hands.

Each night, the girl returned to the church to make her holy hour and receive Jesus in Holy Communion on her tongue just as she did the first night. On the thirty-second night, after having consumed the last Host, she accidentally made a noise that awoke the guard who was asleep at his post by the priest's residence. From his bedroom window, the priest could only watch in horror as the heartrending scene unfolded before his eyes. The girl tried to run away but the guard caught up with her and beat her to death with the butt of his rifle.

When Bishop Sheen heard the story he was so inspired that he promised God he would make a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament every day for the rest of his life. And he was not only faithful to his promise, but he took every opportunity to spread this devotion of the daily holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament.

We don't know the name of the eleven-year-old Chinese girl of our story, but her heroic act of going to the church every night at the risk of her life to adore and receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament serves as a powerful testimony against the attitude of so many Catholics today who show nothing but callous indifference toward the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

"CHEERFULNESS STRENGTHENS THE HEART AND MAKES US PERSEVERE IN A GOOD LIFE; WHEREFORE THE SERVANT OF GOD OUGHT ALWAYS TO BE IN GOOD SPIRITS."

-ST. PHILIP NERI

"FOR A SMALL REWARD, A MAN WILL HURRY AWAY ON A LONG JOURNEY; WHILE FOR ETERNAL LIFE, MANY WILL HARDLY TAKE A SINGLE STEP."

-THOMAS À KEMPIS

"ALL GRACES GIVEN TO THOSE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH ARE GIVEN THEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF BRINGING THEM INSIDE THE CHURCH."

-ST. AUGUSTINE

"WHEN DESPAIR SHOWS ITSELF, MAN IS DRIVEN BY THE EVIL SPIRIT, AT WHOSE INSTIGATION NOTHING IS EVER DONE WELL."

-ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

"WE'VE BEEN DECEIVED BY THE THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD BE MORE PLEASING TO GOD IN OUR OWN WAY THAN IN THE WAY GOD HAS GIVEN US."

-ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

"THERE IS NO ONE WHO CANNOT PRAY — AND PRAY AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL PLACES; BY NIGHT OR DAY, WHEN HARD AT WORK OR RESTING; IN THE COUNTRY, AT HOME OR WHEN TRAVELING."

-ST. JOHN VIANNEY

"IF WE SEEK GOD, HE WILL SHOW HIMSELF TO US, AND IF WE KEEP HIM, HE WILL REMAIN CLOSE TO US."

-ST. ARSENIUS

"WE SHOULD NOT ACCEPT IN SILENCE THE BENEFICATIONS OF GOD, BUT RETURN THANKS FOR THEM."

-ST. BASIL THE GREAT

"BE NOT AFRAID TO TELL JESUS THAT YOU LOVE HIM; EVEN THOUGH IT BE WITHOUT FEELING, THIS IS THE WAY TO OBLIGE HIM TO HELP YOU, AND CARRY YOU LIKE A LITTLE CHILD TOO FEEBLE TO WALK."

-ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

"PRESERVE A LOVING ATTENTIVENESS TO GOD WITH NO DESIRE TO FEEL OR UNDERSTAND ANY PARTICULAR THING CONCERNING HIM."

-ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

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

-Pope Saint John Paul II

1920

Born Karol Jozef Wojtyla on May 18, in Wadowice, Poland, the youngest of three children.



Although St. John Paul II (pictured left) was born into a loving family, his early life was marked by suffering and loss. His older sister, Olga, died before his birth and by the time he was 9, he lost his mother Emelia (pictured right) and his older brother Edmund when he was 12.

1938

Moves to Krakow with his father, after completing high school in Wadowice.

He enters the Jagellonian University; joins a student theater group.

1939

Nazis invaded Poland and they closed the University.

1940

For almost 4 years (1940-1944), Karol works in a stone quarry and then in a chemical plant to earn a living and to avoid deportation to Germany.

1941

On Feb 18, Karol's father died. "At 20, I had already lost all the people I loved."

Karol meets tailor Jan Tyranowski, an expert on the teachings of St. John of the Cross, who helps him find his religious vocation.



After losing all members of his immediate family, St. John Paul II decides to become a priest and studies secretly for ordination during Nazi occupation.

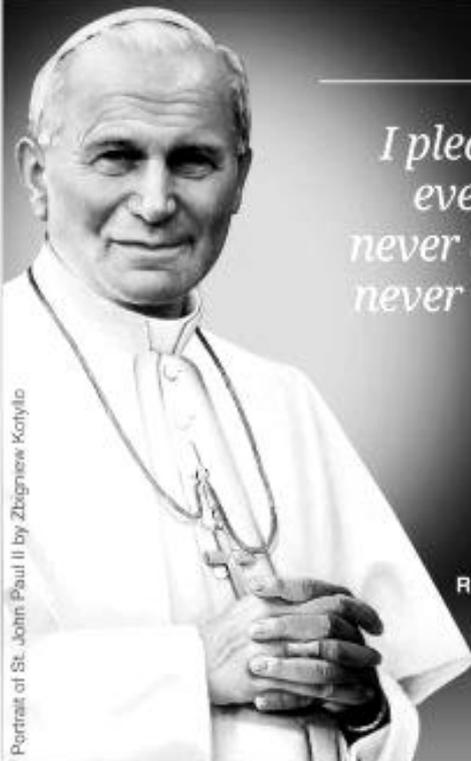
1942

He entered an underground seminary in Krakow. During this time also Karol and his friends founded the underground Rhapsodic Theatre.

1944

In Feb, he miraculously survived being hit by a German truck and was hospitalized.

In Aug, the Gestapo rounded up young men in Krakow to curtail uprising. Karol escaped by hiding in the Archbishop's home.



Portrait of St. John Paul II by Zbigniew Koryllo

“

I plead with you – never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.”

– St. John Paul II



Name: Karol Jozef Wojtyla

Date of birth: May 18, 1920

Birthplace: Wadowice, Poland

Died: April 2, 2005 Age: 84

Reigned as Pope: October 16, 1978 until his death, April 2, 2005

Feast day October 22

Patronage: World Youth Day

Parents: Karol Wojtyla & Emilia Kaczorowska



St. John Paul II

The Pre-Pontifical Years

He was the boy from Wadowice who would grow up to be a priest and Bishop of Krakow, the Bishop of Rome, and a hero for the ages. Intimately familiar with hardship and suffering, he endured many times in his early life with no one to lean on but God. Also no stranger to profound love, he looked compassionately upon those suffering most in the world. He did not merely tell them to keep their hopes up. He joined their suffering, and they joined his God-given hope.



St. John Paul II (Karol, sitting second from left) as an acolyte.

Boyhood in Wadowice:

St. John Paul II (young Karol), did well in his studies, was good at sports and was goalkeeper in school soccer matches

between Catholic and Jewish students. It was there that his literary and acting inclinations began emerging. He also stood out for his piety and served as an altar boy.



St. John Paul II (young Karol) was known to his friends and family as Lolek.

Close to the young: This tireless priest went on



St. John Paul II (Father Karol, third from left) spending time outdoors with the youth.



St. John Paul II (Karol, in the middle) as Polish lancer in secondary school's play.

vacation excursions with youth, getting to know them personally and engaging them in intellectual and spiritual discussions to show the relevance of faith to everyday concerns.



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1945

World War II ends; Russian troops liberate Poland from the Nazis, brought only further repression. Karol resumes his studies.



As a young man, St. John Paul II experiences the invasion of his country by the Nazi Germany, then by the Soviet Communist regime.

1946

Ordained as a priest on All Saints' Day, Nov 1; was then sent to Rome for graduate studies.

1948

He received his doctorate in Rome; returns to Poland for parish work.

1954

Begins teaching philosophy at Catholic University of Lublin, Poland.

He earned a second doctorate from Jagiellonian University.

1958

On July 28, at age 38, he was appointed auxiliary bishop of Krakow, making him the youngest Bishop in Poland.

1962

Fully participated in all Vatican Council II assemblies (1962-65) in Rome.

1964 & 67

Rapid promotion followed and by 1964 he was promoted to Archbishop of Krakow; 3 years later he was a Cardinal.

1978

On Oct 16, at age 58, he was elected Pope, taking the name John Paul II. The first non-Italian Pope in 455 years.



Though increasingly respected in Rome, he was a virtual unknown when elected Pope on Oct 16, 1978. He was to have one of the longest pontificates in the history of the Church, lasting nearly 27 years and went on to become one of the most influential leaders of the 20th century.

PROCESSIONAL 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

C: Christus vincit, Christus regnat,
Christus imperat.
Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands

C: Exáudi, Christe **All:** Exáudi Christe
Give ear, O Christ

C: Ecclésiæ sanctæ Dei, supra regnórum
fines necténti ánimas: salus perpétua!
*For the holy Church of God, uniting the
faithful beyond the limits of kingdoms, may
there be everlasting weal!*

C: Redemptor mundi. **All:** Tu illum ádjuva
*Redeemer of the world. Grant her
assistance.*

All: Christus vincit, Christus regnat,
Christus imperat.
Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands.

C: Exáudi Christe **All:** Exáudi Christe
Give ear, O Christ.

C: Franciscus Summo Pontífici, in unum
pópulos doctrína congregánti caritáte:
Pastórigrátia, gregi obsequéntia.

*For the Supreme Pontiff [Francis], who
gathereth into one all peoples by [his]
teaching, in charity: let there be dignity for
the Shepherd and obedience from the flock.*

C: Salvátor mundi. **All:** Tu illum ádjuva
*O Saviour of the word. Grant him
assistance...*

All: Christus vincit, Christus regnat,
Christus imperat.
Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands.

C: Exáudi Christe **All:** Exáudi Christe
Give ear, O Christ.

C: Patrick episcopo, et omni clero sibi
commísso pax et virtus, plúrima merces.
*For Patrick, our bishop and for every cleric
committee to him: let there be peace and
strength, and a great bounty of good.*

All: Christus vincit, Christus regnat,
Christus imperat.

Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands.

C: Rex regum. **All:** Rex noster.
King of kings. Our King.

C: Spes nostra. **All:** Glória nostra.
Our Hope. Our Glory.

C: Exáudi, Christe **All:** Exáudi Christe
Give ear, O Christ

C: Magistrátibus et ómnibus concívibus
nobíscum orántibus: cordis vera quies,
votórum efféctus.

*To the magistrates and all fellow citizens
praying with us: let the effect of their
devotions be true rest for the heart.*

C: Auxílim cristanórum. **All:** Tu illos
ádjua.

*O Help of Christians: Grant them
assistance*

All: Christus vincit, Christus regnat,
Christus imperat.

Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands.

C: Ipsi soli impérium, laus et jubilátio, per
infinita sácula sæculórum. Amen
*To Him alone be empire, praise, and
jubilation for endless ages of ages.*

C: Témpora bona hábeant! **All:** Témpora
bona hábeant redémpti ságuine Christi
*May they have prosperous times! May
they, redeemed by the blood of Christ, have
prosperous times!*

C: Felíciter **All:** Felíciter, Felíciter!
Joyously!

C: Pax Christi véniat! **All:** Regnum Christi
véniat! Deo grátias. Amen.

*Let the Peace of Christ come! Let the reign
of Christ come! Thanks be to God. Amen.*

*O quam gloriosum est regnum in
quocum Christo gaudent omnes sancti
amicti stolis albis sequuntur Agnum
quocumque ierit*

COMMUNION HYMN:

*Verily, verily, I say unto you:
except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man,
and drink his blood, ye have no life in
you. Who so eateth my flesh, and
drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and
I will raise him up at the last day and I
will raise him up at the last day. For my
flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is
drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh,
and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me,
and I in him.*

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, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star,
Guide of the wand'rer here below;
Thrown on life's surge,
we claim thy care:
Save us from peril and from woe
Mother of Christ, star of the sea.
Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee;
Remind thy son that he has paid The price
of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, start of the sea,
Prayer for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,
To thee, blest advocate, we cry:
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,
And soothe with hope our misery.
Refuge in grief, star of the sea,
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to him who reigns above,
In Godhead One, in Persons Three,
The source of life, of grace, of love.
Homage we pay on bended knee.
Do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,
Pray for the children, pray for me.

NEXT SUNDAY:**1 December 2019****First Sunday of Advent (Yr A)***Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44;***LITURGY ROSTER**

Readers: R. Cardoza, R. Hall
Prayers of the Faithful: S. Shaw
Offertory: Lacaba Family
Special Ministers: F. Ulugia

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Molloy Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Ann Leifi

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**24 Nov:** Desmond Sharkey, Elizabeth Pirini**25 Nov:** Ivan Yulina, Margaret Cotton**28 Nov:** Bill Ashton, Theresa Palmer**30 Nov:** Alice McCormick**PARISH FINANCES**

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| Parish | \$1,111.80 |
| Priests | \$555.90 |
| Total Cash | \$1,667.70 |