



# Holy Family Parish

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019

## FIRST READING : Wisdom 11:22-12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, or had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 144:1-2,8-11,13b-14

*℟. I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.*

*I will give you glory O God my King. I will bless your name forever, I will bless you after day, & praise your name forever. ℟.*

*The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. ℟.*

*All your creatures shall thank you O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessings. They shall speak of the glory of your reign, and declare your might, O God. ℟.*

*The Lord is faithful in all his words, and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall, and raises all who are bowed down. ℟.*

## SECOND READING : 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

## GOSPEL : Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

## Catechism of the Catholic Church

### "YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME"

#2110: The first commandment forbids honoring gods other than the one Lord who has revealed himself to his people. It proscribes superstition and irreligion. Superstition in some sense represents a perverse excess of religion; irreligion is the vice contrary by defect to the virtue of religion.

#### Superstition

#2111: Superstition is the deviation of religious feeling and of the practices this feeling imposes. It can even affect the worship we offer the true God, e.g., when one attributes an importance in some way magical to certain practices otherwise lawful or necessary. To attribute the efficacy of prayers or of sacramental signs to their mere external performance, apart from the interior dispositions that they demand, is to fall into superstition.

#### Idolatry

#2112: The first commandment condemns polytheism. It requires man neither to believe in, nor to venerate, other divinities than the one true God. Scripture constantly recalls this rejection of "idols, [of] silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see." These empty idols make their worshippers empty: "Those who make them are like them; so are all who trust in them." God, however, is the "living God" who gives life and intervenes in history.

#2113: Idolatry not only refers to false pagan worship. It remains a constant temptation to faith. Idolatry consists in divinizing what is not God. Man commits idolatry whenever he honors and reveres a creature in place of God, whether this be gods or demons (for example, satanism), power, pleasure, race, ancestors, the state, money, etc. Jesus says, "You cannot serve God and mammon." Many martyrs died for not adoring "the Beast" refusing even to simulate such worship. Idolatry rejects the unique Lordship of God; it is therefore incompatible with communion with God.

#2114: Human life finds its unity in the adoration of the one God. The commandment to worship the Lord alone integrates man and saves him from an endless disintegration. Idolatry is a perversion of man's innate religious sense. An idolater is someone who "transfers his indestructible notion of God to anything other than God."

#### \*\* SPIRITUAL PRACTICES CATHOLIC MUST AVOID \*\*

Angel-Cards, Angel-Numbers, Angel-Readings, Astral-Projection, Astrocartography, Astrology, Chakras, Channeled-Books, Channeling, "Christ-Consciousness", Contacting-the-Dead, Courses-in-Miracles, Crystals, Cults, Deities & Divinities, Divination, Dream-Catchers, Drumming-Circles, Earth-Angels, Spiritual-Empowerment, Energy-Healing, Entity-Groups, Fairies, Feng-Shui, Goddesses, Spells, Magic, Horoscopes, Hypnosis, Idols, Meditation-Journeying, "The Law of Attraction", Mandalas, Manifesting Spirits, Transcendental Meditation, Medium-ship, Metatron-Cube, Mindfulness, Numerology, Oracle-Cards, Ouija-boards, Seances, Out-of-Body-Experiencing, Paganism, Pantheism, Past-Life-Regression, Peace-Signs, Spiritual Pendulums, Polytheism, Power-Animals, Prosperity-Gospel, Psychic-Readings, Rebirthing, Reiki, Sage "Exorcisms", Sacred-Geometry, Satanism, Shamanism, Sorcery, Spirit-Guides, Summoning Demons, Symbolology, Energy Flows within the Body, Tarot-Cards, Unicorns, Universalism, Vision-Boards, Wicca, Witchcraft, Yoga, Zodiac Signs.

**THE MARTYRDOM OF ELEAZAR**

Elea'zar, one of the scribes in high position, a man now advanced in age and of noble presence, was being forced to open his mouth to eat swine's flesh. But he, welcoming death with honor rather than life with pollution, went up to the rack of his own accord, spitting out the flesh, 20 as men ought to go who have the courage to refuse things that it is not right to taste, even for the natural love of life. Those who were in charge of that unlawful sacrifice took the man aside, because of their long acquaintance with him, and privately urged him to bring meat of his own providing, proper for him to use, and pretend that he was eating the flesh of the sacrificial meal which had been commanded by the king, so that by doing this he might be saved from death, and be treated kindly on account of his old friendship with them. But making a high resolve, worthy of his years and the dignity of his old age and the gray hairs which he had reached with distinction and his excellent life even from childhood, and moreover according to the holy God-given law, he declared himself quickly, telling them to send him to Hades. "Such pretense is not worthy of our time of life," he said, "lest many of the young should suppose that Elea'zar in his ninetieth year has gone over to an alien religion, and through my pretense, for the sake of living a brief moment longer, they should be led astray because of me, while I defile and disgrace my old age. For even if for the present I should avoid the punishment of men, yet whether I live or die I shall not escape the hands of the Almighty. Therefore, by manfully giving up my life now, I will show myself worthy of my old age and leave to the young a noble example of how to die a good death willingly and nobly for the revered and holy laws." When he had said this, he went at once to the rack. And those who a little before had acted toward him with good will now changed to ill will, because the words he had uttered were in their opinion sheer madness. When he was about to die under the blows, he groaned aloud and said: "It is clear to the Lord in his holy knowledge that, though I might have been saved from death, I am enduring terrible sufferings in my body under this beating, but in my soul I am glad to suffer these things because I fear him." So in this way he died, leaving in his death an example of nobility and a memorial of courage, not only to the young but to the great body of his nation.

**PAGAN WORSHIP REFUSED**

Then the king's officers who were enforcing the apostasy came to the city of Mo'de-in to make them offer sacrifice. Many from Israel came to them; and Mattathi'as and his sons were assembled. Then the king's officers spoke to Mattathi'as as follows: "You are a leader, honored and great in this city, and supported by sons and brothers. Now be the first to come and do what the king commands, as all the Gentiles and the men of Judah and those that are left in Jerusalem have done. Then you and your sons will be numbered among the friends of the king, and you and your sons will be honored with silver and gold and many gifts." But Mattathi'as answered and said in a loud voice: "Even if all the nations that live under the rule of the king obey him, and have chosen to do his commandments, departing each one from the religion of his fathers, yet I and my sons and my brothers will live by the covenant of our fathers. Far be it from us to desert the law and the ordinances. We will not obey the king's words by turning aside from our religion to the right hand or to the left." When he had finished speaking these words, a Jew came forward in the sight of all to offer sacrifice upon the altar in Mo'de-in, according to the king's command. When Mattathi'as saw it, he burned with zeal and his heart was stirred. He gave vent to righteous anger; he ran and killed him upon the altar. At the same time he killed the king's officer who was forcing them to sacrifice, and he tore down the altar. Thus he burned with zeal for the law, as Phin'ehas did against Zimri the son of Salu. Then Mattathi'as cried out in the city with a loud voice, saying: "Let every one who is zealous for the law and supports the covenant come out with me!" And he and his sons fled to the hills and left all that they had in the city.

**2 Corinthians 10:16-18**

What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, 18 and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

**1 Corinthians 10:19-22**

What then? Do I say that what is offered in sacrifice to idols is anything? Or that the idol is anything? But the things which the heathens sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils and not to God. And I would not that you should be made partakers with devils. You cannot drink the chalice of the Lord and the chalice of devils: you cannot be partakers of the table of the Lord and of the table of devils. Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy?

**1 Peter 4:3**

For the time past is sufficient to have fulfilled the will of the Gentiles, for them who have walked in riotousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banqueting, and unlawful worshipping of idols.

## Why was St Peter crucified whereas St Paul was beheaded?



According to Roman law, a **Roman citizen could not be crucified.**

Crucifixion was for non-Roman citizens, slaves and extreme criminals, political or religious agitators, pirates, or those who had no civil rights.



Paul was a Roman citizen, having been born in the Roman city of Tarsus (which had been specially granted Roman status). Peter was not, having been born in Galilee. Hence, just like our Lord, Peter was crucified.

## HERESY OF INDIFFERENTISM



There is one form of heresy that is especially prevalent and dangerous, which is the error of indifferentism. It holds that all religions are equally pleasing to God; one religion is good as another, and it is just a matter of personal preference which religion you profess or whether you profess any religion at all. It is the supposition that truth and error are *equally pleasing* to God; or else the error of assuming that there is no such thing as absolute truth.

In short, a Catholic who bows his head in agreement when someone says, "It doesn't matter what you believe; it's what you do that counts," is guilty of this heresy, which is a sin against the 1st Commandment.

"WE READ IN SACRED SCRIPTURE THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT BREATHES WHERE HE PLEASES, AND WE SHOULD ALSO REALIZE THAT HE BREATHES WHEN HE PLEASES."

-POPE ST. GREGORY 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

"HUMAN NATURE IS WEAK AND THE DEVIL IS ALWAYS MOST ACTIVE AFTER A CONVERSION. WE CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MUCH PITY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN."

-ST. JOHN BOSCO

"TAKE CARE, TAKE CARE, NEVER TO CLOSE YOUR HEART TO ANYONE."

-ST. PETER FABER

"WALK VERY SIMPLY ALONG THE WAY OUR LORD SHOWS YOU AND DON'T WORRY."

-ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

"IF YOU EXCUSE YOURSELF IN CONFESSION, YOU SHUT UP SIN WITHIN YOUR SOUL, AND SHUT OUT PARDON."

-ST. AUGUSTINE

"THE EUCHARIST IS THE CONSUMMATION OF THE WHOLE SPIRITUAL LIFE."

-ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

"YOUR GOD IS EVER BESIDE YOU — INDEED, HE IS EVEN WITHIN YOU."

-ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

"UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE GIFT OF WISDOM, WHAT IS BITTER BECOMES SWEET, AND WEARINESS BECOMES REPOSE."

-ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

"ALLOW NO PRIDE TO DWELL IN YOU, BUT PROVE YOURSELF SO HUMBLE AND LOWLY THAT ALL MAY WALK OVER YOU AND TRAMPLE UPON YOU AS DUST IN THE STREETS!"

-THOMAS À KEMPIS

"AFFLICTION WAS ALLOWED TO MAKE THOSE AFFLICTED MORE CAREFUL AND MORE PIOUS."

-ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

"THE SOUL THAT WALKS IN LOVE NEITHER TIRES OTHERS NOR GROWS TIRED."

-ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

"SUCCESS AND DRYNESS ARE EQUALLY DANGEROUS TO THOSE WHO ARE GIVEN TO PRAYER: THE ONE TENDS TO MAKE THE MIND SWELL WITH PRIDE, THE OTHER PROVOKES IT TO BOREDOM."

-ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

"OUR LIFE AND OUR DEATH IS WITH OUR NEIGHBOR. IF WE GAIN OUR BROTHER, WE HAVE GAINED GOD, BUT IF WE SCANDALIZE OUR BROTHER, WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST CHRIST."

-ST. ANTHONY OF EGYPT

"RIGHT UNDERSTANDING, WITH TRUE LONGING, ABSOLUTE TRUST AND SWEET GRACE-GIVING MINDFULNESS."

-ST. JULIAN OF NORWICH

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your  
health and salvation! All you who hear  
Now to His altar draw near,  
join in profound adoration!

Praise to the Lord, let us offer our  
gifts at His altar; let not our sins and  
transgressions now cause us to  
falter. Christ the High Priest, bids us  
all join in His feast, gathered with Him  
at the altar.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things  
is wondrously reigning, and as on  
wings of an eagle, uplifting,  
sustaining. Have you not seen, all  
that is needful has been, sent by His  
gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord who will prosper  
your work and defend you; Surely his  
goodness and mercy shall daily attend  
you. Ponder anew, what the almighty  
can do, as with his love he befriends  
you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh let all that is in  
us adore Him! All that has life and  
breath, come now with praises before  
Him! Let the Amen, Sound from His  
people again, gladly forever adore  
Him!

**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.

Lord, make me to know thy ways,  
O Lord.  
O Lord, teach me thy paths, O Lord.  
O lead me in thy truth, and teach me,  
for thou art the God of my salvation.

**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.  
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heart divine.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

Cause of our delight,  
O Splendour of our race,  
Hail! Full of grace, radiant in light,  
Holy Mary, shine in our night.

Heaven, hear, rejoice,  
your Queenship to acclaim  
and praise your name,  
by God's own choice  
Holy Mary, be thou, our voice.

Flower like the rose,  
e'en in the midst of thorn,  
all those who mourn,  
deep your heart knows,  
Holy Mary, comfort bestow.

Brightest Dawn, you shine,  
the sun completes your vest,  
O Mother blest of the divine,  
Holy Mary, give us new wine.

Cause of our delight,  
O Splendour of our race,  
Hail! full of grace, radiant in light,  
Holy Mary, shine in our night.

**Prayer of St. Gertrude  
for the holy souls in purgatory**

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most  
Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son,  
Jesus, in union with the masses said  
throughout the world today, for all the  
holy souls in purgatory, for sinners  
everywhere, for sinners in the  
universal church, those in my own  
home and in my family. Amen.

**End of Year Celebration  
QUIZ NIGHT!  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
7:00pm**

Register either individually  
or a team of eight.  
Register with Ellen in the Parish Office  
on 098346677 or email  
[hfp@parish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hfp@parish@xtra.co.nz)  
Please bring a plate

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**10 November 2019**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)**

*2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thess 2:16 - 3:5;  
Lk 20:27 - 38;*

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** S. Shaw, R. Hall

**Prayers of the Faithful:** A. Leifi

**Offertory:** Jaifee Family

**Special Ministers:** P. Vernon

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Elbourne Family

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**

Tongan Community

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**2 Nov:** Nick Fabro, Albert Heeney,

Maria Biskup

**4 Nov:** Agnes Zuaga

**8 Nov:** Christina Thomson, Dorothy Brinton

**9 Nov:** Peg Hallas

**PARISH FINANCES**

<b>Parish</b>	<b>\$1,209.90</b>
<b>Priests</b>	<b>\$605.00</b>
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$1,814.90</b>

**HOLY FAMILY NEWS**

**Parish AGM - TODAY**  
**at 4pm in the Parish Hall.**

**Christmas Flower Raffle** - Tickets are on Sale  
today. Tickets are \$2 each or \$5 for 3.  
Get your tickets now!

**For Sale this Sunday:** Columban Calendars,  
Divine Mercy Calendars and a small supply of  
St Vincent de Paul Cards.

**Fundraising for the fence by the Presbytery:**  
if you would like to donate to the fence by the  
presbytery, please contact the Parish Office  
on 8346677.

**Legion of Mary Library:** Reminder to return  
your books or DVD's to the library in the  
Bugler Centre.

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**Prayer for healing and miracles.** Everyone is  
invited to a healing service with Father John  
Rea SM on Saturday November 16th, 9.30am  
to 12pm at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont  
St, Ponsonby. Praise and worship, teaching  
and healing prayer. For more info, contact  
Deidre Broome 09 4108899

**Wanting to volunteer as a marriage  
educator?** If you are a married couple of 10  
years or more, strong in your faith and you  
have up to 2 hours a week to assist engaged  
couples on their marriage preparation  
journey, contact us! There is specific training  
provided to support you in this role. We are  
especially looking for married couples who  
are fluent in English and either Māori,  
Samoan, Tongan or Mandarin.  
Interested? Contact Gerry by email  
[gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz) or phone Gerry on  
360 3025 or 021 022 47442.