



Holy Family Parish

3rd Sunday of Lent (Year A)

Sunday 15th March 2020

FIRST READING : Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

℟. If today you hear His voice, harden not Your hearts.

Come ring out our joy to the Lord, hail, the rock who saves us, Let us come before Him giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. ℟.

Come in, let us bow and bend low, let us kneel before the God who made us, For He is our God and we, the people who belong to His pasture, the flock that is led by His hand. ℟.

O that today you would listen to his voice, Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, As on that day at Massah in the desert, when your fathers put me to the test, when they tried me though they saw my work. ℟.

SECOND READING : Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

GOSPEL : John 4:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people. 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom
all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses
saw the loving God
who gave the law; and to Elijah,
fasting came the steeds
and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend,
became the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,
and give us joy to see thy face.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

God of Mercy and Compassion,
Look with pity upon me,
Father let me call Thee Father,
'Tis thy child returns to Thee.

*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy;
let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
never will I sin again.*

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying,
on the cross of Calvary;
To that cross my sins have nail'd Him,
yet bleeds and dies for me.

COMMUNION HYMN:

All ye who seek a comfort sure
In trouble and distress,
Whatever sorrow vex the mind,
Or guild the soul oppress:

Our Lord, who gave Himself for you
Upon the Cross to die,
Opens to you His sacred Heart;
O to that Heart draw nigh.

Ye hear how kindly he invites;
Ye hear His words so blest:
"All ye that labor come to Me,
And I will give you rest."

What meeker than the Saviour's
Heart?
As on the Cross He lay,
It did His murderers forgive,
And for their pardon pray.

O Heart, Thou joy of Saints on high,
Thou hope of sinners here,
Attracted by those loving words
To thee I life my prayer.

Wash thou my wounds in that dear
Blood, Which forth from Thee doth flow;
New grace, hew hope inspire, a new and
better heart bestow.

RECESSIONAL 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, now Your Body, for the world,
become.

HOLY FAMILY NEWS

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday
during Lent.

**Parish Pledge System - Envelopes
and Receipts:** We will have the new
set of envelopes available for
collection on Sunday 22nd March. The
receipts will be available from
Sunday 26th April. If you would like
your receipt emailed to you, please
email the Parish office
hfparish@xtra.co.nz

Easter Flower Raffle: Tickets are \$2
per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.

Altar Server Practise for Easter: is
Saturday 4th April from 4pm to 5pm.

NEXT SUNDAY:

22 March 2020

4th Sunday of Lent (Yr A)

*1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14;
Jn 9:1-41;*

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: R. Cardoza, J. Bright
Prayers of the Faithful: Leslie Ahio
Offertory: Cardoza Family
Special Ministers: S. Molloy

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Leaumoana Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Lim/Hatzaw Families

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 16 Mar:** Ravindra Prasad
- 17 Mar:** Sr. Genevieve, Mate Ulrich and Jim Lyons
- 18 Mar:** Roe Atkinson, William Ewing
- 19 Mar:** Roland Greenslade, Peter Cross
- 20 Mar:** Rowland Gale
- 21 Mar:** Lorre Mihaljevich, William Newman

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$1,145.20
Priests	\$572.60
Total Cash	\$1,717.80

DIOCESAN NEWS

Candlelight Vigil praying for healing, mercy, and life. Join us for a peaceful prayer vigil **TONIGHT at 7:30pm** outside the local abortion centre, AMAC. This is a meaningful way to pray for an end to abortion, remember those who have died, those who have been wounded by abortion, and to be a sign of hope. The vigil is part of the 40 Days for Life prayer effort. All welcome. For more information phone Michelle 027 526 1199 or visit fli.org.nz/40daysforlife

Lenten Retreat in Auckland (DRCNZ) has changed to an evening session with Fr Mario as the speaker on Monday 16th March - 7 to 9.00p.m. at Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Road, Owairaka, Auckland. For further details Website: www.drcnewzealand.org

Postponement: The Healing Service with Father John Rea on March 21st at Ponsonby has been postponed.

Baradene College Alumnae AGM: The President, Melanie Watson and committee invite all Alumnae to the 2020 AGM, BARADENE "The Parlour" on 7th April 2020 at 6.30pm.

Scholarship Medical Students -The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship - If you are a 4th or 5th year medical student in 2020, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Scholarship. For more information contact Catherine Ryan on (09) 360 3057 or email CatherineR@cda.org.nz