

18th August 2019 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings This Week

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
Ps 39:2-4, 18
Heb 12:1-4
Lk 12:49-53

Readings Next Week

Isa 66:18-21
Ps 116:1-2
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Lk 13:22-30

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 39: 2-4, 18)

Response: *Lord, come to my aid!*

Communion Reflection

True and False Peace

A swamp may look nice on the surface, but its depths are full of rotten things. Peace that is based on injustice is like that. It is a false peace and Jesus came to disrupt it.

But then there is true peace – a peace in which all of God’s children have their basic rights respected, and are able to live freedom and dignity. This is the peace Jesus came to bring.

But peace like this doesn’t happen; it has to be made.

Sometimes the peacemakers will be branded troublemakers.

But Jesus had another name for them: He called them ‘children of God’.

(Flor McCarthy, New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies)

THE LORD HEARD MY CRY.

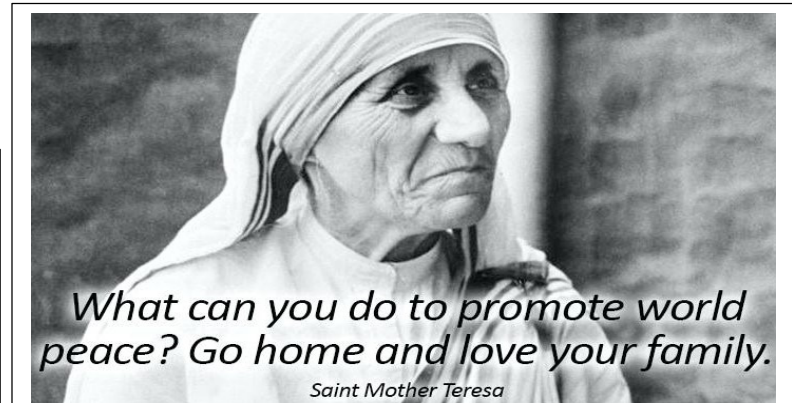
HE DREW ME OUT OF THE PIT OF DESTRUCTION - PSALM 40

How have you responded to family resentments and challenges? Jesus reminds us as Baptized Faithful's, we find PEACE in God.

LORD, COME TO MY AID!

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

COLOSSIANS 3:15
LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST RULE IN YOUR HEARTS, SINCE AS MEMBERS OF ONE BODY YOU WERE CALLED TO PEACE. AND BE THANKFUL.



What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family.

Saint Mother Teresa

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HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

- 1) **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY** will be taken up after all Masses THIS weekend.
- 2) **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:** Congratulations to all the candidates who made their First Holy Communion and were confirmed by Bishop Pat last Sunday. You did your sponsors and families proud! May you grow in your faith of Jesus Christ and your love for the Eucharist.
- 3) **RCIA PROGRAMME:** Interested in joining the Catholic Faith? The next RCIA programme will commence shortly. If you have a friend or family member who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and perhaps becoming Catholic, ask them to contact the Parish Office at 838-1558 (Monday to Friday, 9am – 1 pm) for details.
- 4) **CCD CLASS (CATECHISM CLASS)** will be in recess from this Sunday onwards until further notice, as the Missionaries of Charity Sisters are experiencing shortage of sisters to run the classes. Let us pray for the Missionaries of Charity Sisters for their concerns and needs!
- 5) **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** will be celebrated on **Tuesday 20th August** at 11am followed by a shared luncheon.
- 6) **MARIAN MOTHERS GROUP** meets **3rd Monday 19th August** at **7.30pm**. For more information, please contact Frances on 818-8606.
- 7) **THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS** August meeting is this **Sunday, 18th August** at **2.15pm**. Contact Lyndon at 021 851 713 for more information.
- 8) **HOLY CROSS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** will hold their monthly meeting on **Thursday 22nd August** from 7 to 8.30pm in the Friary meeting room. All men of the parish are invited to attend. Contact George Schuster 021-2080447 or Anil Baptist 022-36439306.
- 9) **DIVINE MERCY GROUP** will meet from **2pm next Sunday, 25th August 2019** at Friary Meeting Room. Everyone is invited to attend.

HOLY CROSS PARISH AGM 2019: The Parish Annual General Meeting for 2019 is **NEXT Sunday 25th August**, after the 10.30am Mass in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are urged to attend in order to know what's happening in the Parish, particularly the rebuilding of the Church. A kind reminder to all the leaders of the parish groups and communities to submit your annual reports for the AGM to the Parish Office by **Monday 19th August**.

ProLife Facts: The new abortion law reform Bill would provide for abortion on request up to 20 weeks. It is an undeniable biological fact that every pre-born child is a human being. Yet under the proposed new law, preborn babies would have no rights or status. A special select committee has been set up to investigate Labour's abortion Bill. It is now receiving public submissions until **Thursday 19 September**. Making a submission is a vitally important way of being a voice for preborn children in New Zealand. Voice for Life has published a step-by-step submission guide which you can read on Facebook, or at voiceforlife.org.nz/blog/how-to-make-your-submission-on-labours-abortion-bill. For more pro-life information please visit the Voice for Life website at www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

Abortion Bill Update

The Abortion Bill was given its First Reading on 8th August:

- liberalises late-term abortion.
- has no safeguards to prevent sex-selective abortions.
- allows under 16's to access abortion on-demand without any safeguards.
- has no safeguards to ensure women aren't being coerced into abortions.
- has no cooling off period and pre-abortion counselling is not a requirement.
- has no safeguards to prevent abortions on the grounds of disability
- does not require that abortions be provided by a doctor.
- violates the right to freedom of conscience of medical professionals.
- provides for 'Safe Areas' where freedom of expression would be curtailed.

Submissions close on **19th September 2019**. Please note that the Select Committee will not accept emailed submissions. They will have to either be posted in or sent via the Parliamentary website: https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF_BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill

Please see the Noticeboard for **Job Vacancies in the Auckland Diocese, Retreats, Courses & Other Events**



CLOUDS OF WITNESSES

Jesus brings blazing fire into creation. This fire destroys all that is not of God and purifies us for our real life. God's Spirit produces "clouds of witnesses" surrounding and joining us in worship before our Creator. Jesus leads us in our faith and brings it to fullness. By His cross, He pulls us after Him. The hard and continuous work of the Trinity leads us to a life of grace and a share in the family life of God. It is the exacting joy of salvation! (Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. Illustration © 2001 S. Erspamer. Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2000 OCP. All rights reserved.)

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 17th / 18th August 2019

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry	Altar Servers
Vigil Sat 6pm	M de Hoog	S Lea	A & C Crasto	Evelyn Pereira	Volunteer
Sun 7am	E Cala	M Webb	A & K D'Souza		
Sun 9am	E Ieremia	S M Fonoti	M Seufatu, T Mutimuti, S Patolo, A Ridley, J Baptist, P Bakker, P Coakley, F Skinner	Lesatele Family	H Alua
Sun 10.30am	J Borsos	C Ouano	F Borsos, J Martinez	Couple for Christ	R Macayan & T Eade
Sun 6pm	M de Hoog	L Ahio	M & A McKeown	Samoan Youth	J & S Fernando

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 24th / 25th August 2019

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry	Altar Servers
Vigil Sat 6pm	S McKernan	J Soniega	G Pimentel, N Nau	Indian Group	T Sue & D Xavier
Sun 7am	J Cama	A Gupta	V Gupta, F Ah Ken		
Sun 9am	T Mati	T Tuala	B Boyd-Bell, O Tuuhetoka, S Smith, F Borsos, J Thomsen, J Baptist, L Swann, B Oliver	Vaka'uta Family	D & K Lesatele
Sun 10.30am	FILIPINO COMMUNITY				
Sun 6pm	A Wedge	M Yap	J D'Souza, E Kennedy	Christine Bosen & Chris	J, E & C Redfern

Scripture Readings during the week: Week 4

- Mon:** *St John Eudes, priest (White)*
Judg 2:11-19; Ps 105:34-37, 39-40, 43-44; Mt 19:16-22
- Tues:** *St Bernard, abbot & doctor of the Church (White)*
Judg 6:11-24; Ps 84:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
- Wed:** *St Pius X, pope (White)*
Judg 9:6-15; Ps 20:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
- Thurs:** *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)*
Judg 11:29-39; Ps 39:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
- Fri:** *St Rose of Lima, virgin (White)*
Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Ps 145:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
- Sat:** *St Bartholomew, apostle (Red)*
Apoc 21:9-14; Ps 144:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

RETREATS, COURSES & OTHER EVENTS

Men's Joshua Fellowship: There will not be a regular Joshua meeting on Wednesday 28th August at St Joseph's Centre, Takapuna. In place is a talk at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Glenfield 7pm on '**REFUGEES & MIGRATION - THE UNTOLD STORIES OF HOPE**'. More info, contact Russell at 022 0345 678. The September Joshua meeting will take place as usual on Wednesday 25th September at 7.30pm at St Joseph's Centre, Takapuna.

Diocesan Job Vacancies: 1) **Parish Education in Faith Coordinator – Pastoral Services Group (Full Time);** and 2) **Administrator / Case Instructor Applications – Catholic Tribunal (Part Time).** Please refer to the Parish noticeboard for more information.

Catholic Overseas Aid Committee/Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand – 50th Anniversary Mass: Bishop Patrick Dunn will celebrate a special Mass to mark this occasion for the Auckland diocese. In conjunction with the Auckland Justice & Peace Commission and the Mangere East parish of St Thérèse, Caritas invite you to join us for this celebration. All are welcome. **5pm, Saturday 24th August, St Thérèse's Church, 10 Wickman Way, Mangere East.** RSVP by **Tuesday 20th August** to caritas@caritas.org.nz or phone 0800 22 10 22.

HOLY CROSS MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri – 9am
Wed – 9am & 7.30pm, Sat – 8am
Weekend: Sat Vigil Mass – 6pm
Sun Masses: 7am, 9am,
10.30am & 6pm

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Sat: 11.30am - 12.30pm &
5pm – 5.30pm
Wed: 6.30pm - 7pm
Also by appointment
Phone Friary - 838 8663

ROSARY

Monday to Friday – 8.40am
Saturday – 7.40am

20 DECADE ROSARY
Wednesday – After 9am Mass

DIVINE MERCY
Chaplet: Tuesday – 8.25am
Meeting: 4th Sun of the Month – 2pm

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
Wednesday – 7.10pm

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
Rosary – 6.45pm followed by
Adoration & Holy Mass

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
3rd Tuesday of the Month – 11am

SECULAR FRANCISCANS
2nd Sunday of the Month – 2.15pm
HOLY CROSS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
3rd Thursday of the Month – 7pm

LEGION OF MARY
SENIOR: Tuesday – 7pm
JUNIOR: Monday – 6.30pm

MARIAN MOTHERS
3rd Monday of the Month – 7.30pm

"Keep close to the Catholic Church at all times, for the Church alone can give you true peace, since she alone possesses Jesus, the true Prince of Peace, in the Blessed Sacrament."
- Saint Padre Pio

