

HOLY FAMILY PARISH MASSES and other Liturgical Celebrations:

Daily morning Masses: **9.00am Monday to Saturday**

Saturday Vigil Mass: **6.00pm**

Sunday Masses: **8.30am - St. John of the Cross**

9.30am - Holy Family

Community Masses:

Samoan Community – **1st and 3rd Sundays at 11.00am**

Cook Islands – **2nd Sunday at 11.00am**

Myanmar Community – **4th Sunday at 11.00am**

Tokelau – **4th Sunday, 11am at St. John of the Cross**

Multicultural Mass – **Every 5th Sunday at 9.30am**

Sunday Adoration – **Every Sunday at 5.00pm**

Reconciliation – **8.00am – 8.45am Monday – Saturday**

Baptism – **By appointment**

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C 16th February, 2025

Dear Parishioners: Kia orana, Greetings, Talofa lava, Malo ni, Mingalaba, Mauri, Ola, Namaste, Malo Lelei & Nibula.

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven.



PARISH NOTICES AND UPDATES

- Sunday Adoration - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
Every Sunday at 5.00pm.
- Reconciliation:**
Fr Isaac and Fr Nicholas will be available for Confession from 8.00 am – 8.45am Monday to Saturday.
- Community Masses** will resume in March.

ARCHDIOCESE NOTICES

Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course – ‘

Love is a Decision’. Register online now for the upcoming course, **Sundays 2 & 9 March 2025**, St Catherine’s College, Kilbirnie – spaces filling up fast! Couples are encouraged to attend the course well before their wedding date. The next course is in June. For queries, please email: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

Situation Vacant: Coordinator, Young Church Ministry (Archdiocese of Wellington)

We are still currently looking for a new team member to support our college youth ministry programme, young church ministry around the Archdiocese and our leadership camp held each year in December. To explore this option please either check out: [online at SEEK](#) or phone the Director of Church Mission, Chris Duthie-Jung – c.duthie-jung@wn.catholic.org.nz / 021 02305149.

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

The Holy Family is committed to the person of Jesus in his teaching. Therefore, we are called to live justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8) so that we might become effective witnesses of the Gospel.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We will dedicate ourselves to live and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ by words and actions. In following Jesus, Mary and Joseph in their love for each other, the example of their family life, we will come to true holiness. We will strive to imitate the Holy Family by:

- Being a loving, welcoming and forgiving community, fully alive in the spirit of Holy Family.
- Teaching our children, the Gospel way of life and encouraging them always to share fully in the life of our Parish.
- Celebrating the Eucharist as a joyful remembrance of our Lord’s sacrifice for us.
- Being a community of prayer that reaches out and open to other faith communities.
- Being an “Oasis” of hope, love and mercy to God’s children.
- Being witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus, strengthened by our cultural diversity.

SUNDAY READINGS – YEAR C

16 Feb. 6th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

- 1st R: Jeremiah 17: 5 - 8
- Responsorial Psalm: 1
- 2nd R: 1 Corinthians 15: 12. 16 – 20
- Gospel Luke 6: 17. 20 - 26

23 Feb. 7th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

- 1st R: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
- Responsorial Psalm: 103
- 2nd R: 1 Corinthians 15: 45 - 49.
- Gospel Luke 6: 27 - 38

PARISH COLLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY 2025

Parish – \$2,425.50
 Building Fund – \$667.40

Thank you and may God reward you for your generosity!

Scripture Lessons – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s readings teach us that true happiness, or beatitude, lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need, and work to uplift them, thus declaring our “*option for the poor,*” as Jesus did. Contrary to popular belief, wealth, health, power, and influence are not the sources of true happiness.

Life Messages: 1) We need to respond to the challenge of the Beatitudes in our daily life. Millions are starving, persecuted, homeless, and leading hopeless lives. The only way the promises of the Beatitudes can become a reality for them is through the efforts of people like us. Hence, let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, or the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the Beatitudes here and now.

2) Let us light a candle instead of blaming the political set-up. God knows that 50% of His children are hungry, 80% live in substandard housing and 70% have no education. If over half our children were hungry, cold and uneducated, how would we respond to their suffering? God wants us to live as brothers and sisters who care for one another.

3) We must take care to choose our way wisely. “*There are two Ways, one of Life and one of Death, and there is a great difference between the two Ways.*” These are the opening lines of the “*Didache*” a first century Christian catechism used to teach new Christians the essence of the Christian Faith. The way of life and true happiness is the way of Jesus, the way of the beatitudes, the way of rendering loving service to God by serving our brothers and sisters.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

THE JUBILEE LOGO: The logo for our Jubilee Year of Hope shows four stylized figures representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity which should unite all peoples.

The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.



The theme of this Holy Year is “Pilgrims of Hope”. We are pilgrims of hope which means that we are on a holy journey. Each of us is called upon to help the Jubilee journey of others in our communities and of all we meet. With Jesus, we want to proclaim the “Gospel of peace” with daily gestures of charity, of listening, good-will and seeking the common good.

For all of us may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope which Pope Francis called “the little virtue”. In his letter to young people of November, 2023, Pope Francis quoted a French writer, Charles Peguy who describes the three theological virtues - faith, hope and charity - as three sisters who walk together. “Hope, the little one, walks beside her two older sisters, practically unseen yet she, the little one, drags everything along. Because Faith only sees what exists; and Charity only loves what exists. But Hope loves what will be. She is the one who makes the others keep walking. She is the one who leads them on, and makes them all walk together.”

Pope Francis’ papal bull introducing the Jubilee is entitled *Spes Non Confundit* or “Hope does not disappoint.” He writes “In the heart of each person hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring.” He further describes hope as “the salt of our daily lives” and as ‘a light shining in the dark’. From Jesus, from his resurrection, our lives take on light. Christ is alive! He is our hope! Hope is nurtured in us by prayer and by our daily decisions.

*Life-giving God, gather us and bless us.
 Make us mindful of our need for one another
 And of our call to travel together.
 Through the sharing of our lives
 May we be a sign of communion and of hope
 To all who yearn to hear the word of God.*

By Sr. Anne Phibbs

