



October is the **Month of the Rosary**. You are encouraged to pray the **Most Holy Rosary** every day this month, if you are not already doing so, and in this Year of St. Joseph, you may wish to include this prayer after the Rosary:

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH
by Pope Leo XIII (to be prayed after the rosary)

To you, O blessed Joseph,
do we come in our tribulation,
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
and through the paternal love
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.
O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father, ward off from us
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us
and from heaven assist us in our struggle
with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,
so now protect God's Holy Church
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
shield, too, each one of us by
your constant protection,
so that, supported by your
example and your aid,
we may be able to live piously, to
die in holiness,
and to obtain eternal happiness
in heaven.

Amen.



MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

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27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 October 2021

FEAST OF ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX



Though she lived a quiet, hidden life in her province of France and never left the convent which she entered at age 15, St. Thérèse has become one of the most well-known saints in the Catholic Church.

Dying at the age of 24, her autobiography Story of a Soul became a bestseller and her miraculous intercessions have been documented around the world.

Popularly known as "the Little Flower," St. Thérèse of Lisieux, or Thérèse of the Child Jesus, taught us that small acts done with great love are what's needed to enter the

Kingdom of Heaven.

Seeing the world as a child (being childlike, not childish) is exalted by Christ himself, for then we live dependent on God the Father as the centre of our lives, and can be joyfully detached in this life as we prepare for the next.

" I feel that my mission is just beginning - to make others love God as I love him."

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus



Dear Parishioners,

Greetings once again, this time on the 27th Sunday of the Church's year. There are 34 Sundays in what we call 'ordinary time'. But we are certainly not living in 'ordinary' time! Lockdown or not, time flies!!

Life under lockdown is stressful and challenging for us all. And the longer it goes on, the more difficult it becomes for many of us. Lots of encouragement to each and all of us.

In case it is getting just too hard, I append below some of the numbers given by the Diocese for you. Please reach out. All parishioners, please ring someone today.

To our children and young people, happy holidays.

Our Scripture readings this Sunday are difficult — all about divorce. This is just what we need for quiet lockdown prayer and reflection! I hope it was the furthest thing on your mind until you read this!

However, I do want to add something to my homily, which time did not allow. That is the question: One counter to divorce lies in the question, how do we prepare our young people to enter into a stable and happy marriage?

Not just the 'negotiating skills', but also the vision, the spirituality and the Love which carries us in good times and in bad. Perhaps lockdown may help in this regard, as families are spending more time with one another than in regular life.

It gives us a chance to reflect and talk. In the Gospel, Jesus talks about welcoming little children, but the other side of the coin is that children grow all too quickly to become adults who need to be able to negotiate and grow through the challenges which life puts before them. Every age through childhood and teenage years is important.

But a further question is also very important. The sacrament of marriage is not the ceremony (that's just the start!), but it is the way a couple and their family — in the ordinary, real and not the ideal world — of their home, faithfully bring Christ into what they do, and show him to others.

Marriage, Christian Marriage..... A good topic to reflect upon. Don't let it drive you to divorce!

I have been to numerous zoom meetings this week but have nothing much to report. One conversation was around the fact that we will have to put in place the obligation for everyone who ministers in our parishes to be fully vaccinated.

I fully agree with this. We await Bishop Pat's communication after the government announcement on Monday.

Our two Parish Councils will meet by zoom in the evening. The Sunday readings are available at <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/100321.cfm>

My homily is available on the Parish Website and at <https://share.icloud.com/photos/0IKfhJQRHbvkkqDhf0e9HQzA>

May God's Blessings be upon us all!
Fr John Dunn

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Shine	0508 744 633
Alcohol and Drug Helpline	0800 787 797
Oranga Tamariki call centre	0508 FAMILY
CADS	09 845 1818
Narcotics Anonymous	0800 628 632
Alcoholics Anonymous	0800 229 6757
Lifeline	0800 543 354 or free text 4357
Youthline	0800 376 633
Samaritans	0800 726 666
Depression Helpline	0800 111 757
Suicide Prevention Helpline	0508 828 88 65
Name	Contact Details
Fairway Mediation Services	0800 77 44 20
Linkpeople (homeless)	0800 932 432

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.