

READINGS FOR THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

First Reading **Isaiah 49:1-6**

Islands, listen to me, pay attention, remotest peoples. The Lord called me before I was born, from my mother's womb he pronounced my name. He made my mouth a sharp sword, and hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me into a sharpened arrow, and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, 'You are my servant (Israel) in whom I shall be glorified'; while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain, I have exhausted myself for nothing'; and all the while my cause was with the Lord, my reward with my God. I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord

Psalm 138(139):1-3,13-15

Second Reading **Acts 13:22-26**

Paul said: 'God deposed Saul and made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.'

The word of the Lord

Gospel **Luke 1:57-66, 80**

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.

Meanwhile the child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

The Gospel of the Lord

"His name is John"



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Panui 19 - 22 June 2018

Together we will provide a quality all round education, developing valuable contributors to society who reflect the teachings of Jesus Christ



"In the Emmaus account, Jesus' example shows us the model of accompaniment."

Module 4: WITH HEARTS BURNING - A MINISTRY OF ACCOMPANIMENT -
<https://www.proudtobecatholic.org.nz/with-hearts-burning/>

The ICON is coming!!

On Sunday the 1st of July **THE EMMAUS ICON** will be in our parish. It will be set up in the church. We will all be invited to 'read' the icon and take time to pray with it. The children will have an opportunity to see it visit the school and also pray with it in the church. The Emmaus Icon was commissioned by Bishop Steve as part of **WITH HEARTS BURNING**. Bishop Steve has invited us to journey with the risen Christ so that we might encounter him anew and that he might set our **HEARTS BURNING**.



Come and be part of the Module 4 discussion and journey on Monday 25th June at 7pm in the School Library.

POEMS AND SPEECHES

Our annual Poems and speeches have kicked off this week. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information.

Tuesday 26 June: Year 0/1/2/3 Poems and Year 4 Speeches: 10.30am to 1 pm

Thursday 28 June: Year 5/6/7/8 Speech Finals: 7pm - 9pm



REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS:

Interim reports will be sent home next week for Year 4 to 8 students as well as interim and full reports for those Year 0 to 3 students who has had an anniversary.

In the report envelope will be a notice containing the date and time of your interview with the teacher. If your child is between Years 0 to 3 and you have not received an interview appointment sheet, then your child is not receiving a report this time around. Reporting for Year 0 - 3 students are based on their anniversary when they started school.

If you have not yet sent your interview form back, please do so be the latest Monday, 25 June. Please take note of the times stipulated by the teachers when they are available for interviews. If the available time slots are not suitable, please contact the office or the teacher to arrange for a time which will suit both parties.

Thank you



WHAT ARE WE UP TO?

26 June 2018: Speeches & Poems

28 June 2018: Speeches Evening

29 June 2018 : Reports out

2; 3 and 4 July 2018: Parent - Teacher Interviews

5 July 2018: First Aid course - Yr 7/8 students ; BoT meeting

6 July 2018: Last Day of Term 2



MRS. DOWNEY'S NOTES ...

REMINDER:

**If you need a priest while Fr. Matt is away, Fr Joe Stack can be contacted on 07 8716109 . He is our Parish Priest.*

**Please join us for Sunday Mass at 9.30am at St. George's Church, Seddon Street, Te Kuiti*

Kia Ora Koutou Whanau

Thank You Father Joe

Father Joe has been celebrating Mass with the school these past two week. Thank you Father for coming down from Te Awamutu for us. The children are listening and actioning the messages of the gospel you so carefully help us understand. We now know a lot more about Elijah the Tishbite!

Catholic Convention

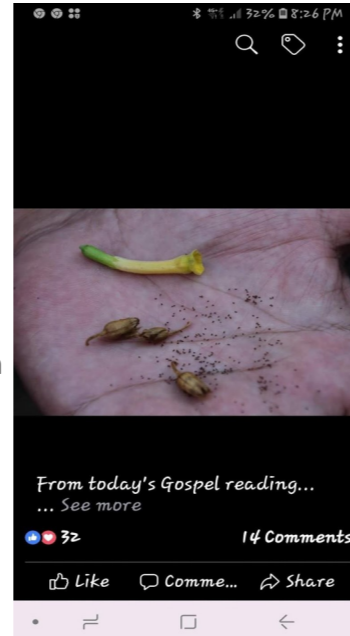
Again I wish to express my sincere thanks to our community, Board of Trustees and teachers for sending four representatives to this convention. We read the parable of the mustard seed recently and showed the children photos of mustard seeds that were found in the Holy Land on a recent tour. So often we do not see or experience the fruits of our labours and yet the tree of life keeps growing with God's love ever present within it.

Teaching in a Catholic context is a considered a vocation. The link below is well worth a look. It has been made by the Catholic Education Office to help us recognise the immensely important work that happens in our schools, to the credit of teachers, staff, senior leadership team's, Principals, Boards and the wider community.

We all participate in 'growing the mustard tree'. Keep praying for our amazing little school!

[A Whanau that Cares](#)

<https://vimeo.com/248078645>



Parent Support Group (PSG) Our PSG recently provided morning tea for the staff of Pukenui School. It was provided as a thank you to the school for the use of their picnic tables etc. for our night market. Raewyn Jackson (Principal) wrote to me, acknowledging their generosity. Her letter is on the PSG page.

Poem and Speech Finals There has been such pride on children's faces this week as one by one they achieve their goal to present their poem or speech for judging. Every child is a winner in my book. They work so hard to remember lines and practice a sharp delivery. Those poems will go on to be quoted for years! I look forward to seeing whanau at the finals day and evening next week.

Kia Kaha!



Woolshed Container You may be wondering how long it is here for? We acknowledge Renata Apatu (Ren) who died in the helicopter accident near Waiouru last week. Renata was instrumental in starting the 'woolshed' Here is a note from the Campaign for Wool that we received after we had sent some photos to them "Thank you so much for all these gorgeous photos. I will load some of them on to our facebook page. It is a very sad day for Campaign for Wool and Wool in Schools today. Renata Apatu who was the current chair for CFW was seriously injured in yesterday's, helicopter crash and has now died. Renata was my boss and has been a big part of the Wool in Schools project. We just love it that so many people have come together to share their knowledge with your students and what a great resource that Woolshed has been. Renata would be proud!"

Let's keep Renata Apatu and everyone at Wool in Schools in our prayers.

Arohanui and God Bless you all.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā Have a great weekend

Suzanne.



DIOCESE SNIPPETS AND PARISH NEWS



Mass in Honour of Saint Josemaria Escriva

Founder of Opus Dei and Patron Saint of Saint of Ordinary Life.

7:30 pm, Tuesday 26 June at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, [494 Grey Street](#), Hamilton.

Would you know someone who might consider life as a Marist priest or brother ?

Society of Mary Priests and Brothers is a Community of men committed to lives of prayer and service, disciples of Jesus inspired by the example of His mother Mary, sharing the mission of the Church locally and internationally.

If you know someone who might consider life as a Marist priest or brother there is an **information and prayer weekend 24-26 August.**

Information at www.maristseminary.org.nz or facebook.com/marists. Email Fr Pat Breeze SM at vocations@smnz.org.nz

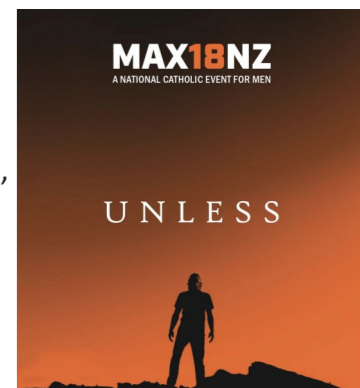


MAX18NZ – a National Catholic Event for Men

28-30 September 2018, Kings College, Auckland.

Great line-up of international speakers, single room accommodation, excellent food, not to be missed.

Details available at www.max18nz.info or by email enquiry@max18nz.info or phone Jim Gribble on 027 249 5378



The Emmaus Icon



See the front page for more information.

THANK YOU

To our PSG, a thank you note from Raewyn Jackson and the staff from Pukenui School:

“Hi Suzanne,

Can you please pass on our thanks to your staff, parents etc.. for the lovely morning tea they provided our staff with. It was greatly appreciated.”

NEWS FROM YOUR PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (PSG)

St Joseph's PSG

QUIZ NIGHT



& AUCTION

? Teams 6-8 \$80

★ Limited Spaces

\$ Bar Facilities

? Amazing Auction Lots

★ Supper Provided

\$ Cash Only

Theme

BACK TO THE EIGHTIES

Teams 6-8
\$80

7 SEPT 2018

LES MUNRO CENTRE

Doors Open 6pm Quiz Starts 7pm Sharp

Contact St Joseph's School **REGISTER NOW!**

Religious Education



Check out Room 3's wind socks they made to represent the Holy Spirit.

Coming up this week in the Church...

Sunday 24th June

The Birthday of St John the Baptist

Apart from Mary and Joseph, John the Baptist is the only saint in the calendar who has two feasts to himself. One, in August, celebrates his death, and one, in June, celebrates his birth. And this is as it should be, for as Christ himself said, John was the greatest of the sons of men. A prophet from before his birth, leaping in the womb to announce the coming of the incarnate God, his task was to proclaim the fulfilment of all prophecies – and thus his own obsolescence. And *he did it*.

Liturgical colour: white

White is symbolizing rejoicing and purity of soul. Liturgically, it is used to celebrate feasts of the Lord; Christmas and Easter, the great seasons of the Lord; and the saints. Not that you will always see white in church, because if something more splendid, such as gold, is available, that can and should be used instead. We are, after all, celebrating.

In the earliest centuries all vestments were white – the white of baptismal purity. As the Church grew and began to plan her liturgy, she began to use colour so that our sense of sight could deepen our experience of the mysteries of salvation, just as incense recruits our sense of smell and music that of hearing. Over the centuries various schemes of colour for feasts and seasons were worked out.

(Catholic Universalis)

Catholic Convention 2018

Suzanne, Pip, Nikki and I thoroughly enjoyed the Catholic Convention last week in Wellington. It was a timely reminder of our roles within a Catholic School and how important it is that we all work together to allow our students and their families to encounter Christ. We attended various seminars on different aspects of the Catholic Faith and of Catholic Schools.

We were privileged to be able to listen to and be inspired by speakers from Australia, the UK and the US.

We are lucky to have such a supportive community at our school and thank you for supporting the special Character of our school and for upholding our values.

SPORTS NEWS

EDDIE ALCOCK NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Next week Wednesday, 27th June the Eddie Alcock tournament will be played at the KCE Maniapoto Netball Courts in Te Kuiti. Permission slips will be sent home soon.



WINTER SPORTS

ST JOSEPH'S NETBALL 2018

Draws on the KCE Maniapoto Netball Facebook page.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOCKEY SEASON 2018

Draws available on NKCJH Facebook page and www.sporty.co.nz.

ST. JOSEPH'S FOOTBALL SEASON 2018 - CENTENNIAL PARK, TE KUITI

Draws are available on NKCJF Facebook page or www.sporty.co.nz/nkcjf. Pod games start at 9am.

ST JOSEPH'S JUNIOR RUGBY 2018

See the season's draw.

SPORTS UNIFORM:

Our sports uniform is the black and white cooldry shirt with our school name on the back, black socks with white stripes and **PLAIN** black shorts. **Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform to play their winter sports games in.**



DIO HOCKEY SESSION

WHEN
22nd July
9am – 10:30am

WHERE
Te Kuiti High
Tennis Courts

FEATURING - attacking skills - Games - defensive skills -
AND FUN!!!!

**CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL TO FIND
OUT MORE**

Email: jsutton@wdsj.school

**PLAYERS
WILL BE
COACHED BY**

**UP &
COMING**
Midlands Players

**MIDLANDS
REPS**
Ana Hudson

**EX-
BLACKSTICK**
Tash FitzSimons

FOOTBALL SKILLS TRAINING

Scott Parsonge, who is the Waikato Region Football Development Officer, will be starting a Skill Centre programme next week. Details are as follows:

King Country

Dates: Wednesdays 20th June to 5th September
(10 trainings and 3 game days)

Cost: \$84 per player

Venue: Otorohanga Domain (tbc)

Registration: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/75578>

The programme will run two age groups:

Group one – Players born in 2008 and 2009, and

Group two – Players born in 2005 to 2007

Both groups would run 6pm to 7.15pm.



WOOLSHED

We would like to thank **Wool in Schools, Paul Terry from PGG Wrightsons, Craig Fagan and Keryn Herbert** for your time to come to our school and teach our students all about wool and the benefits of it.



STUDENT WRITING

"On Thursday, St Joseph's White Hockey team, played Piopio Orange. It was a tie. The score was 2 all. It was a great game. Ilver was the team captain. We all enjoyed it."

By Karla Davey - Room 1

