

First Reading

Isaiah 35: 4 -7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord

Psalm: 145(146): 7-10

Second Reading

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord

***"He makes the deaf hear
and the mute speak"***



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Community Newsletter

Panui 28 - 7 September 2018

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

**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
GRANDPARENTS DAY!**

**To All Grandparents in the Community!
Please join us for our
Grandparents' Liturgy to be
held tomorrow,
7th September 2018 at
11.30am.**



The programme for the day is as follows:

- 11:30 Liturgy in St George's Church
- 12:00 Visit classrooms
- 12:15 Grandparent Powerpoint Story and singing in the basement
- 12:45 Shared Lunch

See you there!!

**We ask every family of the school
community, please provide enough food
for your family. We're asking for healthy
choices when providing food. *We can
heat up cooked food only,
we are not able to cook
food, thank you!***



***"We need parents to talk to their children, not just about the faith; they
need to talk to their children about their faith."***

With Hearts Burning - Module 6

<https://www.proudtobecatholic.org.nz/download-modules>



MRS. DOWNEY'S NOTES ...

Kia Ora Koutou Whanau

Catholic Review

The Catholic Review Team, Mr John Coulam, Sister Anne Sklenars and Mrs Nicky Whyte reported back to the staff on Friday 31st of August. They commented on the heart of the school and how much they had enjoyed being with us for two days. The special welcome was noted as was the warmth of our students in the classrooms and playground. Sister told a story about how on the second morning a voice from up in a tree called out—"Good Morning Sister!" The review document will be presented to the Board of Trustees and released publically to our community via our website.

Bishop Steve

You will see in the newsletter a new Video Series advertised called THE MASS. It launched on Wednesday 5th September. It is hosted by [Bishop Steve Lowe](#) and has footage of Masses throughout our own diocese - even Te Kuiti St George's! Visit [The Mass Video Series](#) <https://goo.gl/AxcyPU>. or see the other platforms available in this newsletter. **PLEASE take the time to watch them and share them with others too.**

Australian Leadership Study Tour

Surfers Paradise State School, Pimpama State Primary College, Guardian Angels Catholic Primary, Broadbeach State School all in Queensland and Terranora Public School (New South Wales). These were the five schools I visited whilst on the study tour. They include Public State schools, Independent schools, Public Private Partnership schools and Catholic schools. Colleagues visited other schools which all made for plenty of leadership discussion in the evening. It has probably been some of the best professional development I have been on. Again I say I am very grateful for the opportunity offered by Jeremy Kedian (my appraiser) and the Board of Trustees. A special thank you to Mrs Pam Boroevich and Mrs Pip Were for Acting as Principals for the week. I am always proud to be able to step away from the school and know that it is in very sound hands.



Netsafe Free Seminar

I would be interested to hear from any parents who went to the Netsafe Free Seminar last night. Please email or phone me about what you heard and how we can share that with our parent community. I have attended with some staff members the seminar for teachers and will continue to share ways that we can keep our children safe on the internet.



Personal Equipment brought to school

If your child has personal equipment they bring to school, could you please make the teachers aware that it is in the school and ask your child to be responsible for it. We will aim to care for it as best we can. This situation usually applies to personal belongings brought for learning purposes. There are few situations that personal belongings of value are needed to come to school.



Grandparents Day

The junior students have been working very hard and with much excitement, on tasks that welcome and speak of the high value they place on their GRANDPARENTS. This day is to celebrate all those significant adults in your child's lives, as we recognise that for some families the day can be a challenging one too. So please, we welcome the very special adults along - the children just love to share their love! I look forward to the day and welcoming our tupuna to our kura. See you tomorrow



"Listen to God - Have an attitude of gratitude - Make room for all - Do your bit" - St. Mary MacKillop

God Bless you all,
Suzanne.

FROM FATHER MATT ...

3. Listen to the readings during Mass

How often have you sat in the pew during Mass and spaced off during the Liturgy of the Word? Don't worry, we've all been there. We stand up for the Gospel and can't for the life of us remember what the first and second readings were about. Did we even sing a Psalm? How did we miss that?

If you want to be able to participate more fully in the Mass readings, Carstens suggests you have to change your habits before you even reach the church door. Next time you go to Mass, find the Sunday readings (either online or in your parish missal). Spend time reading, reflecting, responding, contemplating, and acting on the Scripture passages. Then, ask yourself how the Gospel message applies to your life today.

"The Word of God is not simply texts and words spoken at the Mass., it's the Word of the Trinity. All liturgical words, in some way, make audible this divine voice."

4. Respond during the dismissal

Just as the door of the church holds a special significance as the entrance point, the dismissal at the end of the liturgy holds a special message of our missionary call as Catholics. "The Mass's dismissal formulas form a linguistic correspondence with the church's door," Carstens explains, "even as they echo the electric word 'exit' hanging above it. When we read this sign, we understand, at its core, the command to "Go out!"

The Mass is an incredible prayer in the Catholic faith – but it's also a school. Carstens calls it a "boot camp of holiness, whose goal is to make perfect men, women, and children – saints." The next time you go to Mass, hear the final words of dismissal for what they truly are: a command to get out into the world and spread the news of Christ and His bride, the Catholic Church.

PARISH NEWS AND DIOCESE SNIPPETS

REMINDER: HILLVIEW SERVICES

To our loyal group of singers, our month for Hillview is September. The first service will be today, 6th September at 4.30pm.

PARISH LUNCHEON

The next parish luncheon will be this coming Wednesday, 12th September 2018. Everybody welcome!



The Mass - Video Series LAUNCHED on 5 september 2018

The Pastoral Services Team is excited to announce a new video series 'The Mass' hosted by [Bishop Steve Lowe](#)! Season One kicks off with a three part intro 5th-7th September, followed by weekly episodes every Friday at 7pm.

Download the episodes here: <https://goo.gl/AxcyPU>

Watch the series on the various platforms below...

- On Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicDioceseofHamilton/>
- On Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/catholicdiocesenz/>
- On Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqgfwCqh8NbWENaNQHQQbA>
- On our website [videos.cdh.nz](https://www.videos.cdh.nz)



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MISSION! WITH HEARTS BURNING - MODULE 6

"We need the courage to go beyond just saying "I'll pray for you" and say, "How about we pray about this now?"

Bishop Steve's last With Hearts Burning module is available, please pick up your copy in the foyer, join the discussion group, and post your reflections on the website [whb.cdh.nz](https://www.whb.cdh.nz).



PLEASE TAKE NOTE

ST JOSEPH'S AGRICULTURAL DAY 2018

St Joseph's Agricultural Day will be held on **Thursday, 18th October 2018** (week 1 of Term 4).
Come pick up your entry form from the office if you did not get one from the office last week!
****REMINDER: The Pet Demo Day will be held on 26th September from 1.30pm at St Joseph's. ****
The completed entry forms need to be handed in to the office by Friday, 28th September 2018.



IMMUNISATIONS: YEAR 8 STUDENTS

Our Year 8 students will receive their immunisations on Monday, 24 September 2018.



FROM FATHER MATT ...

4 Simple Ways to Increase Your Devotion at Every Mass

When Christopher Carstens asked his four year old son Laurence what his favorite part of the Mass was, Laurence responded: "Eating donuts after". While it may not be the best response to what part of the Mass is the best, at least it's a start.

But, as Carstens points out in his new book, *A Devotional Journey into the Mass*, as we get older, our reasons for attending Mass may not get much higher than the donuts afterward. His new book is written both for his son and for anyone who has ever wondered how (or why!) he should participate in the Mass.

1. Be intentional when you enter the church

Increasing your devotion in the Mass begins way before you find your seat in the sanctuary. A simple way to recognize the importance of the Mass and the beauty of the Church is to be mindful and intentional when entering the doors of the church.

But just what makes the doors of the church so important?

"The door presents the key feature of the church's face," Carstens writes. "This holy door is often elevated, accessible only by ascending steps. Like the larger structure that houses it, the materials used in the door's construction are often of higher quality and craftsmanship than those of the other doors. Even the size of the door – it is probably the largest one in the church – shows its importance."

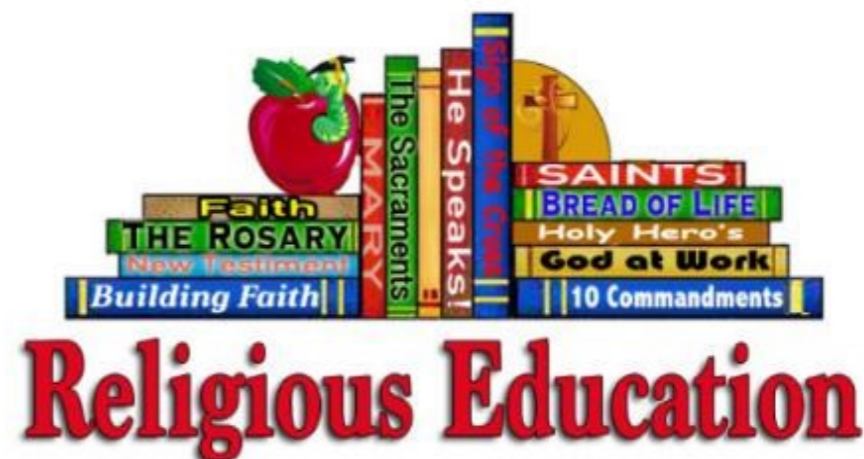
Even though every church's doors isn't elaborate and beautiful, the door still offers a message to those of us who enter through it. "It's something different, say, from the face of a Walmart, a Walgreen's, or a Wendy's," So the next time you go to Mass, think of how Christ said "I am the door," and put yourself in a place of prayer from the moment your hand reaches out for the handle of the church door.

2. Make the sign of the cross

When you enter the church, the next thing you do (perhaps more out of habit than anything else) is to dip your fingers into the holy water font and make the sign of the cross. You may make the sign of the cross as you genuflect before entering the pew. The sign of the cross appears again at both the beginning and the end of the Mass.

"But why?" asks Carstens, "What does this sign mean? And how has it come to mean what it means?"

The sign of the cross is a beautifully rich sign in the Catholic Mass, in both words and gestures. It reminds us of the reality of the Trinity. "Consider where the bounty is found in Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*," Carstens writes. "It's on the X that marks the spot on Long John Silver's map. To 'be at the crossroads' signifies an important decision, while 'being crossed' means conflict. Here, human culture finds in the cross treasure, importance, conflict and reality. The next time you make the sign of the cross before, during, or after the Mass, think about a treasure map.



RE LEARNING—GOD STRAND

The big questions—

Who is God? Where is God?

What does He do for us?

Where do I feel or notice His presence?

HOW HAS GOD REVEALED HIMSELF TO US?

What is our role in creation?

These are some of the things that the God strand addresses at different levels. You might like to talk about these questions with your child/ children at home.

Listed below are the understandings and knowledge that students will be exposed to across the school during the God strand teaching.

- 1) That God is **holy, the source of all life, all grace and all holiness** and calls each person to holiness.
- 2) That **people are created in the image and likeness of God** and are called to believe in God, share in God's work of creation, as they build up the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven, as members of the Catholic Church living according to the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching.
- 3) That **God's revelation began with creation**, was continued through the history of Israel, and was revealed fully in Jesus the Son of God.
- 4) That **God wants all people to be saved** and through the Holy Spirit, God is at work in their histories and cultures, but most fully in Christ and His Church where they can encounter God.
- 5) That God's **desire for humanity** includes a relationship of unconditional love with each person, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit who is present in the Church founded by Jesus.
- 6) That **God is creator of all that is good, the source of all being, seen and unseen**, giver and sustainer of creation which is entrusted to the care of human beings who as creatures are utterly dependent on God.

Sacramental Programme

continues tonight at 5.30pm in the Basement!

Remember to bring a gold coin donation and your scrapbooks.

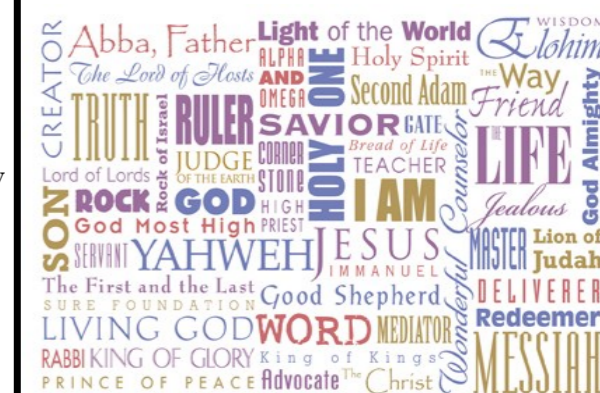
Happy Grandparents Day for tomorrow!



The Nicene Creed that we recite each Sunday at Mass reminds us of some of the fundamental beliefs about God...

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

Some different titles for God are.....



SPORTS NEWS

SPORTS / MINIBALL UNIFORM:

Our sports uniform is the black and white cooldry shirt with our school name on the back and **PLAIN** black shorts. **Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform to play their Miniball games in.** Sports shoes must be worn on court. The senior grade play in official basketball tops with numbers printed on both the front and back. These are provided by our school.



MINIBALL:

To see the draw please go to <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/mini>

NORTH KING COUNTRY TOUCH COMPETITION 2018: PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PERMISSION SLIP TO SCHOOL

TOUCH COACHING DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

These are coming up next month. Please jump on board as they are available for FREE.

FOUNDATION (L1) COACHING COURSE

DATE: Sunday 16th September 2018

VENUE: Albert Park Indoor Centre, Albert Park Drive, Te Awamutu

TIME: 1.00pm-3.30pm

COST: FREE!!!

DATE: Monday 17th September 2018

VENUE: Fraser High Gymnasium, 72 Ellicott Rd, Newton

TIME: 6.00pm-8.30pm

COST: FREE!!



DEVELOPMENT (L2) COACHING COURSE

DATE: Saturday 22nd September 2018

VENUE: Fraser High Gymnasium, 72 Ellicott Rd, Newton

TIME: 9.00am-5.00pm

COST: FREE!!

PREREQUISITE: Foundation (L1) Coaching Course

Please contact Toni Morgan on admin@waikatotouch.co.nz or 027 451 9160 or see www.waikatotouch.co.nz

STUDENTS' WRITING

"On Thursday last week Zoe and I played Miniball for the St Joseph's Warriors. We played Pukenui Creepers and won 57 - 5. It was an awesome first game. It was a great warm up for our team since we haven't had a training yet."

By Libby Kearins Te Whare and Zoe Rawles - Room 5

"On Wednesday, the 29th of August, St Joseph's Panthers played South Flames in Miniball. We won 45 to 12. It was hard and easy at the same time. My favourite part was when we won. Malia's favourite part was when our team passed the ball down the court so we could get the goals."

By Hannah Leineweber and Malia Bourke - Room 1



PSG NEWS

Our Quiz Night is tomorrow, 7th September. Doors open 6pm! Quiz starts at 7pm. Cash bar only! Supper provided. Buy answers for \$2.00! One answer per round. Prizes for best dressed! 13 Lots available to bid on tomorrow night! See you there!

Te Kouma, Caramandel Holiday Home

valued at \$1500

- 3-4 nights
- 3 level home ideally suited to two families
- 3 minute walk to safe swimming sandy beach
- Boat parking

Use by January 2019 Time negotiable with Holiday Home owners

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Cooks Beach Holiday House

valued @ \$1500

- 5-7 night stay
- Sleeps up to 10

Family friendly bach located within easy walking distance to the beach, estuary, playground and boat ramp

(not available to use from 10th December 2018 to January 31st 2019. Other time is negotiable with Holiday Home owners.)



3

Waitomo Package

valued at \$1000

- 3 course Dinner for two at Huhu,
- 1 nights accommodation for 2 at Abseil inn
- 2 tickets to spellbound cave
- 2 tickets to Waitomo Adventures



4

Family Package

valued at \$550+

- Kiwi House Family pass \$59
- Waitomo Glowworms Cave family pass
- Ruakuri Cave Family Pass \$300 for both caves
- Super family pass - Te Awamutu pools
- Fat pigeon Cafe Voucher - \$50
- 5 kids barber cuts - \$75
- Kids Treats



5

Kawhia Beach Holiday House

+ Ultimate fishing trip

valued @ \$1700+

- 5-7 nights in a Modern West Coast Bach
- Sleeps...
- Walking distance to shop, boat ramp and playground
- West coast fishing trip for 2 people aboard Dove Charters (\$240 value)
- Encounter like no other! Specialising in bottom fishing, kingfish jiggging, deep sea Hapked and Game fishing



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Meat Package #1

- 1x leg of lamb
- 3x Aged Rib eye
- Mince
- Venison Steaks



7

The Big Boys Package

- John Deere Farm Jacket
- Cricket Set
- Two Beer Glasses
- Night Owl voucher \$50
- Te Kuiti Tyres \$50 wheel alignment

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Canon Printer

Value \$350

Canon MB2160 Multifunction inkjet printer
Delivery and installation around Te Kuiti
(up to 15KM of town)

PC Soft getting I.T. right

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Rotorua Adventure

- 1 nights accommodation in Rotorua for 4 - TRAVEL MANAGERS
- Family of 5 - 2 adults and 3 children Family Gondola and 6 luge rides to share
- Off Road 4x4 monster thrill ride for 1 adult
- A family pass to the farm show and farm tour combo
- Luggage Tag