

First Reading Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord

Psalm: 18(19):8,10,12-14

Second Reading James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord

"Who ever is not against us is for us"



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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

"We need people who are not afraid to talk about their Catholic faith in the work place, social groups or community."

With Hearts Burning - Module 6

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



ST JOSEPH'S AGRICULTURAL DAY 2018



St Joseph's Agricultural Day will be held on **Thursday, 18th October 2018** (week 1 of Term 4). Waikato Show will be held on Friday, 26th October 2018. **Come pick up your entry form from the office today, if you don't have one yet! The completed entry forms need to be handed in to the office by tomorrow, 28th September 2018.**



MUSIC LESSONS?

Music lessons have begun very well this term, with students all showing commitment to their practise and bringing their music for their lessons. Rae is considering another half (1/2) day next term - probably a Wednesday morning. Please phone Rae Bennett on 0210416305 if you are still interested in your child learning the piano.



THANK YOU!

Marianna Chaplin-Gray for standing up in assembly on Monday and encouraging people to put their rubbish in the bin and take home their own lunch rubbish. Marianna has been actively tidying our grounds with a few friends recently and we thank her for her care of our environment. Tumeke!



Kenzi Larsen for the Drama performance last Friday. The students all enjoyed seeing each other on stage. We think you do an amazing job supporting the Arts in our school. Our students are very fortunate to have you sharing your skill and talents with us.

We have reports from the Global Games in Taupo last week. All the students enjoyed their time together and played hard for Waitete. Good on you all!

CORRECTIONS TO LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

We would like to make the following corrections to the content of last week's newsletter: Liz Kaye, Hollie's grandmother helped at the Principals' gathering last week. Thank you very much Liz !

Our school was represented by Jack Leineweber, Mitchell Hedley, Kees Neustroski, Koewyn Kearins Te Whare, Libby Kearins Te Whare and Corban Dunlop at last week's Global Games in Taupo.



Apologies for having the wrong names in the newsletter.

Our last day of term is tomorrow, 28 September. Enjoy the break, and we will see you back at school on Monday, 15 October!



REMINDER: We're wearing hats in TERM 4! Buy them from the Warehouse.

Kia Ora Koutou

Where can I find ... JOY ?

"It doesn't come from getting what I want.. it comes from being who I am, as He created me to be."

Joy is a funny, powerful, wonderful thing. It's more than a fuzzy warm feeling or a great emotion. It's even more than happiness. Happiness, strictly speaking is the realisation of my desires or when everything I want works out. Joy, on the other hand, is a gladness that runs deeper than the circumstances. Joy doesn't come from getting what I want. It comes from being who I am.

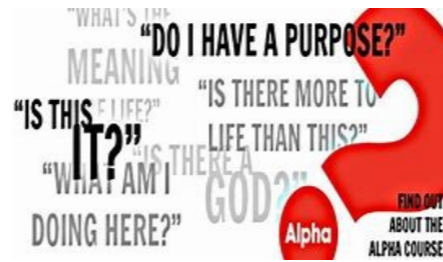
I write this as we come to the end of Term 3, as I reflect on the term and also celebrate our daughters birthday. What come to mind is the deep Joy. Joy, that does run deeper than all the circumstances that happen day to day. Please take time in the holidays to reflect on Joy - and be glad of the special part we all have had to play in supporting our children to be who God wants them to be.

I experience much Joy, being part of our students journeys - watching them grow through their challenges and sharing in their successes. Thank you all for the support and kindness you have offered myself and the staff during the term.



ALPHA PROGRAMME IS COMING!

Keep a watch out for dates and times. This is an amazing programme that will be offered to our whole community! Alex Bailey will be running it. Please consider coming together as a group to be part of this programme that will strengthen the faith of our community and help us get to know each other better too!



Have a great break! Ma te Atua e Manaaki ,

Suzanne

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - SAVE THE DATE!

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR SCIENCE PARENT EVENING!

Please join us on **Tuesday, 6th November 2018** for a very interesting Science Parent Evening, hosted by **Anne Barker** from the University of Waikato. Anne has been working with our teachers and students for more than a year now, helping with professional development about all things regarding science. Our staff members will, again, be meeting with Anne over the school holidays.

We look forward to seeing you on the 6th November!



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mass times next week. Of note these are subject to change.

- Monday 5.45pm
- Tuesday 9.15am
- Wednesday 11am
- Friday 12.15pm
- Saturday 10.15am

Of note: Saturday 29th September Mass may be cancelled. If attending please phone Fr. Matt 07 8786417.

CUP OF TEA AFTER SUNDAY MASS

This is on hold until after the school holidays. Watch this space or more information.

ALPHA

We are in the initial stages of (God willing) establishing Catholic Alpha in the parish. More details will follow. This is a programme designed to help fallen-away Catholics and non-Catholics draw close to God in Faith. If you know someone who is searching for the truth and would be interested in attending these non-threatening discussion evenings (8-10 of them), please contact Fr. Matt or Alex Bailey (alexb@cdh.org.nz).

Alpha evenings always includes a meal. So a simple dinner will be provided

THE MASS - VIDEO SERIES

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/AxycyPU>

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/UCqgfwCqh8NbWENaNQHQGbA>
- On our website [videos.cdh.nz](https://www.cdh.org.nz/videos)



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.



IS CHRIST CALLING YOU ?

"Desire to discover the perennial attraction of Jesus, To be challenged by His Words and Actions, And to cherish the ideal that He holds out of a life that is fully human, happy to spend itself in love?" – Pope Francis

Come and Talk about Priesthood in our Diocese with Father Joe Stack vocations@cdh.org.nz | 07 871 6109



NATIONAL CATHOLIC PRIESTS ASSEMBLY PASS ON THEIR THANKS

190 Catholic priests from throughout New Zealand met in Christchurch last week for their five-yearly national assembly. The assembly provided priests with an opportunity for them to renew their commitment to priesthood in an informal gathering.

In a real spirit of collegiality, the week's programme gave the priests a chance to spend time together and to openly reflect on and discuss their own experiences in ministry and pastoral life.

Thank you to you, our parishioners, for your prayers and support for what was an invigorating and inspirational week.

The values of our society are constantly changing and not always for the better. Western world values of even a generation ago seem completely foreign to those of today. We can see this in a number of areas. Respect and regard for authentic Marriage is but one. For me personally, I would do at least 10 Baptisms for every wedding. And at least 5 funerals for every wedding. And this is the experience of all priests who serve in this day and age. It's also hugely different from times gone by. But why? Well, I read a very good article from Mons Charles Pope. In it he talks about subjectivism (rather than truth), identity politics and how hard it is to change this for the better. I thought I would share it with you. This is Part I. Part II will come next week.

Blessings
Fr. Matt

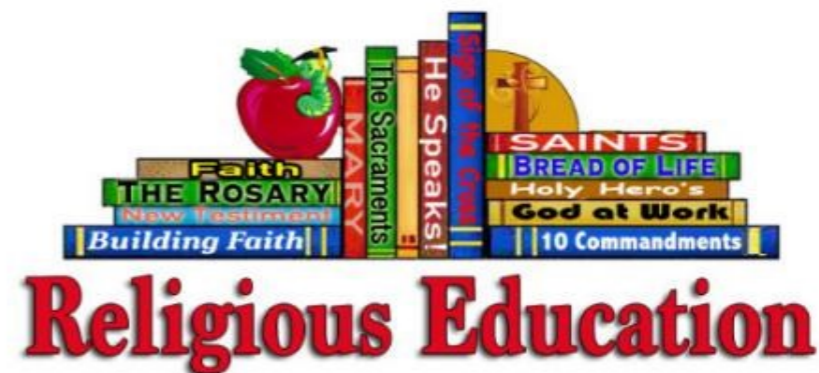
It Is Sometimes Necessary to Risk Giving Offense by [Msgr. Charles Pope](#) •

We live in times when many people take offense very easily. While this may have been a human problem seen in all ages, it is particularly evident today, when relativism and subjectivism are so widespread. Relativism is essentially a form of subjectivism. In subjectivism, the measure of truth shifts from the object (i.e., that which is being perceived) to the subject (i.e., the one who is perceiving). In this system, truth becomes relative, because there are as many versions of truth as there are subjects to perceive it. In this highly subjective perception of reality, people tend to take their own views very personally and are easily offended by views contrary to their own.

Over time we have seen how subjectivism has given rise to "identity politics." No longer does a person say that he holds liberal views; rather he says, "I am a liberal." No longer does a person say that he struggles with same-sex attraction; rather he says, "I am 'gay'." Views and interpretations are no longer merely philosophies, paradigms, or tendencies through which a person interprets things. Rather, the cry goes up, "This is who I am. If you disagree or even worse seek to refute my viewpoint, you are offensive and hurtful. By disagreeing with me you are attacking me; you are a hater. You are an enemy whom I must fear and must keep at a distance lest you do me harm." So-called "safe zones" on college campuses are an extreme outcome of this. In identity politics, the mere questioning of one's views amounts to a personal assault that may cause lasting harm to the psyche!

We have also seen how relativism and subjectivism have led to the shaming and silencing of politically incorrect views, especially those based on traditional biblical faith. Too many Christians have allowed themselves to be silenced by accusations such as this common one: "You are judging me." Never mind that the conversation is about a moral issue or a particular behaviour, not about "you." Identity politics says, "I am my behaviour, therefore your contrary view hurts me; this makes you a bad and offensive person."

No one (other than a sociopath) deliberately tries to hurt or offend others. Many Christians have been effectively silenced by the fear of causing offense, even if there is no reason for offense to be taken. As our fearful silence has spread, the moral darkness has grown ever deeper.



RE learning

Thank you parents and caregivers for your support of our school and it's special character. We thank you for being supportive of your child's / children's religious education learning and encouraging them to ask questions. We hope you and your family have a restful break and enjoy some family time together.

God Bless

Hillview

THANK YOU TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE VISITED HILLVIEW TO TAKE PART IN THE SERVICES OVER THE PAST MONTH. THE RESIDENTS SURE HAVE ENJOYED SEEING THE STUDENTS AND LISTENING TO THEM SING.



Photos of prayer setups that the seniors created with Mrs Porter from the Diocese



A prayer for the end of the term

We thank you Lord, for this term. For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith.

Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents And a community that cares for us. May we always be conscious of you in our lives. Amen

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HOLIDAYS

- The Drama and Music Competitions begin on Saturday in Te Awamutu. All the best to the competing students.
- Tara Macrae is playing in the National Basketball Team in Palmerston North (U18)
- Bree Macrae is umpiring at the National Basketball tournament and in the second week, helping coach the U13 Waikato/Country team in Auckland.
- Zara Leineweber and Abby Pooley are in the King Country Hockey Rep Team playing in the MacGrath tournament in Rotorua.
- Jake Randle and Jack Leineweber are also in the King Country Hockey Rep Team playing in the MacGrath tournament in Rotorua.

STUDENTS' WRITING

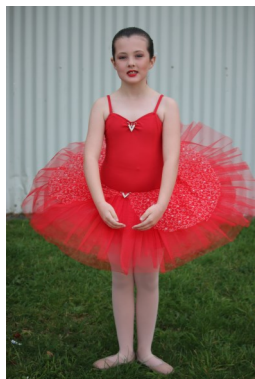
"On Saturday I played in a 5 a side soccer tournament with Lewis, Cam, Jack and Grayson, Campbell and Emily from Kio Kio School. We drew one, won 3 and lost one. My favourite part was when I passed to Lewis and we got a goal." **By Jackson Cammock - Room 1**



" On Wednesday St Joseph's Thunder played Piopio. The score was 50 to 16. We lost. My favourite part was getting a few goals (Karla). My favourite part was when I nearly got a goal (Charlotte). It was hard. "

By Karla Davey and Hannah Leineweber - Room 1

" On Thursday the 20th of September we played miniball for the St Joseph's Shooters. The score was 36 / 13 to them. Even though we didn't win it was still a jolly good game. My favourite part was that I didn't fall over, yay, and that we all worked as a team (Leah). My favourite part was when we all work together as a team. We lost but it was a good game. (Mya)" **By Mya Roberts and Leah Rawles - Room 5**



"Last weekend I went to my Ballet Performance Awards in Te Awamutu at the Woolshed Theatre. It was my first time on stage and I was really scared. I got a red tutu with sparkles. After our group was done we all got a certificate and a trophy."

By Zoe Hitchen - Room 1



"I sat my pre-elementary ballet exam in Te Awamutu with the Te Awamutu School of Dance. I was really nervous before I entered the room but once I started to dance I felt much better. It was a tough exam made up of ballet exercises at the barre and in the centre and also theory questions that the examiner asks between exercises. It was my first exam with some of it on pointe ballet shoes. I was SO happy to hear that I passed my exam and I now have another ballet year to take on in the Elementary grade." **By Yasmin. Hitchen - Room 2**

HANGI: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Last week the Year 7 and 8 students were fundraising for their Wellington School Camp in December. Russell Smith led the students, parents and teachers through the hangi process, it was a huge success, raising approximately \$1990!!! Here's how it went ...

After a few weeks of gathering together the generous donations of meat, vegetables, stuffing, tin containers, tin foil and firewood, we were ready to begin the hangi process.

On Thursday morning some of the Senior students helped to get the basement ready for the hangi. At 11am all of the Year 7 & 8 students gathered together to have a briefing about the day ahead. The boys headed off to Waitete with Russell Smith, Jon Leineweber, Umu Church, Warren Hitchen and a few other helpers to dig the gigantic hangi pit. The boys were dripping with sweat as they eagerly dug away at the ground with the burning sun beating down on their backs. They organised the rocks and fire ready to light early on Friday morning. While the girls tirelessly peeled hundreds of potatoes and kumara in the basement at school. The girls got into a rhythm of peeling, washing and cutting up the vegetables - there were vege skins flying everywhere! By 12.30pm the pumpkin was cut up, the potatoes and kumara were soaking in water, the stuffing was rolled into small balls and the meat was cut ready to go.

The food was lined up along trestle tables with students positioned at a different item ... the production line began One pork chop, NEXT, one lamb chop, NEXT, one chicken drumstick, NEXT, pumpkin, NEXT, kumara, NEXT, potato, NEXT, stuffing, NEXT, salt, NEXT, wrap the hangi in tinfoil, NEXT, carefully take the hangi to the hangi baskets, NEXT, stack the hangi parcel neatly ... each student had one job and did their job to a very high standard. 190 hangi's later we were finished the production! Russell, Umu and Jon loaded the hangi into the ute, to be stored in a chiller overnight. All of the students lent a hand to scrub and clean the containers and basement.

Friday morning at 6am Russell and Tyrone headed down to Waitete to light the fire that heated up the stones that will cook the hangi. The fire burnt until 10am when the hangi was put down. This part of the process was extremely hot - the men removed the burning rocks from the fire and put these into the hangi pit, then the hangi baskets went down covered with wet sheets and sacks. The men then covered the hangi pit with dirt and watched it for the next four hours.

The hangi was dug out around 2pm and brought to school to sell to the eagerly waiting customers. The hangi was delicious and enjoyed by many. What a great crew of students and adults - helping out with every part of the process!

