

**First Reading**
**Job 7:: 1-4,6,7**

The Lord says this:  
 Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations!  
 Proclaim! Praise! Shout:  
 ‘The Lord has saved his people,  
 the remnant of Israel!’

See, I will bring them back  
 from the land of the North  
 and gather them from the far ends of earth;  
 all of them: the blind and the lame,  
 women with child, women in labour:  
 a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,  
 I will comfort them as I lead them back;  
 I will guide them to streams of water,  
 by a smooth path where they will not stumble.  
 For I am a father to Israel,  
 and Ephraim is my first-born son.

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalm 125(126)**

**Second Reading**
**Hebrews 5:1-6**

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind  
 and is appointed to act for men in their relations  
 with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and  
 so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant  
 or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations  
 of weakness. That is why he has to make sin  
 offerings for himself as well as for the people. No  
 one takes this honour on himself, but each one is  
 called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give  
 himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he  
 had it from the one who said to him: *You are my  
 son, today I have become your father*, and in  
 another text: *You are a priest of the order of  
 Melchizedek, and for ever.*

*The word of the Lord*

**Gospel**
**Mark 10:46-52**

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large  
 crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a  
 blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road.  
 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he  
 began to shout and to say, ‘Son of David, Jesus,  
 have pity on me.’ And many of them scolded him  
 and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted  
 all the louder, ‘Son of David, have pity on me.’  
 Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him here.’ So they  
 called the blind man. ‘Courage,’ they said ‘get up;  
 he is calling you.’ So throwing off his cloak, he  
 jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke,  
 ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ ‘Rabbuni,’  
 the blind man said to him ‘Master, let me see  
 again.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has saved  
 you.’ And immediately his sight returned and he  
 followed him along the road.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

*“Go; your faith has saved you”*



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**Panui 33 - 26 October 2018**

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

*“ In these days, we seem to have a fixation on the gym and physical fitness. In the same way, we need to be fixated on our spiritual fitness ”*

*With Hearts Burning - Module 6 <https://www.proudtobecatholic.org.nz/download-modules>*



**DISCO - DISCO - DISCO - DISCO - DISCO**

A notice went home yesterday reminding you of the  
 Disco tomorrow, 26 October at 5.30pm to 7.30 pm in  
 the school basement. The theme is  
 “The 80’s” and there will be prizes  
 for the best dressed and there will be  
 food and drinks for sale. Entry is  
 \$2.00. Please support this last  
 fundraiser for the Wellington Trip.  
 Your support is greatly appreciated.



**PHOTOLIFE SPORTS PHOTOS**

Proofs of the sports photos are up in the passage at  
 school. Please have a look at them  
 and pick up an order form from  
 the office if you’d like to order  
 some. Thank you

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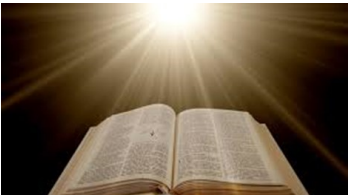
**INVITATION - PARENT SCIENCE EVENING**

Science and Whole School Reporting Information  
 Parent Evening - Tuesday 6th November at 7pm in  
 the school basement. Mark it  
 on your calendar today!  
 from, your staff of hearty,  
 enthusiastic science learners  
**PLEASE COME ALONG!!**



**SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP**

Come along and have a  
 look at the readings for  
 the forthcoming Sunday.  
 Every **Monday** at **7pm** in  
 the **Presbytery**.  
 Any queries please contact  
 Fr. Matt 027 3023154



**ROOM 3 & 4 KIWI HOUSE VISIT**

Please contact Mrs. Needham or Mrs. Kearins\_if you  
 have any questions.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

25 Oct: Sacramental Programme  
 26 Oct: Room 3 & 4 Kiwi House Trip  
 26 Oct: Disco - Wellington Trip Fundraiser  
 30 Oct: Athletics Skills - remember PE gear

**November 2018**

1 Nov: All Saints Day  
 2 Nov: All Souls Day - Cemetery visit -  
 Remember to bring flowers if you can!  
 5 Nov: High Jump Competition for Yr 7  
 & 8  
 6 Nov: High Jump for Yr 5 & 6, Parent Science Evening  
 7 Nov: High Jump Competition for Yr 3 & 4  
 8 Nov: Sacramental Programme, High Jump for Yr 2’s  
 9 Nov: St Joseph’s Athletics at the TKHS Pavilion



**WELLINGTON TRIP**

Thank you to the parents who attending this meeting  
 on Tuesday. We will be forwarding of what was  
 discussed next week and give more information in the  
 newsletter.

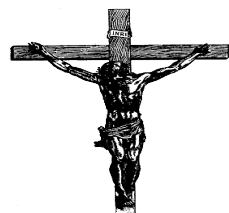
**SHAKE OUT DRILL - IN CASE OF AN EARTHQUAKE**

Drop, Cover,  
 Hold!!

Room 1  
 practising  
 curling up  
 like a turtle!







# Religious Education



## Religious Education Learning

For the next few weeks our RE school wide focus is the Communion of Saints. The Communion of Saints includes all those Saints in Heaven, those souls in Purgatory and all those on Earth. Look at this picture and see if you can identify the representations of different parts.



## ALL SAINTS DAY—NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

ALL SAINTS DAY IS A SPECIAL DAY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WHEN WE HONOUR ALL THE SAINTS WHO ARE IN HEAVEN WITH GOD, THOSE WE RECOGNISE AND KNOW AND THOSE WE DON'T.

OUR GOAL IS TO GET TO HEAVEN SO THAT WE CAN ALL BE SAINTS!

## All Souls Day - November 2nd

**All Souls Day is a special day when we pray for all those who have died, especially those in purgatory—a state in which souls are purified in preparation for Heaven.**

**Each year we visit the Cemetery to pay tribute to those who have died from our families and our community. You are welcome to join us next Friday morning at the cemetery.**

**Those students who want to go to the Urupa may do so with their families anytime during the day**

## FROM FATHER MATT

### MissionNZ and Mass Stipends

November has always been a month dedicated specially to pray for our deceased beloved ones. We pray for the poor souls in purgatory and we give thanks to God for all those who now are in the fullness of Life promised by Christ. MISSIO-NZ accepts Mass Intentions to pray for the living and the deceased. The custom of requesting a priest to offer Mass for a specific intention, even when one cannot be present at Mass, is a longstanding tradition in the Church.

Together with the Mass Intention Request, the faithful generally make an offering, called a stipend, to the priest in order to apply the Mass to a specific intention, such as an anniversary or a birthday or for a deceased beloved one. By making this offering the faithful, by parting with something that is their own, associate themselves more intimately with Christ.

The offering of a stipend is also a means whereby Catholics may contribute to the upkeep of the clergy. Many priests in Africa and Asia depend entirely on Mass stipends for their income. Many Dioceses do not have any priest-funds for their clergy. A Mass Stipend of \$10.00 is suggested. Please help them by sending your Mass intentions to MISSIO-NZ and our office will pass them on to a priest in a mission territory overseas.

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## FROM FATHER MATT (CONTINUE)

### MissionNZ and Mass Stipends

Our office sends these Mass Intentions to the National Director of MISSIO (Pontifical Mission Societies) of the country who in turn distributes it to priests who need most the help.

Postal Address:

MissionNZ,

P.O. Box 43226,

Wainuiomata, Hutt Valley 5048

In recent years when Halloween comes along people have often asked me 'what does the Church teach'? With this in mind, I provide you with an abbreviated article from a US Bishop that I think is very good. It aims to explain what our attitude to Halloween should be. If you have any questions or comments please let me know.

Blessings

Fr. Matt

### **Bishop Konderla issues Memorandum: *On the Celebration of Halloween.***

As the annual celebration of Halloween approaches, we are reminded of the importance of maintaining the Catholic meaning and purpose of all holy days. Over time, popular culture has made it difficult to discern the authentic spirit of this great feast, an important time when we, God's pilgrim church on earth, rejoice in the lives of all God's saints whom we wish to follow into eternal life.

Halloween finds its origins in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church. The word "Halloween" comes from a combination of two words in the English language's history. The word "hallow" means "holy" while the word "e'en" represents a shortening of the word "evening." The word "hallows" means "holy ones" or "saints." Thus "Hallow-e'en" or "Hallows' Eve" refers to "The Eve of All Saints."

The custom of dressing up for Halloween is devotional in spirit. By dressing up as the saints whom we most admire, we imagine ourselves following their example of Christian discipleship. This practice allows the lay faithful in festive celebration to become "living icons" of the saints, who are themselves "icons" or "windows" offering real-life examples of the imitation of Christ. True devotion to the saints, through our prayers and imitation of their witness, leads us sinners back to Christ.

In contrast to popular culture's observance of Halloween, even the customary appeal to the "frightful" has a devotional meaning in the Catholic tradition. Props such as skulls and scythes have historically recalled our mortality, reminding us to be holy because we are destined for judgment (Heb 9:27, Rev. 14:15). Visible symbols of death thus represent a reminder of the last things---death, judgment, Heaven, and hell (CCC 1020-65). While the "Gothic" aspect of Halloween reminds us of Christian teaching about the resurrection of the dead, our culture often represents this in a distorted manner, for when the dead are raised they will in truth be "clothed with incorruptibility" (1 Cor 15:50-54). **Separated from Catholic teaching, grim or ghoulish or "Gothic" costumes can furthermore be mistaken as a celebration or veneration of evil or of death itself, contradicting the full and authentic meaning of Halloween.**

We also want to intentionally avoid those things that are contrary to our Catholic faith but have become popularized through the secular adaptation of Halloween. **Turning to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we are to avoid involvement in anything involving superstition, witches, witchcraft, sorcery, divinations, magic, and the occult (cf. CCC 2210-2117).** We want to be good models of Christian virtue for those we serve and make clear distinctions between that which is good and that which is evil.

Because praise is fitting for loyal hearts (cf. Ps 33:1), let us urge one another this Halloween to express in every detail of our observance the beauty and depth of the Feast of All Saints.

