

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, 11 NOVEMBER**

**First Reading 1 Kings 17: 10-16**

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalm 145(146):7-10**

**Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28**

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

*The word of the Lord*

**Gospel Mark 12:38-44**

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

*"She gave from her need, not her surplus"*



# St Joseph's Catholic School

St. George's Parish

Community Newsletter

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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*

**"If we give up each time we are rejected, we'll never find love. In the face of secularism and so many other patterns of belief, the Church needs us all, her members to now be as bold and courageous as those of the early Church"**



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



**YOU'RE INVITED TO**

The Confirmation and First Holy Communion of our students to be held at St. George's Parish, Seddon Street Te Kuiti, this Sunday, **11 November at 9.30 am**. Bishop Steve will be here to confer these sacraments and celebrate with us.



**ST JOSEPH'S ATHLETICS - TOMORROW 9 NOVEMBER 2018!**

**Please remember to drop your children off at the Pavilion at the High School from 8.45am.** It is the building next to the courts by the field. If the weather is not favourable for Athletics to continue, we will let you know via our Facebook page and txt. The postponement date is 20 November 2018. The timetable with the events have been sent out.

**STRIKE - 13 NOVEMBER 2018**

Our school will be closed on 13 November. While we regret the inconvenience we know this will cause, we need to send a clear message to the Government that we are standing strong for our students. We are asking for smaller classes, more resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs and a significant increase in salaries to be able to recruit and retain teachers and so they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities.



**THANK YOU TO**

Everyone who helped with the gardening working bee yesterday. Our gardens are looking fabulous!



**MUFTI DAY - WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER**

We are dressing in Mufti for the Missions on Wednesday, 14 November! Please bring a gold coin!

**SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP**

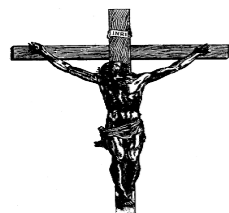
Come along and have a look at the readings for the forthcoming Sunday. Every **Monday at 7pm** in the **Presbytery**. Any queries please contact Fr. Matt 027 3023154



**TALENT QUEST - WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2018**

Please join us for our Talent Quest evening on Wednesday 14 November at 7pm in the school basement. Come see your children perform and there will be a special treat - a surprise performance on the evening.





# Religious Education



*Our visit to the cemetery for All Souls day last Friday.*



## FROM FATHER MATT

### Holy Orders

With several boys receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion this weekend, my hope is that one of them goes on to become a priest. Time will tell but it's important to be open to the will of God and God calls who he wants, when he wants.

It's true that we need priests and in the future we will still need priests so we pray for them asking God that His will be done whatever it may be.

With this in mind, this is something of what the Catechism teaches about the Sacrament of Holy Orders regarding the Priesthood:

**1536** *Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time: thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: episcopate, presbyterate, and diaconate.*

**1552** *The ministerial priesthood has the task not only of representing Christ - Head of the Church - before the assembly of the faithful, but also of acting in the name of the whole Church when presenting to God the prayer of the Church, and above all when offering the Eucharistic sacrifice.*

**1565** *Through the sacrament of Holy Orders priests share in the universal dimensions of the mission that Christ entrusted to the apostles. The spiritual gift they have received in ordination prepares them, not for a limited and restricted mission, "but for the fullest, in fact the universal mission of salvation 'to the end of the earth, prepared in spirit to preach the Gospel everywhere."*

**1566** *"It is in the Eucharistic cult or in the Eucharistic assembly of the faithful (synaxis) that they exercise in a supreme degree their sacred office; there, acting in the person of Christ and proclaiming his mystery, they unite the votive offerings of the faithful to the sacrifice of Christ their head, and in the sacrifice of the Mass they make present again and apply, until the coming of the Lord, the unique sacrifice of the New Testament, that namely of Christ offering himself once for all a spotless victim to the Father." From this unique sacrifice their whole priestly ministry draws its strength.*

**1581** *This sacrament configures the recipient to Christ by a special grace of the Holy Spirit, so that he may serve as Christ's instrument for his Church. By ordination one is enabled to act as a representative of Christ, Head of the Church, in his triple office of priest, prophet, and king.*

**1582** *As in the case of Baptism and Confirmation this share in Christ's office is granted once for all. The sacrament of Holy Orders, like the other two, confers an indelible spiritual character and cannot be repeated or conferred temporarily.*

Blessings  
Fr. Matt

### **FAMILY WEEKEND 2018**

Family Weekend, Hamilton, 9-11 November 2018 - Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Registrations are open! [Familyweekend.cdh.nz](http://Familyweekend.cdh.nz)  
\$95 for the whole family