

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2018

First Reading Daniel 12: 1 - 3

Some will wake to everlasting life, some to shame and disgrace
 'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The word of the Lord

Psalm: 15(16):5,8-11

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11 -14;18

When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin-offerings

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Mark 13:24-32

The stars will fall from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.'

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 25 November 2018

First Reading Daniel 7: 13-14, Psalm 92:1-2,5, Second Reading Revelation 1:5 - 8, Gospel John 18:33b - 37

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Panui 36 - 16 November 2018

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

"Herein lies the weakness of the Lord's plan, for his plan is dependent on us and our 'yes'. We are called to be like Mary, to trust in our 'yes', and be generous in giving of ourselves"

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

To the following 10 students on being confirmed this weekend and receiving their first Holy Communion:

- Carta Macrae,
- Ruby Walker,
- Edward Penny,
- Ben Morris—Wilson,
- Bree Dunlop
- Kynze Dunlop,
- Corban Dunlop,
- Lachlan O'Rourke
- Archie Phillips
- Ebony Phillips

REGENERATION



MRS. DOWNEY'S NOTES ...

Kia Ora Koutou te Whanau

Sacramental Programme: The school and parish family had a very special day on Sunday as 10 students were confirmed and received Eucharist for the first time.

Their immediate family and extended family members came to celebrate this day along with the students nominated sponsor. The students all met Bishop Steve prior to the Mass and each one of them looked absolutely fantastic!

This is a parish based programme and as such is supported by the parish. I would like to thank particularly Mrs Eileen Burton for making the plaque for the cake, Janelle and Neil Maranan for coming to help with the meal and the classes, Sharon Mason for baking the cake and helping with the meal and classes also. Josh Aguilar took the photos on the day, thank you Josh. Anita Bailey has access to these for the families - please contact her for a copy.

Father Joe and Father Matt, thank you for your support and advice as Anita Bailey and myself prepared the children. Thank you to the parents who supported their child's decision to make this very important next step in their spiritual lives. Please try to bring the children to Mass on a Sunday.

Finally, thanks to the students who were so enthusiastic to learn more about their faith. You came along willingly and happy to learn. Well done and God Bless you all.

Catholic Character Review: This review has now been finalised. The draft report has been looked over by the Board and the final report is now available for the community to view.

This will be shortly put up on the website and a copy of it is available at the office front desk.

It is an extremely positive report of four dimensions of a Catholic School

(1) Encounter with Christ (2) Growth in Knowledge (3) Christian Witness (4) Stewardship of its Catholic Identity.

Reading the report does give quite a clear understanding of the spiritual practices in the school that support the four dimensions.

"Led by the student leaders, the whole school community participated in the whakatau, prayed the liturgy and sang their special Mary Mackillop song"

"The warmth of relationships among students and staff, the presence of modern symbols and artwork throughout the school reflect a living spirituality"

Athletics Day: What a fabulous day we had. The students were fantastic, the parent were always there to assist with the field and track events. Thank you to those who stayed and helped pack up - which needed to be quick due to impending rain.

A special thank you to the staff athletics organising team, Mrs Pip Were, Mrs Monique Needham and Mrs Cat Kearins. These teachers organised the skills sessions and the run sheet on the day ably supported by the rest of the staff. We consider ourselves 'team' but assign staff members to organise specific events throughout the year.

Thank you Pip, Monique and Cat for superb planning. All the best to our Interschool Athletics Team next week.

St Joseph's Got Talent: This event is a once a year opportunity for us all to smile, have a bit of fun and enjoy our children from an arts perspective. I value the way the Mrs Kenzi Larsen gives the students ownership of the evening and how the students respond to this opportunity.

Thank you Kenzi for framing up the evening and having the confidence in the students to fill the evening with improvised oral language.

The staff thoroughly enjoyed preparing their 'Sister Act'. It often does not take much fun from adults to see children's faces light up and have a laugh.

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."*

Hamilton Diocese Principals: I will be meeting with these Principals today and tomorrow at Campion College in Gisborne. A highlight will be looking over the recent rebuild of Campion College.

See you Monday

Have a great weekend, Nga mihi nui

Suzanne



DIOCESE SNIPPETS

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, PRIESTS AND DEACONS

Offered on Tuesday 20th November 2018 at 11am in Saint Patrick's Church, Te Awamutu, followed immediately afterwards by Blessing of Graves at Ohaupo Catholic Cemetery.

All people of the Diocese and others of good will are invited.



KETE KORERO

The latest issue November 2018-January 2019 is available now at the back of the church.

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/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/UCqgfwCqh8NbWENaNQHQGQbA>

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



JOB VACANCY AT THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF HAMILTON : DIOCESAN YOUTH WORKER

Do you love Jesus and His Church? Do you have a passion for young people? Are you passionate about evangelisation? The Diocesan Youth Worker role is a full time position that focuses on supporting parish youth groups, coordinating events, and forming young people. For an application and job description please email alex@cdh.org.nz . Applications close 19 November 2018

SAFEGUARDING - CARE AND PROTECTION OF THOSE AT MOST RISK OF HARM

Newly published national guidelines and standards are now available for viewing on our diocesan website at www.cdh.org.nz under the "Confronting Abuse" section. Any query, please contact Deacon Peter Richardson on 07 856 6989 email : peterr@cdeh.org.nz

FROM FATHER MATT ...

As we journey throughout November we are reminded that Sunday Mass is our most important prayer and one of the most efficacious ways of helping the Holy Souls. It's a very good thing to remember our dead at Mass. Even more than this, Sunday is the day that we remember, reflect on and rejoice in, the Resurrection. Not surprisingly the most important time of our week, every week, is that of Sunday Mass. As the source and submit of our faith, Sunday Mass takes priority over all sporting, social or civic commitments. It's at the heart of our liturgical prayer life. It's good for us to reflect on what it is the Church teaches us about Sunday Mass. To that end, below is some of what Jesus, through his Church, teaches us.

Blessings
Fr. Matt

2180 The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass." "The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day."

2181 The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.

1385 To respond to this invitation we must *prepare ourselves* for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: "*Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself.*" Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion.

1386 Before so great a sacrament, the faithful can only echo humbly and with ardent faith the words of the Centurion: "*Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed.*"



PARISH NEWS

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP

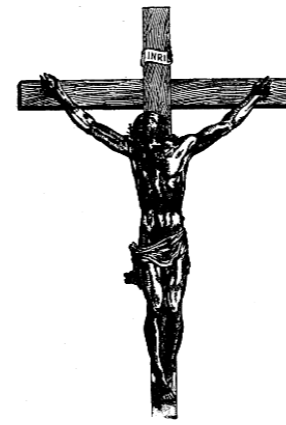
Come along and have a look at the readings for the forthcoming Sunday. Every Monday at 7pm in the Presbytery. Any queries please contact Fr. Matt 027 3023154

HILLVIEW

Some of St Joseph's students who helped at the church services in September enjoyed the volunteers afternoon tea.

PARISH LUNCH

There will be no Parish Lunch in December, the next one will



Religious Education



We have had some lovely events over the past week. Here is some of the students reflections of the events:

REGENERATION

'At this event we had a Mass in the Cathedral, followed by an event with an amazing american speaker / comedian. His name was Chris Padgett. Honestly I had so much fun. There was activities, singalongs, dancing, flying lollies, and so much more. There were heaps of Catholic schools from the Waikato diocese who were quite similar to us. Chris Padgett gave us heaps of messages about God and how we need to be brave when admitting we need help to connect with God. By explaining how God helps us all the time, Chris helped us understand God in a fun festive way :) There were some interesting people that we didn't even know and they made us laugh so so so much.' -Zara

My experience with the Regeneration was unforgettable. I enjoyed the activities that they came up with and meeting new people. We went to the Cathedral first, and had Mass with Bishop Steve Lowe. When we had finished, the different schools entered the 'Gerry Sullivan' centre. The beginning was chaotic, we had a Just Dance! Activity, we were so hyped to the point where we became exhausted when the hypeness died down. As soon as everyone calmed down we had a man, from New York (also known as the big apple) named Chris Padgett that talked to us. The way he talked to us was intense. It was funny then serious, then funny again. But something that he said, stayed in my mind for a long time; love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. I felt that saying with my soul. Thank you Mrs Downey for letting us experience this. I am very grateful. - Catholic Character, Kiersten

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

I went to school and into Room Two to meet the Bishop with Archie, Ruby, Ben, Lachlan, Carta, Bree, Corban, Kynze, and Edward. The Bishop had a pink hat on his head and greeted us all with a smile. Then the Mass started and Archie read his reading and I read the Psalm. After the Gospel, the Bishop invited the group up for his homily and then we answered the I do questions. Once the prayers of the faithful had finished we went up in order with our sponsors to be given the oil of chrism and say some words. Soon we all went up for communion for the first time, I felt good and happy. After Mass people had to serve us food. I loved the day, it was great. - Ebony Phillips

ST VINCENT DE PAUL BROWN BAG APPEAL

We will again run the annual Christmas brown bag appeal in partnership with St Vincent De Paul for Advent. For two weeks in December we will be asking students, Staff and parishioners to bring in items to fill the bags which will then be forwarded to the local foodbank.

We have 20 bags to fill!



November (Month to pray for the Holy Souls)

Prayer for those who have died

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace, may they rest in peace.

STUDENTS' WRITING

"Last Wednesday St Joseph's played Miniball against Piopio Mustangs. We won. The score was 38 to 24. Hannah's favourite part was when she got a goal. Malia's favourite part was when we all had fun and enjoyed it."

By Malia Bourke and Hannah Leineweber - Room 1

"On Monday last week St Joseph's Bears played Piopio Tigers. The score was 5 to 2. We won. Malia's favourite part was when she nearly got a try but her knee hit the ball out of her hands, so it was ball to ground. Hannah's

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

TE KUITI AMATEUR ATHLETICS CLUB - REMINDER!!

The Club started on 2 November and will run for 6 weeks every Wednesday and Friday. Club nights are weather dependant and the final evening will be Friday, 7 December. The season will recommence in Term 1, 2019.



ATTENDANCE:

If your child is not going to be at school for any reason, please call 878 8190/3 and in case of no answer please leave a message, e mail, text on 027 878 8190 or send through an absence notice from the website. Thank you.



PARENT EVENING - THANK YOU!!

To those parents who attended the Science Parent evening last week. We hope you had an informative and fun evening with Anne.



PHOTOLIFE: SPORTS PHOTOS

It would be much appreciated if you could have your sports photo order forms and the correct cash to the office by **16 November 2018** in order to send it off and have the photos before the end of the year. The proofs are up in the school corridor and the photos are \$15.00 each. Thank you



WHAT'S HAPPENING FOR THE REST OF THE TERM:

November

21 - 22: Room 1 Camp
23: Interschool Athletics
30: Maniapoto Festival

December

3 - 7 December: Wellington Trip
6: Road Patrol Rewards Day
12: End of Year Mass at 9.30am,
Nativity Play at 11.30am
Amazing Race at 3.30pm
Leavers Dinner at 6pm
14: End of Year Assembly
17: Last day for Buses
18: Last Day for students for 2018



ST JOSEPH'S ALUMNI

Last week at the Senior Prize giving ceremony at Te Kuiti High School, 3 of our past students were appointed leaders for 2019. They are Caleb Davey as Head Boy, Isabel Mans as Head girl and David Henderson as Deputy Head Boy. Congratulations to all of you and good luck to you in your new roles.



MINIBALL

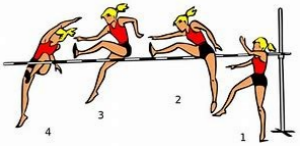
St Joseph's Magic won the Midgets A Grade in Miniball. Congratulations to the whole team.



SPORTS NEWS

Athletics Day 2018

St Joseph's held their annual Athletics Day at Te Kuiti High School on Friday 9th of November. During the morning all of the students participated in the field events: shot put, discus, middle distance, hurdles and long jump. Due to the weather looking like it might pack in, we decided to continue straight into the sprint races. The students began battling it out in their 50m, 80m, and 100m races. There was fierce competition as children sprinted as hard as their legs would carry them over the finish line.



Next was the house relay races - junior, senior and the ultimate relay. Finally, the last race was in sight: The Year 8 students vs parents and this year the high school student helpers put a team in too. The students were set and the parents were too. "Take your marks, get set, GO", the runners were off like a shot, spectators cheered, the race was close with the parents having a slight lead, until a stumble from one of the parents. This was a game changer and crossing the finishing line just ahead of the parents were the Year 8's. WHAT AN AWESOME DAY!

I would like to thank all of the parents who helped to set up and tidy up at the end, the parents who helped to look after year groups, the parents who helped the teachers at the events and especially the amazing Te Kuiti High School students who helped the teachers during the morning. Lastly, I'd like to thank the teachers who prepared the students athletic skill set and put in so much effort into making the day fantastic. THANK YOU ALL!



It was great to see so many parents, grandparents, family, and friends watching and cheering on all of the students. The support and encouragement helps to build morale and positivity. Every student put in 100% effort into all of their events. Speaking for all of the teachers, we were extremely proud of every single student - you are all STARS!

ATHLETICS DAY RESULTS 2018

Overall winner per year group:

Year 8 Boy:

Ben Hedley

Year 7 Boy:

Mitchell Hedley

Year 6 Boy:

Corban Dunlop

Year 5 Boy:

Kees Neustroski

Year 4 Boy:

Luke Riley

Year 3 Boy:

Elijah Kearins and

Siaki Bourke

Year 2 Boy:

Noah Murrell

Year 1 Boy:

Oliver Tupou

Year 0 Boy:

Levi Morehu

Year 8 Girl:

Breeana Macrae

Year 7 Girl:

Jasmine Holmes

Year 6 Girl:

Zoe Rawles

Year 5 Girl:

Libby Kearins Te Whare

Year 4 Girl:

Malia Bourke

Year 3 Girl:

Hollie Kirkland

Year 2 Girl:

Carlee Rendall

Year 1 Girl:

Mia Kearins and

Aria Bourke

Year 0 Girl:

Lily-Rose Morehu

HIGH JUMP COMPETITION RESULTS 2018

Here are the results for 2018:

Year 8 Boy: 1st: Tyrone Smith 1.23m

Year 8 Girl: 1st: Breeana Macrae 1.19m

Year 7 Boy: 1st: Uday Singh 1.30m

Year 7 Girl: 1st: Jasmine Holmes 1.14m

Year 6 Boy: 1st: Corban Dunlop 1.27m

Year 6 Girl: 1st: Zoe Rawles 1.14m

Year 5 Boy: 1st: Peter Lawrence 1.16m

Year 5 Girl: 1st: Libby Kearins Te-Whare 1.14m

Year 4 Boy: 1st: Luke Riley 1.12m

Year 4 Girl: 1st: Bree Dunlop 1.01m

Year 3 Boy: 1st: Siaki Bourke 95cm

Year 3 Girl: 1st: Charlotte Holmes 80cm

Year 2 Boy: 1st: Noah Murrell 80cm

Year 2 Girl: 1st: Briony Morgan 77cm

CONGRATULATIONS ON AN INSPIRING EFFORT EVERYONE!!

CONGRATULATIONS!
Pip Were