

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, 25 NOVEMBER CHRIST THE KING**

**First Reading Daniel 7: 13-14**

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalm 92(93):1-2,5**

**Second Reading Apocalypse 1:5-8**

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

*The word of the Lord*

**Gospel John 18:33 –37**

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

***"Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this"***



**Readings for next week 1st Sunday of Advent**  
**Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 24:4-5,8-9,14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28,34-36**

# St Joseph's Catholic School

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**Community Newsletter**

**Panui 37 – 23 November 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*

***"We need to have courage to say, 'Why not come along to Mass, prayer group or a parish event with me?'"***

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



**REMINDER: INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS - FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2018**

Students have been handed notices with all the information regarding the Interschool Athletics at the High School this coming Friday. Please ensure that they are on time and dressed in their sports gear with enough lunch and a drink bottle. Please pick them up from the High School, unless prior arrangement had been made to pick them up from St Joseph's. Students going home by bus will leave from the High School. Thank you.

**REMINDER: WELLINGTON TRIP PAYMENT DUE THIS FRIDAY - 23 NOVEMBER 2018**

All the arrangements have been finalised for the trip. Letters have been sent home indicating how much each student need to pay for the trip. **Cost for the trip for parent helpers amount to \$300.00.** Please make payment for students and parent helpers into the following bank account:  
**St Joseph's School Board of Trustees / EOTC**  
**Account number 03 0449 0107422 02**



**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 at 027 3023154



**WITH HEARTS BURNING**

The latest With Hearts Burning meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday at the Presbytery. This will take the place of the scripture Group this week.



**RECONCILIATION**

Fr Richard Shortall SJ will be hearing confession on Saturday 1 December 2018 from 11 am in the Sacristy.



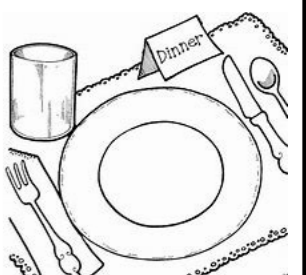
**BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING**

Our Board of Trustees will be meeting on Thursday, 29th November. We will have two guest speakers, one at 5.30 pm and the other at 6pm.



**LEAVERS DINNER**

Our leavers dinner will be held on the 12th December at the Panorama Motor Inn. Parents of Year 8 students are invited to join staff and Year 8 students for the evening. **The supper will cost \$42.00 per adult and it is payable to the Panorama on the night. Please take note - this cost will not be collected by the school as was the case in the past.** Meals for the students are paid out of Alumni donations.





## PLEASE TAKE NOTE ...

### MANIAPOTO FESTIVAL - KAPA HAKA - FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2018

Our students have been practising hard and are looking forward to the festival next Friday, 30 November.

The festival will run for the whole day. We have not been provided with a programme yet, so we are unable to advise when our school will be performing.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO SHYLA!

"During the weekend I had the 2018 IDC concert. This year's theme was Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. This year I had 12 dances. 6 of them were hip hop. 4 of them were jazz and 2 were mixed with both styles. At prize giving I got a trophy. It was for Most Committed Dancer of the whole company. At the end of the day I thought we did well especially with the fast changes that the competition students had. It was an amazing 2 days."

By Shyla Church - Room 2



# Religious Education



This Sunday - **The Feast of Christ the King**, is a special one, and the last Sunday of the Church year.

On Sunday we remember that Jesus is King, Lord of all. In the readings Jesus uses the image of a shepherd who sorts out the sheep from the goats, so there will be a separation of people who have done good things and people who have failed to do good.



The 'collect' or prayer for the day says: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they bring forth the fruit of good works, may by you be richly rewarded: through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

This Sunday sometimes has been called 'Stir up Sunday'. The great cry 'stir up' was a reminder to congregations to get the Christmas pudding made in plenty of time to mature before Christmas. However, the prayer is actually asking God for something much more important. We are praying that God will stir up our wills, so that we might get on with doing the good works that he has planned for us to do.

In an age when so much is about how we feel, it is interesting to get another perspective. In the end, it is our will, rather than our feelings, that is the most important governor of our actions. Real love is not about feeling it is about choosing, by our wills, to do good to others even though we may not feel good towards them. Our feelings should not dominate our wills. And so we pray that God will "stir up" our wills, so that they will be in charge of us, doing what we know is right.

The good news is that the challenge which Jesus gives can be fulfilled by anybody. Jesus simply tells his followers to be kind to one another. Look after the poor, visit the sick give food to the hungry. We can all do this, and so we become a part of God's family.



Next week we begin the church year with the four Sundays of Advent.

## FROM FATHER MATT

### Indulgences

As we journey through November we pray for the souls who are experiencing purgatory. An effective way of helping them is through obtaining a Plenary Indulgence. But what is a Plenary Indulgence? In a nut shell the Church teaches that: "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." "An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin." The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead (Catechism no. 1471).

So Indulgences are very good things. The Church encourages us to make use of them. And as noted we can obtain them either for ourselves or for those in purgatory. It may surprise you to know, that we are actually able to obtain a Plenary Indulgence daily (but only one per day).

So how does one obtain a plenary Indulgence? The following are required:

1. Sacramental Confession. A single sacramental confession suffices for gaining several plenary indulgences but the mind of the Church is that confession within 20 days either before or afterwards suffices.
2. Reception of Holy Communion.
3. Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. As a minimum one Our Father and one Hail Mary.
4. All attachment to sin, even to venial sin, is to be absent. Obviously one has to be in a State of Grace
5. One other pious activity. There is a list of them published by the Holy See in 1968. Here, in my opinion, are the easiest 4 (a-d). Note: **one** of the following.

**a.** Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. A Plenary Indulgence is granted to those who visit the Most Blessed Sacrament for at least one half hour (together with the other prerequisites (constants) of a plenary indulgence. A partial indulgence is granted to those who visit and adore the Most Blessed Sacrament without the other constants or for any period less than one half hour.

**b.** A Plenary Indulgence is granted, if the Rosary is recited in a Church or in a family group or pious association.

**c.** Reading of Sacred Scripture. While a partial indulgence is granted to those who read from Sacred Scripture with the veneration which the divine word is due, a Plenary Indulgence is granted to those who read for at least one half an hour.

**d.** The Way of the Cross.

Must be done before Stations of the Cross legitimately erected.

14 stations are required. Although it is customary for the icons to represent pictures or images, 14 simple crosses will suffice.

A movement from one station to the next is required. But if the stations are made publicly and it is not possible for everyone taking part to go from station to station, it suffices if at least the one conducting the exercise goes from station to station, the others remaining in their places.

Those who are "impeded" can gain the same indulgence if they spend at least one half an hour in pious reading and meditation on the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Of Note, Pope Paul VI decreed: *A single sacramental confession suffices for gaining several plenary indulgences, but Communion must be received and prayers for the Supreme Pontiff's intentions recited for the gaining of each plenary indulgence.*

If this is confusing please feel free to contact me.

Blessings

Fr. Matt