

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY

**First Reading** 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalms: Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13**

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

*The word of the Lord*

**Gospel** Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*



**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 3 March 2019**

**First Reading Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8; Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16 ; Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Gospel Luke 6:39-45**

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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*

## MUFTI DAY AND BAKE SALE



**WHEN:** Friday 22nd of February

**WHERE:** St Joseph's School

**WHY:** to raise money for Room 5 camp to Whakamaru

**BRING:** a gold coin donation to wear mufti and some \$\$\$ to buy the delicious baking at morning tea.

### WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

#### FEBRUARY 2019

26: ALPHA SERIES - 7PM IN THE SCHOOL BASEMENT  
28: SWIMMING SPORTS DAY, BOT MEETING

#### MARCH 2019:

3: WHOLE SCHOOL MASS - 9.30 AM  
4: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM  
5: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM, ALPHA SERIES  
6: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM  
8: INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS - FOOD FOR OFFICIALS + PARENT HELPERS  
11: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM  
12: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM  
13: SWIMMING, PARISH LUNCHEON  
18: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM  
19: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM  
20: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM  
25: TRYATHLON

#### APRIL 2019

1: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM  
2: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM  
3: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM

### WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL KAITLYN!

We would like to welcome Kaitlyn McNamee to our school. Kaity is Mrs. Williams's daughter and Riley's (Room 5) eldest sister. She joins us in Room 2. We hope you will enjoy learning with us Kaity!



### THANK YOU TO:

The Lifeguards from the Waitomo District Aquatic Centre and Kenzi Larsen for helping our students learn about water safety and other swimming skills at the pools this week. It is very important to be able to be safe in the water. More photos on our Facebook page!



## MRS. DOWNEY'S NOTES

Nau mai ki te tenei pānui tuarua

**ALPHA** - the beginning. The first of this 8 week film series that explores the basics of the Christian faith, began on Tuesday. Many of our community whanau have been invited - you may like to revisit this invitation and come along **next Tuesday night at 7pm in the basement.**

The series is designed so that each night has an individual topic. There is a meal provided. Many of our parents talk to me about the 'values' of our school as being important to them for their children's development/education as young people.

Here is an opportunity to explore where those values come from - to look at the basics of the Christian faith and understand more fully the person of Jesus Christ who said 'I am the way, the truth and the life'. See you there!

**2019 Parent/Teacher/Student Learning Discussions** - Thank you to the 41 families who came to these discussions. If you would still like an appointment to see a teacher please phone the office and we will arrange one for you. I sent out a Google Form to obtain some feedback from the evening. We had 27 returns and this is a great start. This method of feedback is confidential and does help planning for future engagement with whanau.

73% of the respondents considered the discussions valuable

95% found the question starters helpful

60% liked the opportunity to share their hopes and expectations for their child/ren

97% of the respondents felt listened to

Respondents generally wanted the discussions to be followed up with another similar evening.

**Concerns and Complaints Procedure** - Following on from last time I would like to take the opportunity to share with you a few items from our **Relationship Management Policy**

- What is needed for a **Restorative Justice Pathway** to work?
  - \*An underlying belief by all of us, in the value of each person and the concept of human greatness
  - \*Family involvement for relationship-building
  - \*Classroom strategies that involve positive relationships and mindsets

**Mrs Williams THANK YOU** - Mrs Kelly Williams has for the last four weeks stepped into relieving in Room 2. Starting a teaching year involves relationship building and quite a lot of routine setting which leads to the overall tone and culture of the class learning environment. Mrs Williams finishes in Room 2 tomorrow as Mrs Kirsten Erasmus arrives from South Africa to take up her appointment. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Kelly for her enthusiasm and commitment to the learning in Room 2. I know the teachers and the students echo my sentiments. Thank you Mrs Williams - enjoy the water slide and shared lunch the students have set up for you today.

**Mrs Kirsten Erasmus** - Mrs Erasmus arrives today and will be visiting the school tomorrow in preparation to start on Monday. A home has been set up for her family, and the PSG have kindly donated food parcels and meals for them. Thank you to all those individuals who have so kindly stepped forward to make the Erasmus family welcome.

### Another Piano?!

Mr and Mrs Pivac (Ivka and Tony ) have kindly donated their family piano to our school. It is in the library. Mrs Pivac was very keen for us to have it as she herself came to our school as did her children, her brothers and sisters and her parents. They all were Beros'. The earliest Beros enrolment we have is in 1929. Every piano tells a story!



Kia pai tō rā whakatā. Have a great weekend!  
Suzanne

## FROM FATHER MATT ...

One of the things that the Catholic Church does is place huge emphasis on the Saints. Developing insights into the saints helps us to understand why and understand why this is so important. With this in mind below is part 1 of a good piece written by American Blogger Fr. Ed Bloom. Part 2 will come next week.

Blessings

Fr. Matt

### Insights into the Saints

#### 1. Saints Are Not Born Saints

A somewhat prevalent error is to believe that the saints were actually born saints. Nothing could be further from the truth. All saints are conceived and born with Original Sin, with tendencies or inclinations that they must overcome and dominate relying on their own efforts but especially the grace of God. Actually quite a few of the great saints had lived very sinful past lives before their conversion.

#### 2. You Are Called to Be a Saint

Often when teaching Confirmation I will ask how many of them want to become saints. More often than not, nobody will raise their hands. Then I ask them how many want to avoid hell and go to heaven and then all hands go up. Then I go on to explain that in heaven we have the Triune-God (The Blessed Trinity), The Blessed Virgin Mary, the angels and the saints. So, for you to go to heaven you have to become a saint!

#### 3. Jesus Commands Us to Be Saints

Listen to the words of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is our model and especially in holiness of life: "Be holy as your heavenly Father is holy." (Mt. 5:48) Grammatically, the tense is imperative, which means that this is a command from God Himself. If God commands us to do something then He will give us the grace to carry it out! Jesus said to Saint Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you." Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta expressed this truth succinctly: "Sanctity is not the privilege of the few, but the duty of all."

#### 4. Saints Come From All Over

Sanctity is not limited to one time, place, culture or ethnic group. Sanctity is open to all; rather, sanctity is commanded by Jesus for all. Leaf through an anthology of saints and you will find the most diverse backgrounds and experiences. Some are nuns; others are priests, Bishops or Pope. Still others are married couples, like in the case of the parents of St. Therese Lisieux — Saints Louis and Zelig Martin. Still others have embraced the single lay vocation like Giuseppe Moscati and Blessed Giorgio Frascati. Some have died very young — like Dominic Savio (14) and Maria Goretti (11) years of age. Then there are those who have lived long lives—Saint Alphonsus lived into his nineties; Saint Anthony of the desert as well as St. John the Evangelist most likely lived into their hundreds. Some died of sickness and many died as martyrs. Therefore sanctity cuts across and transcends time, place, culture, gender. All are called to become saints and all are given the grace!

## PARISH NEWS

### March for Life 2019 - Euthanasia and Abortion Free Aotearoa

We want to make the statement that all life, from conception to natural death, is precious and worth fighting for. Join the march on Sunday 10 March 2019 beginning at 1:00pm from Memorial Park in Hamilton. **#speakfortheweak** [marchforlife.org.nz](http://marchforlife.org.nz) If you would like to help advertise please contact [robertg@cdh.org.nz](mailto:robertg@cdh.org.nz) to be sent business cards and posters. If you would like to volunteer please contact [robertg@cdh.org.nz](mailto:robertg@cdh.org.nz) Parishes will receive a hard copy poster and some business cards.

### A Silent Retreat with the Virgin Mary led by Bishop Steve

At the Tyburn Monastery, Ngakuru from 6.00pm 29 March to 1.30pm 31 March. A suggested \$110 koha for food and accommodation. Bookings to Shona at (07) 856 6989 or [shonar@cdh.org.nz](mailto:shonar@cdh.org.nz)



**PLEASE TAKE NOTE!**

**News from your Parent Support Group (PSG)**

Our school fundraisers for this term are...

***The Duck Race at The Muster - Saturday 30th March and Family Night Market - Friday 5th April***

**Duck Race**

A booklet of duck race tickets will be sent home this week. Each book has 10 tickets to sell at \$3 each. Please return all sold ticket butts and money to Elmarie in the office by Friday the 8th of March. Due to a number of books lost being lost in the past, we have decided that if you lose your book, you will still be expected to return the \$30 to the office.

**Family Night Market**

Last year we asked families to donate money to go towards food items for our Family Night Market. This worked really well so we are doing the same thing this year. We acknowledge that this is an extra expense to families however please appreciate that this is one of the major fundraising events for the year and we really appreciate your support.

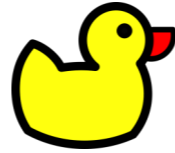
We are asking for a \$15 donation per family. To do this, please deposit the money into the PSG bank account **'Friends of St Joseph's - 03 0449 0123772 00'**. Use your family name as the reference. We would appreciate the donations made by **Thursday 28th March** please. If you would prefer to donate meat (mince, boneless chicken breasts or sausages) please speak to one of the PSG members. Please see Panui 2 for their details.

**Entertainment**

Last year we entertained the crowd with our amazing performances and we want to do the same this year. Performances can be solo or group and can be anything from dancing, playing a musical instrument, gymnastics to performing a short play. More details to come.

**White Elephant Stall**

Please start putting aside items that are in good order such as clothing, furniture, toys books, crockery and appliances. The shed will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3pm - 3.30 pm to drop off white elephant stall items.



**STUDENTS WRITING ...**

" On the weekend I went to BMX in Rotorua and Tauranga. Both days I had 5 races. My favourite race of the weekend was getting my first ever first place. I tried really hard and had lots of fun. I loved racing on the Tauranga track, it was the best. I won a water gun and a bag. Next weekend Riki and I are riding in the Te Kuiti Champs. Please come and watch us." **By Charlie Needham - Room 4**



"On Sunday I did the Weetbix Kids Tryathlon in Hamilton. First I swam 100m, then I did the bike and finished with the run. I enjoyed doing the Traythlon with my cousin Cohen and my friends Cam and Jackson. It was cool having all my family there cheering us on." **By Lewis Needham - Room 1**



**Religious Education**

*Prayer from St Teresa of Avila*  
Christ has no body now but yours  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours  
Yours are the eyes through which He looks  
Compassion on this world  
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good  
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world  
Yours are the hands, Yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes,  
You are His body  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours

**The Beginning of Alpha**  
Thank you to the parents and parishioners who joined us this week for Alpha! There was yummy food, interesting discussion and a thought provoking video. If you missed the session this week, feel free to join us next week!! Tuesday 26th February at 7pm!

**You are invited to join us for our**  
**Whole School Sunday Mass on**  
**Sunday 3rd March at 9.30am.**  
***Followed by a picnic and bbq lunch at the pools.***  
**We would love to see as many families as possible join us on this occasion to celebrate the beginning of the school year.**

**RE learning**  
*Room 4 has been talking about what prayer is and the importance of praying. Here is some of their writing about prayer:*  
  
I pray at school at prayer time and before bed and Church and at Assembly. I pray after computer time. I pray after dinner. I pray after a swim in the pool and when I get hurt. I pray at the beach. I pray by myself. I pray with others. I pray outside.—Matheus  
  
I pray when I'm at school and I pray when I'm in bed. I pray when it's time for lunch. I pray before tea.—Levi  
  
I pray when I am in nature. I pray for it to be pretty always. I pray with my photo of Jesus.

## SPORTS NEWS

### WINTER SPORTS AFTERNOON

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Winter sports are just around the corner, our dedicated Sports Committee has organised an afternoon for all students to participate in Rippa Rugby, Netball, Hockey, Football & a surprise Sport.

We are very lucky to have:

Scott Parsonage (WaiBOP Football Develop Officer) - Football Skills

Vicki Coll (Sports Waikato)- Netball Skills

Josh Standen (Rugby Manager KCRFU) - Rippa Rugby Skills

Stu (Waikato Hockey) - Hockey Skills

Sports Waikato Leader - surprise sport

Each of the five classes will rotate around the winter sports. This may help the students to make an informed decision about which winter sport they may play this season. Winter Sports forms will be sent home on Monday the 4th of March.

TIME: 12.30 - 3pm Friday 1st of March

WEAR TO SCHOOL: Sports Uniform - black shorts, black St Joseph's Sports top & sports shoes

BRING: a positive attitude and a drink bottle of water



### Swimming Sports 2019 Thursday 28th February

10.30 am Width Races in the big pool

Junior Roopu Relay Race Yrs 2, 3, 4

11.15am(ish) Length Races in the big pool

Starting with: Grand Roopu Relay Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8

12.15pm Room 3 & Room 4 swimming display in small pool

Lunchtime for width and length swimmers

12.45pm (ish) Length Races continue

2.15pm (ish) Roopu Relay - Senior Relays - Yrs 5, 6, 7, & 8.

Supreme Relay - Adults vs. Seniors

*Please note that times  
are approximate*

- Parent helpers are needed to assist with place getters and time-keeping.
- All children are to remain with their house group during the day. Parents are welcome to come and sit with their children on the bleachers.
- Students to wear their sports uniform to school.
- Please bring extra towels, food and a large drink of water.
- No public swimming in either pool, including pre schoolers.
- BBQ food for sale: Sausages \$2.00, Juices \$1.50 and Baking \$1.00.
- Waitomo Inter-School Swimming is on Friday 8th March. Adult helpers are needed to help out during this event - our school is rostered on catering.

If you are taking your child home early please let their teacher know.

Yr's 5-8 and all those involved in the relays are expected to stay at the swimming pools for the day.

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE ...

### PARENT HELPERS PLEASE! - FRIDAY 8 MARCH 2019

On 8 March the **Waitomo Interschool Swimming Sports** will be held at the Waitomo District's Aquatic Centre in Te Kuiti. Each year, a school is asked to support the event, by providing assistance with food for the officials running the event on a rotational basis.

This year it is St Joseph's School's turn to provide the food. We are asking for donations for baking - slices, scones, muffins etc. for morning tea and helpers on the day to help prepare and serve the food. The school will provide the ingredients for the food to be served, but we're going to need help to prepare the food. Please call or e mail the office if you're able to help with the preparation of the food and / or able to help on the day to serve the food. If you can help for an hour or so with either preparing or serving, it would be great. We do not expect you to stay all day. We're looking forward to hear from you.

Thank you.



### A MORNING OUT WITH THE WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY MAGIC NETBALL TEAM

Last week Friday, 15th February, Ebony, Jayda, Ngahuia and Zoe had the opportunity to attend a training session for Year 7 and 8 students led by the Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic Netball team in Otorohanga at the netball courts. The Magic players gave them valuable tips on how to improve their netball skills. Afterwards the netball team signed autographs, and our students had a free sausage sizzle! We managed to get a photo with two of the team's fabulous ladies!

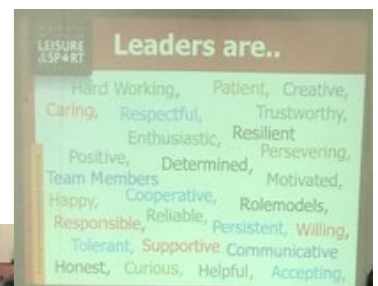


### LEADERSHIP DAY:

Last Friday, Room 5 students participated in a leadership day with Paula Dewar from WILSS in Hamilton. The students' mindset was challenged throughout the day by a number of leadership activities and games. Students learned to be an effective leader is really HARD work, especially when working with a large group of people that all have different ideas! A change in thinking began when students discovered new ways to include others and actively participate in group activities. Students listening skills were switched on!

Some words that stood out to use during the day that resembles a leader:

- Role modelling
- Leading a group
- Supporting others
- Kindness
- Responsible
- Respectful
- Patience
- Trust
- Encouragement
- Resilient
- Empowering
- Stepping up
- Perseverance



Room 5 had a super day and learnt ALOT!