

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, 3 MARCH 2019

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the
quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on
imperishability, and when this mortal nature has
put on immortality, then the words of scripture will
come true: *Death is swallowed up in victory. Death,
where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?*
Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power
from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit
defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always,
knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring
in vain.

The word of the Lord

Readings for next week 1st Sunday of Lent

1st Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 90(91):1-2,10-1;

Second Reading Romans 10:8-13; Gospel Luke 4:1-13

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one
blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into
a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher;
the fully trained disciple will always be like his
teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your
brother's eye and never notice the plank in your
own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother,
let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,"
when you cannot see the plank in your own?
Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye
first, and then you will see clearly enough to take
out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten
fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound
fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit:
people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather
grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is
good from the store of goodness in his heart; a
bad man draws what is bad from the store of
badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills
his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord



LENT
A SEASON OF REFLECTION,
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

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Panui 05 – 1 March 2019

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

THANK YOU TO

*Action electrical for donating 50
drink bottles to be distributed to
our winter sports teams.



WELCOME!

Mrs. Kirsten Erasmus
teaching in Room 2 - we
hope you will enjoy reaching
at our school! We also
welcome Bree Bryant to
Room 3 with Mrs. Boroevich! Bree is the daughter of
Debbie and Anthony Bryant. We hope you will enjoy
learning with us Bree!



NKC JUNIOR RUGBY AGM

Please take note this meeting will take
place next week Tuesday, 5th March at
6.30pm at Waitete.



YUMMY STICKERS

Please keep collecting yummy stickers
from your fruit or apple bags so we
can get some more free sports gear.
Sticker charts are in the bookcase in
the corridor. Thank you!



PLEASE TAKE NOTE: NO PIANO NEXT WEEK!

Mrs. Bennett will not be teaching piano next week due
to family commitments. She will be back in week 7.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS - 8 MARCH 2019

Thank you to those parents who, so far have offered to
help with the food preparation for the interschool
swimming sports next week Friday. We need some
more helpers to serve the food and are hoping those
parents who have
students in the
interschool swimming
team will be prepared
to help.



**You are invited to
join us for our
Whole School 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 oc-
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WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

MARCH 2019:

3: WHOLE SCHOOL MASS AND PICNIC

4: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM

5: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM

6: SWIMMING - 12.30PM -

1.30PM, ALISON SHANKS VISIT AT

10AM - RETIRED NZ RACING
CYCLIST

8: INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING
SPORTS - CATERING

11: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM

12: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM

13: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM, PARISH
LUNCHEON



PLEASE TAKE NOTE



COMING UP THE CHURCH’S CALENDAR....

ASH WEDNESDAY

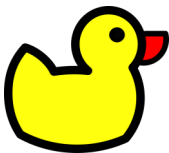
(WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH)



Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person’s forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Priests administer the ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year’s Palm Sunday Mass. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday. *(Information from Catholic online)*

DUCK RACE - SATURDAY 30TH MARCH - RETURN MONEY / UNSOLD TICKETS BY FRIDAY, 8 MARCH 2019 TO THE OFFICE

Thank you to those families who have sold and returned ticket butts. If you would like to sell more, tickets they are available at the office. 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.



We need helpers at the duck race and for our family night market so expect a call from our friendly PSG members to see how you can help out. Alternately, you can contact Kylie on 021 234 1998 or Belinda on 021 103 9158.

Family Night Market Friday 5th April



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. If you’re not sure who they are, call the office.

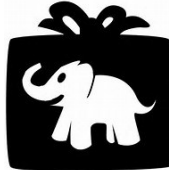


Entertainment

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.

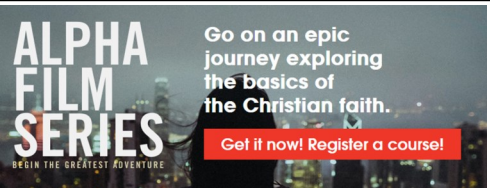
White Elephant Stall

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 for white elephant stall items to be dropped off.



ALPHA SERIES

Would you like to explore the basics of the Christian faith? Do you have questions to discuss? You are invited to join us...



Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. It is run over a period of 8 weeks and includes *a meal, DVD’s and group discussion*. There is no cost and there are no obligations. People for whom Alpha may be of interest include Catholics who don’t come to Mass every Sunday, non-Catholics, and all those searching for more in life. Each session will be run by Alex Bailey and Robert Garan from the Diocese Office.

Details:

Tuesday evening from 7pm-8.30pm. Started Tuesday 19th February, Location: School Basement. Questions/Registration: please see Fr. Matt 07 8786417 or contact Alex Bailey 0212284522 or St. Joseph’s School.

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. Here is part 2 of a good piece written by American Blogger Fr. Ed Bloom. Blessings, Fr. Matt

Insights into the Saints

5. Church Triumphant

The saints can be classified as being in the Church Triumphant. They have fought the good fight and they have run the good race and now they are in heaven crowned by God victoriously for having conquered sin in their lives and for having relied and trusted in God’s infinite grace and his fathomless mercy. Jesus said to Saint Faustina that the worst of all sinners can be the greatest saints if they simply trust in God’s infinite mercy.

6. The Saints & Their Help to Us

The saints can help us in many ways. However, two aspects of their presence can help us beyond measure. First, is their power of intercession. The saints can intercede for us before the throne of God and attain from God for us necessary graces to help us to avoid sin and practice virtue so that we can arrive at where they are now—the Kingdom of Heaven, the House of the Eternal Father. Second, the saints leave us from their lives a powerful example that we are challenged to imitate in our own lives.

7. Read the Lives of the Saints

It can be an enormous stimulus and motivation for all of us to read the lives of the saints. This will fuel our engines and give us abundant food for thought on the path we must undertake to arrive at heroic virtue and holiness and to become the saints that God is calling us to be! Why not read a short summary of various lives of the saints and read a few minutes every night before retiring for the night?

8. Qualities of Saints

When the Holy Father officially canonizes a saint, after the required miracles, the Pope is stating that this person practiced heroic virtue. Despite Original sin and possibly a sinful past, the saint has decided to give up sin and fight against it. But more importantly, the saint has decided, with the help of God’s grace, to practice virtue, better yet heroic virtue. This means that he practices virtue in his daily life constantly; not by fits and starts or only when he feels like it.

9. Joy & the Saints

One of the most evident signs of the presence of God in our lives is that of joy. The saints are filled with the Holy Spirit and are overflowing and effusive of joy.

10. Our Lady, Queen of All the Saints

Our Lady is the Queen of all of the saints. Our Lady is the most holy and the greatest of the saints. It is very difficult to find any saint that did not have a tender, loving, fervent and ardent love and devotion to Our Lady. May Our Lady’s prayers encourage you to become a great saint, starting right now!