

First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12,17,18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord

Psalm 26(27):1,7-9,13-14

Second Reading

Philippians 3:20-4:1

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord

**'This is my Son, the Chosen One.
Listen to him.'**



Readings for next week 3rd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading Exodus 3:1-8,13-15 ; Psalm 102(103):1-4,6-8,11;

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 ; Gospel Luke 13:1-9

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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

THANK YOU TO

Everyone who provided baking for the Interschool Swimming Sports and a special thank you to Pip Kirkland, Ebony Phillips, Gypsy O'Toole Parry and Jekheli Singh for helping on the day. We had wonderful feedback from the officials regarding our catering.



UNION MEETING FOR TEACHERS

Teachers who are members of the NZEI will be attending a union meeting on Thursday, 21 March to vote on the latest offer from the Ministry of Education. The school remains open on this day. If the offer is rejected then there is the possibility of a one day strike on Wednesday 3 April.



PLEASE RETURN WINTER SPORTS FORMS

Thank you to those students who have returned their winter sports registration forms. If you still need to return yours, please do so by tomorrow, 15 March. This will give the sports co-ordinators time to put the teams together and contact coaches etc. Thank you

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees have a few projects coming up that we would like to inform our school community about..... Firstly we would like to acknowledge the hard work Lizzie Rendall has contributed to the Board for the past 2 ½ years. Lizzie has resigned as of the end of January and her expertise in finance was invaluable and we like to thank her for her time and commitment to the Board.

The drinking fountains are currently under construction! Thanks to Neustroski Plumbing and Gas for getting these to us. We are currently in the process of having the netball courts turfed and hope to see some action on this front in the near future!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (CONTINUE)

The Board is working with the Diocese to undertake renovations to the school building, this is still a work in progress but will keep you updated!

Have you thought about being on the Board of Trustees? Elections are in May 2019 so if you are interested in becoming a member of the board come along to our **information evening on the 21st March at 7pm** to find out what it entails and to answer any questions that you may have. Feel free to stop and ask myself or any of the other board members if you have any questions. Nikki

OUR SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose soul of Iris Batley. May she rest in peace. Our sympathy to the family at this time.



INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL BUS

Please take note that, **any student living inside the boundaries of Te Kuiti need to have a ticket to use the school bus.** There is a cost involved and the school will pay this cost for Term 1 of 2019. From Term 2 onwards a fee will be charged for a ticket. Please let the school know should your child make use of the bus between St Joseph's and the High School in order for us to issue a ticket to them.



WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

MARCH 2019:
18:BIKE WEEK
19: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM
20: SWIMMING - 12.30PM - 1.30PM,

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE TRYATHLON

Please note that we have had to change the date for our TRYATHLON to **TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2019**. We will have more information about this in next week's newsletter. Thank you

SEVEN RUGBY TRAINING - YEAR 7/8 TEAM

Justin Dunlop will take this team for training on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school at 3.30 pm.

Please contact Justin on 021 344026 for more information. Thank you

NORTH KING COUNTRY FOOTBALL

In order for North King Country Junior soccer/football to be offered to our kids as a wonderful winter sport, a keen new bunch of parents is required to come on board and make themselves available to form the 2019 organising group/committee. A decision will be made on Monday 18th as to the best date for the AGM so it can be advertised in Waitomo News and school newsletters. Please contact Dede Downs on 027 485 3692 for more information. Thank you

TRUSTPOWER MANIAPOTO NETBALL 2019 REP TRIALS - Yr7, Yr8, U15, U17, U19

Trials to be held on Sunday 17th March at 9am and team selection will be on

Thursday 21 March at 5.30pm. If you are interested please e mail

maniapotonetball@hotmail.com. Thank you



Duck Race - Saturday 30th March

Thank you to those families who have sold tickets. Your support is greatly appreciated!! We still have booklets to be returned so please get these into the office asap. Due to a number of books 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. If there is anyone that has a few spare hours to help us to sell the remaining tickets at New World please contact Kylie on 021 234 1998.



Family Night Market - Friday 5th April

This is a fun, family friendly evening for our school and community to come along and enjoy food stalls, games and entertainment. We are asking for a \$15 donation per family to cover the cost of ingredients required for food stalls. 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.



Entertainment

Please talk to your children about performing at the night market and return the slip that was sent home if they wish to perform. Performances can be solo or group and can be anything from dancing, playing a musical instrument, gymnastics to performing a short play.



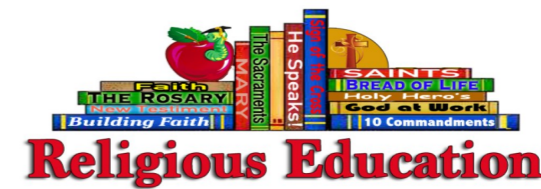
White Elephant Stall

The shed will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3pm - 3.15 pm to drop off items for white elephant stall. We would like items that are in good order such as clothing, furniture, toys books, crockery and appliances.



HELPERS PLEASE The PSG has endeavoured to contact all our school families but **we need more helpers for stalls at the Family Night Market. Perhaps there are grandparents out there who are keen to get involved. If you can help please contact Kylie on 021 234 1998 or Belinda on 021 103 9158. Thank you to those families that have committed to helping!**

A HUGE thank you to Warren and Tina Hitchen from Signs Alone who have designed, printed and put up signs advertising our Family Night Market.



St Joseph's Day—Tuesday 19th March 2019

On Monday the Church celebrates the feast day of St Joseph, a very special saint for our School. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop was the first Sister (nun) in the order of the Sisters of St Joseph. She and her fellow Sisters founded many schools throughout New Zealand and Australia, hence why our school is called St Joseph's. St Joseph was the foster father of Jesus. He was a kind, compassionate man who worked hard as a carpenter. He looked after his family and followed God. Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, pregnant women, travellers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people. On Tuesday, our school will celebrate St Joseph's Day by going to Mass at 9.15am and then some fun whole school activities. Please feel free to join us for Mass.

Prayer for my family

Gracious St Joseph, protect my family and all other families from danger, as you did protect the baby Jesus and His mother from the wrath of King Herod. Pray for us, that we respect, love and care for each other in our family as you were with Mary and Jesus. Help us to be understanding and forgiving towards each other. Most of all St Joseph, bring us closer to Jesus. St Joseph, please pray for our family. Amen.

FROM FATHER MATT...

The Stations of the Cross

The values of our society try and teach us that happiness comes from eliminating the cross in our lives. But God has showed us that happiness in this world includes the cross. And that there is no way to heaven without the embrace of the cross (St. Rose of Lima). With this in mind a very important prayer in the devotional life of the Church is/are the Stations of the Cross. But what are the Stations of the Cross? Well the Stations are a prayer. More particularly they are a prayer where one reflects on the suffering of Jesus over the last hours of his life that he experienced in what we now call 'Good Friday'.

Each Station represents an event. There are 14 of them.

- Pilate condemns Jesus to die
- Jesus accepts his cross
- Jesus falls for the first time
- Jesus meets his mother, Mary
- Simon of Cyrene helps carry the cross
- Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
- Jesus falls for the second time
- Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
- Jesus falls for the third time
- Jesus is stripped of his garments
- Jesus is nailed to the cross
- Jesus dies on the cross
- Jesus is taken down from the cross
- Jesus is placed in the tomb



Traditionally the Stations are prayed in a Church and one walks around the Church as part of this prayer. Along the walls of the Church are pictures of the above events. One starts at the first Station, reflects on the event and then goes on to the next one until all 14 are completed. The Stations, in my view, are an excellent way of growing in gratitude to the Lord for what he has done for us. The suffering was extreme and praying the Stations helps one grow in awareness and charity. In Te Kuiti we pray the Stations as a group at 4.30pm every Friday and in Otorohanga at 6pm on Wednesdays (along with the Rosary). All are welcome to attend.