

**First Reading Acts 13:14,43-52**

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalm 99(100):1-3,5**

**Second Reading Apocalypse 7:9,14-17**

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

**Gospel John 10:27-30**

Jesus said:  
'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

*The Gospel of the*

*Lord*

*My*



**Readings for next week 5th Sunday of Easter**

**1st Reading Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 145:8-13; Second Reading Apocalypse 21:1-5; Gospel John 13:31-35,**

# St Joseph's Catholic School

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**Community Newsletter**

**Panui 13 – 10 May 2019**

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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*

**LUCKY BOOK CLUB**

Lucky Book Club brochures went out last week. Please have your orders in by 17 May. We receive rewards points on purchases, which we use to buy new books for our school library. Please support the growth of our school library this way. Thank you

**RIPPA RUGBY - GIRLS ONLY**

An opportunity has arisen for all girls (GIRLS ONLY) year 7 plus, to attend a free and fun RIPPA RUGBY session next Wednesday after school. This will take place after school at the High School from 3.30pm for roughly an hour. This is part of the High School's 'this is me' campaign. Getting girls to participate in movement initiative. See the poster in the corridor. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Bobbie Dee Kearins on 0220964162.



**GYMSPORT - TERM 2**

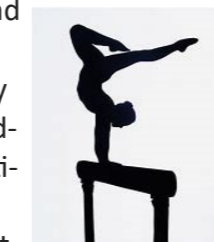
Coach Graeme Plenderleith (Plendy) will be running Gymsport sessions at Te Kuiti High School gym, Mondays from 4.30pm, during term two. Sessions are for children 8 years and older.

We will be looking at the possibility of a group of keen gymnasts attending the Te Awamutu Gymsport festival on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019.

A meeting of parents will be held at the gym on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> (following the session).

All interested are welcome.

Please contact Dede Downs if you have enquiries on



**ST JOSEPH'S CROSS COUNTRY**

Next week, on Wednesday 15th May, our school cross country will be held at Brook Park. It will start at approximately 11am. The following is a list of the **estimated** start times:

- 11:00am Yr 8 - boys and girls
- 11:30am Yr 6 & 7 boys
- 11:50am Yr 6 & 7 girls
- 12:10pm Yr 3, 4, 5 boys
- 12:25pm Yr 3, 4, 5 girls
- 12:40pm Yr 2 boys and girls
- 12:55 pm Yr 0/1 boys and girls

Children will need to bring a water bottle, packed lunch, warm jersey, and suitable footwear (sneakers, running shoes or soccer/rugby boots). Children must come to school wearing their sports uniform. The children could also wear their house colour somewhere too.

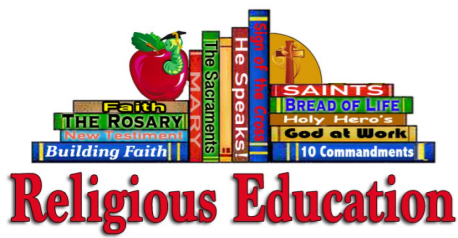
All Year 7 and 8 students will be transported from Technology to Brook Park in a bus. They will need to be prepared with all their gear when they leave school for Technology at 9am.

We need Marshalls on the day please. If you are able to help please contact the office.

You are welcome to take your child / children home at the end of ALL the races. Please let your child's teacher know.

The inter-school Cross Country (for years 3 - 8) will be held at Rangitoto on the 22nd May.

In the case of wet weather a decision will be made about postponing the event and you will be contacted by 8.30am. We look forward to seeing you there.



The Church is now in EASTERTIDE— so Easter for Christians is not just a weekend!

The Fifty days from Easter Sunday to PENTECOST are celebrated as “ONE GREAT SUNDAY” These are above all days are the days for the singing of the ALLELUIA.

The Fourtieth day after Easter Sunday the ASCENSION is celebrated



## IMPORTANT NOTE:

During Term 2 we are offering Baptism to all those students who are not yet Baptised.

To be part of the Sacramental Programme in Term 3 (8yr olds up) students need to be Baptised. Preparing for Baptism will involve 2 hours of instruction, that could be a group, if we had enough students. The sacrament itself could be as a group or individual families.

Please fill out the form below if you would like your child to join the Baptismal programme in Term 2.

Dates and times will be offered when we know numbers.

Please send this back to school. Phone Suzanne 07 8788190 or 021877861 if your have further questions.

We ..... (parental names) would like our child/children  
 ..... (names) to be prepared for Baptism.

## FROM THE PSG ...

Thank you to all the families who donated and helped at the Night Market. We really appreciate your help to make the night a great success. We raised \$6,000. A friendly reminder to any families that may have overlooked paying the \$15 contribution. You can pay to our bank account 03 0449 0123772 00. Thank you.



There are still tickets available for the Skids after school care raffle. \$2 per ticket, see Elmarie at the office.

**Quiz Night** - planning is underway for our fabulous annual quiz night. The theme is HOLLYWOOD. Help please, we need a licensed bar manager. If you can help please contact Kylie 0212341998.



## FROM FATHER MATT...

### Holy Orders

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and on this day we have a special focus on priesthood. Given this it seems like a good time to reflect on the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Certainly Holy Orders is the Sacrament that we see the least of. But it is vital to the life of the Church and the spiritual wellbeing of her people. Jesus made it this way. He instituted the Sacrament of Holy Orders on the night that he was betrayed and since that time the Apostles and their successors, the Bishops have ordained co-workers. These co-workers are called Priests (in the New Testament, Presbyters).



This is something of what the Catechism teaches about the Sacrament of Holy Orders regarding the Priesthood: **1536** *Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time: thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: episcopate, presbyterate, and diaconate.*

**1552** *The ministerial priesthood has the task not only of representing Christ - Head of the Church - before the assembly of the faithful, but also of acting in the name of the whole Church when presenting to God the prayer of the Church, and above all when offering the Eucharistic sacrifice.*

**1565** *Through the sacrament of Holy Orders priests share in the universal dimensions of the mission that Christ entrusted to the apostles. The spiritual gift they have received in ordination prepares them, not for a limited and restricted mission, "but for the fullest, in fact the universal mission of salvation 'to the end of the earth, prepared in spirit to preach the Gospel everywhere."*



**1581** *This sacrament configures the recipient to Christ by a special grace of the Holy Spirit, so that he may serve as Christ's instrument for his Church. By ordination one is enabled to act as a representative of Christ, Head of the Church, in his triple office of priest, prophet, and king.*

**1582** *As in the case of Baptism and Confirmation this share in Christ's office is granted once for all. The sacrament of Holy Orders, like the other two, confers an indelible spiritual character and cannot be repeated or conferred temporarily.*

Blessings, Fr. Matt