

READINGS FOR SUNDAY , 27TH MAY 2019

First Reading

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord

Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

Second Reading

Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord

Readings for next week Ascension Sunday

1st Reading Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46:2-3,6-9; Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28,10:19-23; Gospel Luke 24:46-53

Gospel

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord



St Joseph's Catholic School

St. George's Parish

Community Newsletter

Panui 15 – 25 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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Nominations will close on Friday,

24 May 2019 at noon. Please send us your nomination if you're interested in being part of our Board. If you need more information as to what is

expected of a board member you can contact the school on 878 8190 or have a chat to our current board chair, Nikki Taylor on 027 223 9073. You can also have a look on the NZSTA (New Zealand School Trustees Association) website - www.nzsta.org.nz



NOMINATIONS
ARE OPEN

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL!

We would like to welcome Cyan Descallar to our school. Cyan joined our students in Room 4 with Mrs. Needham and Mrs. Marich. Cyan is the son of Eduardo and Grace Descallar.

We hope you will enjoy learning with us Cyan!



WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

MAY 2019

28: MASS; CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY

29: PROPOSED TEACHERS STRIKE DAY ; PIANO TO MOVE TO 30 MAY 2019

30: PIANO; BOT MEETING

31: ST JOSEPH'S ORIENTEERING

JUNE 2019

3: QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND - NO SCHOOL

4: PIANO

5: PIANO

11: PIANO

CONGRATULATIONS !!

We would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Downey on the birth of their first grandchild. May he bring you many happy moments!



ST JOSEPH'S ORIENTEERING 2019

SENIOR SCHOOL YR 4 - 8

St Joseph's Orienteering for Year 4 - 8 will happen on Friday, 31st of May at Brook Park

Start time: 11am

Finish: 1pm

Year Group: Yr 4-8

Venue: Brook Park

So what is Orienteering all about.... orienteering is using mapping skills to find markers around a course of approx - 1-2 km. Each child will get their own map of the course. They will be given a few minutes to familiarise themselves with the key and to find each of these things on the map.

On Friday please send your child to school in their P.E gear, sport shoes and a change of clothes. Make sure they have a large drink and a packed lunch. **There will NOT be any food for the children to purchase.**

Students will be chosen to represent our school at the Aria Inter-School Orienteering from this event. The fastest 6 times with the correctly recorded checkpoints will attend in year brackets - Yr 4, Yr 5/6, Yr 7/8.

Parents are very welcome to come and watch, we need a couple of marshalls out on the course. Hopefully this might inspire some adventure racers in the future!



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.

Contact number

FROM THE PSG ...

Our annual quiz night will take place on Friday 6th September and the theme for this event is Hollywood.

This will be our last major school fundraiser for the year so we hope you will all get behind it.

We are currently seeking a **QUIZ MASTER**. If you are interested in this role or know someone who might be, please let Kylie know asap (021 234 1998).



We still have tickets left for the SKIDS after school care raffle - 1 weeks free before or after school care! Please see Elmarie if you would like to buy a ticket. Thank you Tash Kimber for your generous donation.

A big thank you to Shaina Downey, Pip Kirkland and Kylie Leineweber for cleaning out our school shed!



During the month of Mary (May) a good thing to consider, if we are not doing it already, is praying the Rosary every day. The daily Rosary is a stock-standard prayer in the lives of the saints. Below is a short (abbreviated) article from an American blogger that you may find enlightening.

Blessings

Fr. Matt

Reasons Why You Should Pray a Daily Rosary by Melissa Guerrero

Last year an estimated 30,000 people in the UK joined a growing list of countries (Poland and Ireland) and an American state (California) in consecrating their geographical homes to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Here are some reasons why you should consider adding the Rosary to your daily prayer time.

1. We need a break from chaos

News and social media are inundated with stories full of violence and strife. We see some of the worst of humanity on display and it often fills us with feelings of hopelessness, anxiety, and even anger. What a better way to combat those negative comments than by taking a break and focusing on the meditations of the mysteries? Yes, the problems will still be there. But taking the time to focus on something else often helps re-orientate our thoughts to the One Who can help us through chaotic times. As a bonus, you can add the intentions of whatever is weighing heavily on your mind to each decade since our Blessed Mother is a powerful advocate.

2. The Rosary can lead to conversions

Through a private revelation, our Blessed Mother showed Blessed Alan de la Rocha that “through the Rosary, hardened sinners of both sexes became converted and started to lead a holy life, bemoaning their past sins with genuine tears of contrition.”

Need an example? Blessed Bartolo Longo was a Satanic priest who converted to Catholicism thanks to his praying the Rosary! This is a powerful witness to what Our Lady can do for those most people would (erroneously) consider lost causes.

3. The Rosary can offer protection against temptation

Nobody is immune to feeling tempted to do or say things that may lead us in the confessional. Blessed Pope Pius XI said that the Rosary is “a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin. If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary.” Saint Louis de Montfort was so sure of the power of this prayer that he said, “Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood.” We can’t think of a better endorsement than that!

4. Rosaries helps children learn the faith

The Rosary is so simple (yet so powerful) that even a child can do it. As Saint John XXIII once said that the prayer is “a summary of the whole Gospel.” What better way to help your children learn the faith than by reciting the Rosary with them, as a family? If they are too young, they may start with only a decade at a time. They will soon learn about the life of Christ, even before they learn how to read! Whether you’re new to praying the Rosary or needed the additional inspiration, I hope this article has helped in some way. Praying this prayer isn’t the easiest habit to form for some people – Saint Therese of Lisieux famously struggled with it – but it is one worth your while.

