

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord

Psalm: 46(47):2-3,6-9

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

Readings for next Sunday Pentecost:

1st Reading Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103:1,24,29-31,34 ; Second Reading Romans 8:8-17, Gospel John 14:15-16,23-26



Gospel

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples:

'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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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

ORIENTEERING

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT THE ORIENTEERING FOR YEAR 4 TO 8 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED TO TUESDAY, 04 JUNE DUE TO THE WEATHER FORECAST. STUDENTS TO COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM TO GO TO MASS AND THEN CHANGE INTO SPORTS UNIFORM. STARTING TIME TO CHANGE TO 11 AM.

SCRUNCHIES

The scrunchies are here! They are made from the same material as the skirts our girls are wearing. They cost \$4.00 each. They look fabulous. Get them from the office!

YUMMY STICKERS

Please keep on collecting those Yummy Stickers! Sticker charts can be printed off from the Yummy website, should you need more. Find the sticker charts at <http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schoolstickerpromo> - **We do have some extra sticker sheets in the bookshelf in the passage at school.**



PLAYCENTRE OPEN DAYS

Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th June
9:30 – 12:00
Playcentre is a parent run early childhood education centre for children from birth to 6
We believe in Whanau growing together and encourage children to learn through play.
We also offer parents and caregivers a support network and strong community as well as free adult education opportunities.
Come in to see us for some fun and check out if we could be the right fit for you and your family.
Te Kuiti Playcentre 16 Ward St 07 878 8817

NO WINTER SPORTS THIS WEEKEND

Just a reminder that **NO Winter Sports games** will be played this weekend as it is Queen's Birthday weekend. We will see all of you back in action the weekend of 8th June!



WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

JUNE 2019

- 3: QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND - NO SCHOOL
- 4: PIANO; ST JOSEPH'S ORIENTEERING FOR YEAR 4 TO 8 STUDENTS AT BROOK PARK
- 5: PIANO
- 11: PIANO
- 12: PIANO
- 14: ORIENTEERING AT ARIA
- 23: WHOLE SCHOOL MASS
- 27: EDDIE ALCOCK NETBALL

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL!

Welcome to Peata Fagan. Peata started school on Monday in Mrs. Boroevich's class. Peata is the youngest daughter of Craig and Sarah Fagan and youngest sister to Cullen in Room 2.



Welcome to the Hutson family who joined us on Monday - John Vianney is in Room 5 with Mrs. Were, Imogen is in Room 1 with Mrs. Williams and Catherine is in Room 3 with Mrs. Boroevich.

We hope you will all enjoy learning with us!

FAREWELL

We say goodbye to the Dunlop family today. They will be moving away from the area. We wish you all the best for your future ventures and hope you will enjoy learning at your new schools.



MRS DOWNEY'S NOTES ...

Hoki mai ki te kura o Katorika o Hato Hohepa

Welcome and Farewell

Welcome to our school the Hutson Family, who have come from Saint Pius X in Melville this week. Jess and John have three children here at school John Vianney (R5) Imogen (R1) and Catherine (R3).

Today also we farewell the Dunlop family who move to farm in Wharepapa. Thank you Kim and Justin for the support you have offered our students particularly around Rugby coaching and class camps. Your willingness to put your hand up to help has always been appreciated. All the best with your new position.

New Grandchild arrives for Grandma and Gramps Downey!

I was absent from school for seven days in Napier to welcome our precious grandchild Reuben Niall Harry. Our daughter Sarah and her husband Aaron are so thrilled to have him here. It certainly has been a game changer for Andrew and I! I want to thank the Board for supporting my leave and in particular the staff for taking the reins in my absence. We have such capable staff and leaders. It is heartening to be able to step out and give opportunity for them to lead.



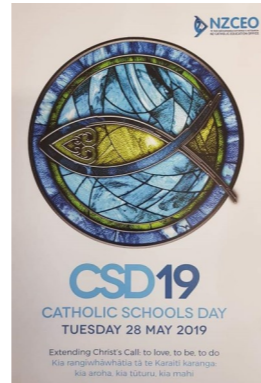
Catholic Schools Day

Catholic Schools Day was on Tuesday. We celebrated this by firstly saying the Rosary in the church. Orienteering followed, which was fun for the Juniors!

Each class then took a slide from the powerpoint given to each Catholic School by the Catholic Education Office and customised it to our own Catholic School environment.

I have included in this newsletter a statement of support for Catholic Schools written by the Associate Minister of Education the Hon Jenny Salesa.

Please take time to read it as it does highlight some facts about Catholic Schooling in New Zealand from the Government's perspective.



Board Elections

On behalf of our community I would like to welcome our new board members

Joanna Chaplin-Grey, Kylie Leineweber, Raquel Fuentes and Sam Needham.

The new board will meet for the first time with Chairperson Nikki Taylor, on Monday 27th June. The first full board meeting on Thursday 25th of July.

Please give these Board Members respect for the mahi they will do on your behalf.

Building Changes

Included in the newsletter is the plan for the building changes (page 5). These plans have been submitted to Council for approval and are now out for tender.

The tenders close on the 14th of June with construction beginning most likely during the next July holidays (this is subject to confirmation of course).

I will continue to keep you all updated as new information comes to hand.

We do however need to choose colours of carpet, lino, autex etc. I know we have some interior decorators out there.... we would love your help to put a scheme together! If you can help please contact the Office or Suzanne. The group will need to meet within the next 10 days. Please come and offer your skills to help get this part of the build moving!

God Bless
Suzanne

FROM FATHER MATT ...

Perhaps the most important homily ever delivered was by Jesus 2,000 years ago in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount. It occupies chapters 4,5 and 6 of the Gospel of Matthew. It was delivered in Galilee (presumably from an elevated piece of land) and is generally considered to contain the central tenets of Christian discipleship. Perhaps it is most known for Jesus' articulation of what we now call 'The Beatitudes'. These are 8 key teachings. Below is an edited article from Mons. Charles Pope who explains what they mean and why they are so important. The remaining Beatitudes will follow.

Blessings

Fr. Matt

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

The poor in spirit depend on God humbly and serenely. They are poor to this world because their treasure is in Heaven. As the Lord says, "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Matthew 6:21). With their treasure in Heaven and their hearts focused there, the poor in spirit are not obsessed with this world's trinkets. Their desires are properly aligned with what matters, with what lasts: God Himself and the eternal joys of Heaven. There is a great blessedness and simplicity to be found when one is freed of obsessions with wealth, popularity, and conformity to this world's constantly changing and distracting demands.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Those who mourn are those who are sorry for sin. They see the state of God's people. They see that many are lost, basing their lives on what can neither save nor satisfy, living lives that are misdirected and futile. The mournful weep for God's people, but it is not a depressed mourning, rather, it is a motivational one. By it, they pray and work for the salvation of souls. Their mourning places an urgency in their hearts to reach the lost, fallen, and confused. The text speaks of them as being comforted, but both the Greek and Latin roots of the word "comfort" have more to do with being strengthened and assisted than with being consoled and relieved of burdens. The mournful are given the strength and courage they need in order to address what makes them mourn and be strengthened unto the salvation of souls.



Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

The meek are those who have authority over their anger. Their anger is directed properly, towards things such as injustice and ignorance of God's ways. They are increasingly freed from anger over insignificant, egocentric, and fear-based things. Their proper anger is like a creative energy directed toward working for justice and the proclamation of God's truth. They inherit the land because those who work for truth secure a better future for the land and people they love. Of the meek, Scripture says, *And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in* (Is 58:12).

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

RECONCILIATION

Father Joe Stack will be here every **3rd Wednesday of the month** for Reconciliation/Confession from 6pm- 7 m. He is next scheduled to be here on June 19th.

PARISH LUNCH

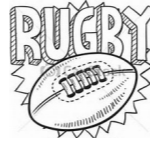
The next Parish Lunch is on 12th June.

SPORTS NEWS - STUDENTS' WRITING

" Last Saturday I played soccer with my team. We played against TKP. The score was 1 to 11. Hollie and I got player of the day. I had a great time and hope that my team mates did too."



" In the weekend Ruby and I played Rippa for the Cowboys. We played Piopio and we won. Aria got two tries. Te Arnu from Benneydale was the player of the day. Ruby's favourite part of the game was helping her team. "



"In the weekend St Joseph's Broncos played against Oto Vikings. On the first kick off Noah scored the first try. The score was 75 to 25 for us. Cruz got player of the day. Jayl is our new Bronco. We played in our new jerseys."

"Last week the Stallions had 3 Rippa games. We played St Joseph's Cowboys on Wednesday and then had 2 games on Saturday. We won one game and drew the other. I got lots of tries and rips. I love playing Rippa because it's good practice for when I play tackle one day. I was the player of the day. "

The Black Panthers played hockey against Piopio and the result was 6 to 2. the player of the day was Mya. Our coach told us that we had a very good game. My favourite part was when we got lots of goals. Next week our team will work on getting low and trapping better. "



"On Sunday I went to Piopio Pony Clubs Final Rally. I did bending, trying not to touch the orange line, balance the potato on a spoon, three legged race and let the pony find the lolly in the hay, call the pony with a carrot and tip water in the cup. Once it was finished I went over some jumps by myself and the Harry bolted on me. I lost my balance and fell off. But, I got straight back on. It was a super duper cool day."



"In the weekend I went to gymnastics. We go our leotards. We did the beam first then we did the bar. I had fun. I can't wait for my next competition."



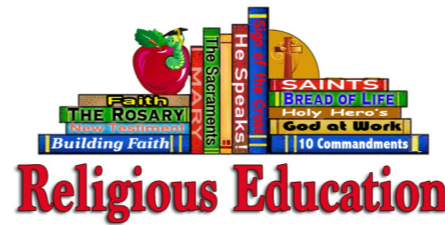
GYMSPORT

Coach Plendy is very disappointed to have temporarily suspended Monday afternoon Gymnastic activities because of too few kids attending. He is very keen to keep the club operating but we need more enrolments, 8 years and up: Mondays at 4.30 - 6p.m. at Te Kuiti High School Gym. Please contact Plendy on 021 140 7169 or gplendy@xtra.co.nz, Thank you - Dede Downs -Sport Waikato ph 0274853692.

KCRFU UNDER 13 DEVELOPMENT DAY

Come on down to Rugby Park, Te Kuiti on Friday, 21 June 3.30pm - 5.30pm **Everyone Welcome, ALL** Junior Rugby Players, Mums, Dads, Caregivers, Coaches, Managers & Whanau. The programme includes:

- 3.15pm Arrive at Rugby Park
- 3.25pm Players will be split into Age Grades
- 3.30pm David Galbraith, Sports Psychologist for the Chiefs Super Rugby Team, will address U13 players.
- 3.45pm U6 to U11s will participate in fun games & activities
- 4.00pm U13s will participate in skills & drills with some upcoming Chiefs players, current King Country Rams coach Craig Jeffries & players, former King Country Rams players and our very own Rugby Manager, Josh Standen.
- 4.00pm** For the adults, David Galbraith will present an inspiring workshop in the Waitete Rugby Clubrooms. This is a **not to be missed opportunity** to 'Unleash your Greatness' and learn from a man of David's calibre.
- 5.00pm Sausage sizzle at the Waitete clubrooms sponsored by The Lines Company – Proud supporters of King Country Junior Rugby



From our Profession of Faith

...On the third day he rose again in fulfilment of the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the

Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead

Jesus' friends still saw him for 40 days after his resurrection. Then he returned to his Father.

The Bible says it this way:

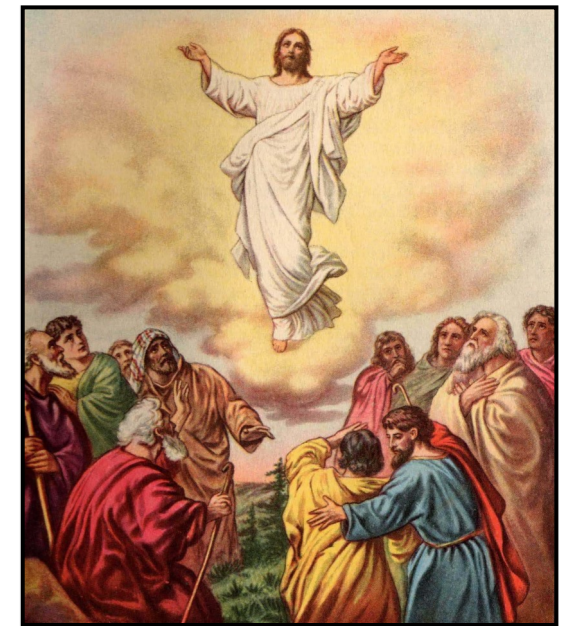
A cloud took him out of their sight. We Christians say: he ascended into heaven.

That does not mean that Jesus simply disappeared, or "had gone into space..

It is not a way as we know it here on earth...

It's a way from time into eternity from the visible to the invisible

He leads us out of the darkness of this world into the infinite light of God.



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

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

Hon Jenny Salesa

MP for Manukau East

Minister for Building and Construction

Minister for Ethnic Communities

Associate Minister of Health

Associate Minister of Education

Associate Minister of Housing and Urban Development



- 7 MAR 2019

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Dear Paul

Thank you for your letter of 31 January, received in my office on 15 February 2019, inviting me to provide a statement of support for the Catholic Schools Day you are planning for 28 May 2019.

Following is a message you may include in the publicity release for media, your staff, students, and their parents, caregivers, families and whānau:

Catholic schools, along with all state-integrated schools, are an important part of the New Zealand education system. There are 239 Catholic schools in New Zealand, catering for 67,000 students. These students represent 8% of enrolments across all schools. Many students in New Zealand enjoy learning at a Catholic school, and parents choose these schools because they know the school will provide a quality education that reflects their values and beliefs.

The students who attend Catholic schools are often highly successful in their academic achievements. They are also successful in many other domains. This reflects the time, effort and dedication of Catholic school leaders, teachers, non-teaching staff, parents, caregivers, families and whānau, and the students themselves.

The Crown has recognised the important partnership it has had with Catholic schools since the 1970s, when Catholic schools were integrated into the state education system. State-integrated education provides an opportunity for students to be taught the full *New Zealand Curriculum* alongside education of a special character.

It is the traditions of Catholic education that make Catholic schools unique. In an increasingly diverse and evolving New Zealand, the challenge for all Catholic schools is how they interpret these traditions for 21st Century students. I encourage all those involved in Catholic schools to rise to this challenge and consider what aspects can be strengthened or changed while continuing to emphasise Catholic education.

I look forward to working closely with the state-integrated sector, including Catholic Schools, to continue to ensure all students are able to reach their full potential.

I send my best wishes for a fantastic Catholic Schools Day in 2019.

Yours sincerely

Hon Jenny Salesa
Associate Minister of Education

