

READINGS FOR SUNDAY , 9 JUNE 2019

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord

Psalms 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

Second Reading

I Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord

Readings for next week Holy Trinity Sunday

1st Reading Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8:4-9; Second Reading Romans 5:1-5;

Gospel John 16:12-15,

Gospel

John 14:15-16, 23-26

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel 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

YUMMY STICKERS

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



LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Lucky Book Club brochures will go out this week. Please have your orders in by 14 June. You are able to order online, and pick up from the school or we will send it home with your child. 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



INVITATION : TO WOMEN AND GIRLS

Weekend Golf Introduction

@ waitomo golf club

Come out to the course through June from 1pm
Saturdays 8th & 15th / Sundays 23rd & 30th -
Have-A-Go

Try fun SNAG GOLF
CHIP AND PUTT
Or PLAY A FEW HOLES

FREE basic golf coaching session
Golf equipment provided
Get together and enjoy a cuppa after golf Enquiries
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WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

JUNE 2019

- 11: PIANO
- 12: PIANO
- 14: ORIENTEERING AT ARIA
- 17: BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: NEW MEMBERS
- 23: WHOLE SCHOOL MASS
- 27: EDDIE ALCOCK NETBALL, WHIKOI AT LES MUNRO
- 28: MAORI SPORTS DAY: PIOPIO

MATARIKI

Matariki marks the Maaori New Year. It's a time to reflect on the year gone by, plan for the year ahead, prepare land for crops and planting and celebrate new beginnings!

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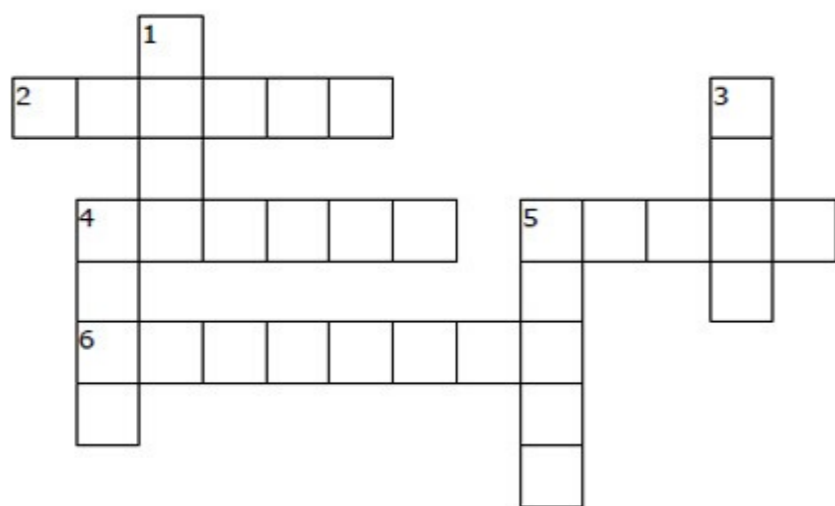
Religious Education

Last Sunday we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus up into Heaven. This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost. At Pentecost, the disciples received a gift from Jesus. They received the gift of the Holy Spirit to help them continue Jesus' work, to baptise and to tell others about God. The Holy Spirit is also here to help us, to guide us and to protect us.

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



ACROSS

2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
4. The place where God lives
5. Something that can be heard
6. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country

DOWN

1. A destructive burning
3. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
4. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
5. To say words, to use the voice

LANGUAGE SPIRIT	FIRE HEAVEN	HOLY SOUND	WIND SPEAK
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FROM FATHER MATT...

Continued from last week we look at the Beatitudes (meaning Blessing). They provide key points for living the Christian life and are from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. 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.

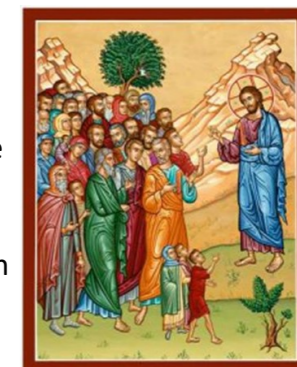
Blessings
Fr. Matt

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

A common human problem is desiring the wrong things. We often have excessive desire for things that we know are harmful for us while being rather disinterested in things that are demonstrably good for us. For example, things such as prayer and moderation seem burdensome and difficult to us while overindulging in liquor and spending our time viewing immoral or trivial material comes easily. What a gift it is to see our desires come into conformity with what is actually best for us, with what God really wants to give us! Those who attain to this gift of properly ordered desires are satisfied because righteousness and all it entails is what actually satisfies. These are the things with which we are designed to thrive and thus they give a deep satisfaction.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

To be filled with mercy implies that the Lord has filled us with His mercy. The merciful are first and foremost happy and blessed because they have profoundly experienced how merciful, kind, and good God has been to them. Having been filled with mercy, they have a joyful gratitude that in turn makes them blessed and happy. Because they are filled with mercy they are equipped to show mercy to others. It will go well for them on judgment day because the measure we measure to others will be measured to us (see Luke 6:38).



Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Greek word *katharoi* speaks to a kind of purity or chastity, being *one* thing without admixture of impurities or anything else. The pure of heart are focused on one thing: God. They want only one thing: God. This is a very great gift. So many are torn apart by hearts that are divided; they desperately want many things, often ones that are contradictory to one another. Oh, the gift to know what we want and to be free of competing demands, the gift to be clear and single-hearted in our pursuit! This beatitude is not only a gift in itself; it leads to the greatest gift of all: God, the very one for whom our hearts were made.

DIOCESE SNIPPETS

CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE CALLS STUDENTS TO SEEK OUT SAINTS

The Catholic Enquiry Centre (CEC) has launched a video competition calling on students to share the stories of 'saints' in their lives. The competition 'Saints Next Door' is open to young people of all faiths and denominations. To enter you must first register your interest. Registering is easy just visit the competition website and complete the online form. Registrations need to be in by Friday 23 August. Students then have until 30 August to submit their finished videos. To find out more visit www.videocompetition.nz or contact Joe Serci at joe@catholicenquiry.org.nz or (021) 321054.



Sharing Our World (A Message from Catholic Enquiry Centre)

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