

First Reading 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

The Lord said to Elijah, 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

Second Reading Galatians 5: 1,13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: *Love your neighbour as yourself*. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The word of the Lord

Readings for next Sunday:

1st Reading Isaiah 66: 10-14; Psalm 66:1,3-7,16,20; Second Reading Galatians 6:14-18, Gospel Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Gospel Luke 9:51-62

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

"No one who looks at the things behind him is fit for the Kingdom of God"



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MUFTI MANIA - 5 JULY!

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students, on Friday the 5th July there will be Mufti & Wacky hair day! Please if you are going to wear Mufti you need to bring \$2 donation for Caritas to donate to their focus for 2019.



There will be a prize for the best hair-do for each year group. So make sure to come up with something **WACKY!**

At lunch time there will be a sausage sizzle taking place, along with soup and baking! Remember to bring sports gear (if not in mufti), as we will be playing sports on the day.

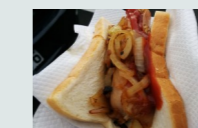
Thanks from the Social Committee and Staff

Prices:

Sausage \$2

Baking \$1

Cup of soup and bun \$2



MuftiMania 2019



Doputz Primary School needs our help...

Let's support Doputz Primary School in Bougainville (Papua New Guinea) to help them get their school back up and running through new water tanks, toilets, resources and classroom repairs.

START PREPARING FOR YOUR MUFTI DAY TODAY!

Friday 5th July 2019

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THANK YOU TO TOSHIBA AND ED SPORTS

Suzanne recently attended a Hamilton Catholic Principals Meeting. Two of the sponsors Toshiba and Ed Sports had a sponsors draw and St Joseph's won both draws. Toshiba donated a HP CHROMEBOOK which has now been added to our trolleys for the children. Ed Sports donated an interactive talking MAP OF THE WORLD. It was very exciting to be able to present these prizes to the students at assembly. Our school uses Toshiba for our photocopiers and Ed Sports for most of our sports equipment purchases. Thank you Toshiba and Ed Sports



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MRS DOWNEY'S NOTES ...

Hoki mai ki te kura o Katorika o Hato Hohepa

Yesterday the Whikoi Mo Te Reo was held in the Les Munro Centre for all of our Kahui Ako Schools. The kaupapa was around Matariki.

Our students performed a sequence of waiata and haka. Each one specifically chosen to represent our school and its special character.

One piece was written by Amai our tutor especially for our school - 'I Tuai Taku Whare'.

We are particularly grateful to have Amai tutoring our students and thank him very much for the extra time he has offered to prepare the students for yesterday's performance.

I also would like to thank Monique Needham for her coordination of the Te Reo/Waiata within the school. Integral to the school programme and performance has been Pip Were and Kirsten Erasmus who had costumes ready and laid out for the students. They, along with Kathleen Marich managed the props and the students on the day fantastically. Thank you so much for all the thinking behind the scenes you do to support the students.

Thank you to Mel O'Hearn, Jess Hutson, Joanna Chaplin-Gray, Kim Berry, Renee Pari, Sarah Riley and Pip Kirkland for assisting with supervision and helping dress the students also.

Your help is very much appreciated.

Thank you to the students - the ones that have had to put in the learning of the words, tunes and in many cases how to step up and start or lead the group. They are the real workers. We know that learning over all the curriculum subjects - to be life long and sustainable, learning needs to be taught well and it will have along the way 'learning pits' and 'learning peaks'.

The most sustainable learning always happens while students are in the 'learning pits'. The goal might be blurred, the motivation and enthusiasm low, the tasks perceived as too hard, too much work etc.

Research says that students who come out of the 'learning pit' are more resilient and equipped with more KEY COMPETENCIES than before and that while learning my 'fall off' over time the learning pit is never revisited in the same way i.e. progress is always made and the base for further learning connections is stronger than before.

God Bless
Suzanne



FROM FATHER MATT ...

Continued is an edited version of a very good article from Sam Guzman. He outlines 10 reasons why he is Catholic. I hope you find value in this as I did.

Blessings

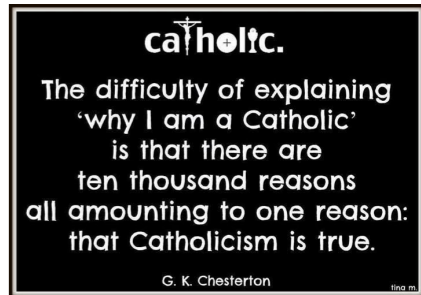
Fr. Matt

4. A Cloud of Witnesses

One of the things I always believed as a protestant was the saints competed with God for glory. That is, that honouring a saint would always and everywhere detract from God's glory. Since becoming Catholic, however, I have realized the wonderful truth that the saints do not detract from God's glory or compete with him for honour, but rather they magnify his grace and increase his glory.

The saints are stars in the canopy of heaven—the great cloud of witnesses scripture speaks of—guiding us by their example and helping us powerfully by their prayers. All the honour given to the saints is ultimately a reflection of God's ability to transform poor sinners into the most shining examples of holiness. Our Lord *delights* in using creaturely agents to accomplish his will. Simply read scripture and you cannot but realize the fact that God has always used frail creatures to do great things, and he always will.

Christianity is not just about "me and Jesus." No one is saved alone. Heaven is a *family*, and the saints are our elder brothers and sisters. As Catholics, we can call on these heavenly friends and ask for their prayers, just as we ask for the prayers of friends and family on earth, and they will powerfully intercede for us.



5. The Sacraments

Nearly every other kind of Christian thinks of the tales and truths of scripture as historical realities but not living realities. The Catholic sees things differently. Pentecost is not merely a historical event—it is an eternal reality, and we can experience its fire and grace today in just as real a way as the apostles did. The Last Supper was not a historical event alone. It is a living reality, even an eternal reality, that we participate in today through the grace of the Holy Spirit. When we attend Mass and worthily receive the body and blood of Christ in communion, it is not "resacrificing" Christ, but it is making present his eternal, once-for-all sacrifice on Calvary for us now. In fact, all of the sacraments are the eternal works of God, which we see related in scripture, continuing today through his body, the Church.

6. It's filled with sinners...

So you will fit right in! The Church is a hospital for sinners; a place where upon conversion human brokenness can encounter the healing grace of Jesus Christ. There have always been great sinners in the Church, but far from detracting from the truth of the faith, it rather proves that the Church offers a powerful remedy to the disorders of our human nature. I love how Oscar Wilde, a notorious sinner himself and deathbed convert to Catholicism, described the Catholic Church: *The Catholic Church is for saints and sinners alone – for respectable people, the others will do.*

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

PARISH LUNCH

The next Parish Lunch is on Wednesday 10th July.



Preached Retreats at Tyburn Ngakuru with Fr Carl Telford sm

"Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be." - St.

Thérèse of Lisieux

12-14th July - St Therese of the Child Jesus - <http://bit.ly/FrCarlJulyRetreat>

11th-13th October - Growing in Prayer St Teresa of Avila - <http://bit.ly/FrCarlOctRetreat>

To book, use the weblinks above, or phone Brigid Conroy on 07 856 6996

St Joseph's Parent Support Group presents

HOLLYWOOD

QUIZ NIGHT & AUCTION

LES MUNRO CENTRE
6TH SEPT 2019

THEME: HOLLYWOOD

DOORS OPEN 6 PM QUIZ STARTS 7PM SHARP

TEAMS 6-8 PEOPLE
\$90 PER TEAM

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Quiz Team Registration Form

CASH ONLY EVENT - LOTS OF GREAT AUCTION PRIZES TO BID ON!



Team Name _____

Number in team _____ All team members are 18 years or over. Please tick here

Contact person _____

Contact phone number _____

Amount paid _____

Payment can be made by direct credit to 03-0449-0123772-00 St Joseph's PSG Account.
 Please include your Team name or Contact persons' name.



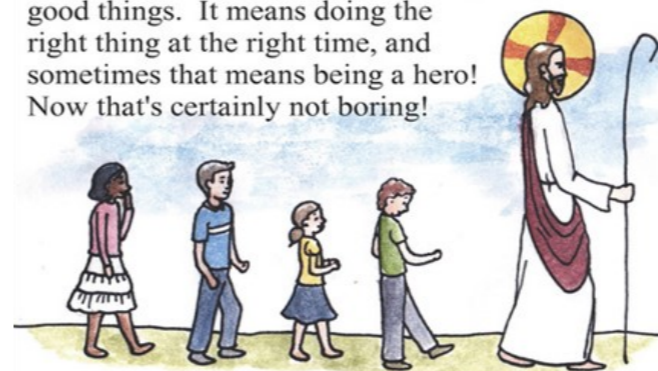
Religious Education

Follow Jesus

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus asks some people to leave everything behind and follow Him. Actually, God is asking all of us to follow Him! Does that mean that we have to start wandering from town to town preaching? No! It means that we should try to become holy like Jesus.

God calls everyone to be holy. Some people become holy as priests or religious sisters or brothers, but those are not the only ways to become holy. Kids, married people and single people can all live out God's plan for holiness by doing His will every day.

You might think at first that being holy sounds pretty boring, but it's not! Holiness means being like God. It means using the gifts God gave you to do good things. It means doing the right thing at the right time, and sometimes that means being a hero! Now that's certainly not boring!



13th Week of Ordinary Time:
 Luke 9:51-62



No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

Most Sacred, most loving Heart of Jesus,
 You are concealed in the Holy Eucharist,
 And You beat for us still.
 Now, as then, You say: "With desire I have desired."

I worship You with all my best love and awe,
 With fervent affection,
 With my most subdued, most resolved will.
 For a while You take up Your abode within me.
 O make my heart beat with Your Heart!



Purify it of all that is earthly,
 All that is proud and sensual,
 All that is hard and cruel,
 Of all perversity,
 Of all disorder,
 Of all deadness.
 So fill it with You,
 That neither the events of the day,
 Nor the circumstances of the time,

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE

REPORTS - IMPORTANT READ

At the beginning of Term 1 we held LEARNING DISCUSSIONS with our Parents/Teachers and Students. The overwhelming feedback from these discussions was very positive and requests were made at the time for follow up discussions.

We would like the interviews next week to be an opportunity to follow up on the Term 1 LEARNING DISCUSSIONS and the collaborative goals you set with the Teacher for your child in 2019.

The feedback also appreciated the STARTER QUESTIONS that were given, as suggestions to initiate conversation. The staff have formulated further STARTER QUESTIONS for these interviews.

They are below. Please read them through and use them at the interviews next week.

They will also be available on the interview days in the classrooms and we will publish them on seesaw for you also.

Here they are:

LEARNING HOW TO LEARN DISCUSSIONS MID YEAR 2019

Mid-Year reports are written to provide parents with a mid-year summary of the overall progress of your child. At the beginning of the year, we invited conversation about your child's learning styles and hopes/expectations for 2019

These discussions received very positive feedback.

You may consider using the following question starters at the interviews next week:

1. Do you feel that the progress of your child to date will enable them to achieve the hopes/expectations you shared with us at the beginning of the year?
2. How did your child respond to the report?
3. What are some of your child's positive learning outcomes?
4. Is your child experiencing any anxieties/worries about school?



STUDENT WRITING - YEAR 8

The Pond

The wind rushes through the tall grass, it makes a quiet hushing sound as it gently makes ripples and sways freely. The tall pine tree remains stable except for its weaker swaying branches. A pine cone can no longer hold on as the branch it rests on sways, the pine cone falls with a light thump on the golden brown pine needle covered floor. It rolls down through the swaying grass and into the rippling clear water of the pond. There is a light splash and the pine cone floats across the weeds growing at the bottom of the pond, like a parallel universe the weeds sway much like the grass outside. The cold depths of the reflective water, which gleams in the sunlight. The peacefulness of hushed sounds and the occasional pattering of a wild rabbits paws or the beating wings of a duck along with the rippled water and tall trees makes the pond a safe haven for all, including me.

Jayda Neustroski - Room 2

SPORTS NEWS

ORIENTEERING

We are very proud of our students who took part in the Orienteering at Aria on the 14th June 2019. We have received the results and it is as follows:

Year 7/8 Teams 1st place and 4th place.

- * Jack Were and James Loomans shared 3rd place Year 4 boys.
- * Ruby Walker 3rd place Year 4 girls
- * Ebony Philips 2nd place Year 7/8 girls
- * Charli Yates 5th place Year 7/8 girls.



ST JOSEPH'S BRONCO'S RUGBY UNDER 9'S TEAM

Bronco's currently of 14 players have been accepted to play in an International Rugby tournament 'Global Games', to be held in Taupo in September for 4 days and we are fundraising to help cover associated costs for the duration of the event.

Fundraiser 1= Oxford Pies: These are great freezer fillers for the winter season and beyond. Orders can be taken up until Friday 5th July and delivery date is Tuesday 23rd July. If anyone wants to order pies or buy tickets please approach any of the player's families or contact Keryn Herbert who is the team manager, 021 324 372. There is a range of yummy family size and snack sized pies.

Fundraiser 2: All Blacks Vs Tonga at FMG Stadium, Hamilton.

This is a must buy ticket. A chance to watch the All Blacks last game in NZ before they head off to Rugby World Cup. Raffle includes: 4 Tickets to the Rugby Test and a \$100 meal voucher for The Helm Bar and Kitchen. At \$10 a ticket you'd be silly not to try your luck! Winner Drawn August 7.

SPORTS NEWS - STUDENT WRITING

On Saturday, Waitete Under13's played Otorohanga Under 13's at Otorohanga Domain. We played them in a pre - season game and lost. This time we wanted to win. At half time, it was 12 to 7 and we were looking for a comeback. It was 15 to 19 with 2 minutes to go. We passed the ball out to the wing and I had the ball. It was 1 minute to go, and I scored. Corban Dunlop made the conversion and the score was 22 to 19 and the final whistle blew. We secured third place in the conference. "



"Last Thursday St Joseph's A team played Netball against Piopio College. We won 18 to 14. It was a great game, full of challenges."