

First Reading

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 32(33):1,12,18-20,22

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1,2,8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Be ready when Jesus calls..

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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

'Hi, my name is R ... "Hurry up!" Sorry I need to go practice our Minecraft production. Hey, you should definitely come! Okay, here's the first thing you about why you should (not should, need) to come. First of all the poor hardworking teachers and students have worked their brains out to get this ready for weeks and weeks just for you. That's right. I'm talking to you families out there! Secondly, it's an absolutely, positively, definitely, awesome, amazing production. Don't just ask someone random to do a boring play, come to St Joseph's Minecraft production! Last of all, there's scary ugly witches, terrifying creepers and growling wolves. You'll be blown away when you walk out the door. You'll be a new person. So, come on down to the Little Theatre and don't forget to bring a \$2.00 coin. You'll find out more on Wednesday and Thursday when you come. Wait, you are coming right?'

By Ruby Walker - Room 1



WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

- AUGUST 2019**
 9: PIANO
 11: SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME
 13: NO MASS
 14: PARISH LUNCHEON
 15: ASSUMPTION MASS - TIME TO BE CONFIRMED
 16: AGRICULTURAL DAY COMMITTEE MEETING
 19: TEACHER ONLY DAY



PLEASE NOTE!!
Monday
19th August will be a
Teacher Only Day
the school will be
closed.

PLEASE NOTE!!



AGRICULTURAL DAY COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting for the members of the Agricultural Day Committee of St Joseph's will take place on Thursday, 15 August 2019 in the staff room at 7 pm. Thank you



MRS DOWNEY'S NOTES ...

Hoki mai ki te kura o Katorika o Hato Hohepa

Production 2019 - MINDCRAFT QUOTES:

Gran: ... "and you lot have 'spiritual cataracts'! You're blinded by your emotions."

... "You mock what you're most afraid of. My strength comes from my faith, and you can't break it."

... "I just want a hand written letter or a phone call. I can't read those little textases!"



Scratch the talking Dog:

... "Why do you always pull me away from the 'best' smells when we're out for 'your' daily walk?"

... "*Scratch, why do dogs chase their tails? ... Because.. they're trying to make ends meet!*"



There are so many clever lines in the play that help the family realise that Faith, positivity, valuing special family time and having offline fun is so much more important than juggling time commitments and work and keeping on top of online dangers of the internet.

The whole cast have been amazing - learning all the time their 'stage craft' which is embedded in the Four disciplines of the Arts Learning Area of the NZ Curriculum.

We have learnt to

- understand the Arts in context
- developed practical knowledge in the Arts
- communicated and interpreted our ideas in the Arts



We have

- danced - integrated thinking moving and feeling
- used drama to express role, action and tension
- incorporated music - listening, responding and singing
- used visual arts - to communicate our ideas and concepts of minecraft.

As a community we can be very **grateful to our staff and the volunteer helpers** that value the Arts, and have been prepared to commit many hours of personal time to give the students' opportunity to transform their creative ideas into an expressive work that communicates meaning.

Ka Rawe to you all!!

Suzanne

FROM FATHER MATT ...

I read a very thought provoking article on gossip from Fr. Dwight Longenecker. I thought I would share it with you.

Blessings

Fr. Matt



9 Ways to Stop Gossip

"Respect for the reputation and honour of persons forbids all detraction and calumny in word or attitude." (CCC 2507)

Have you ever really stopped to consider how ugly gossip is? The reason gossip is stupid is because it almost invariably deals in half-truths. A person gets one side of the story and one portion of the truth, then draws the wrong conclusion and tells another person. The lie becomes exaggerated and is spread further.

Before long innocent people are drawn into a maelstrom of gossip, innuendo and downright lies. Here's an example. One day I was walking across the parish campus and asked a person what they thought about the plans to build a new church and wondered where we would put the parking. I waved to an expanse of ground and said, "We could put parking here." "But we would have to cut down the trees!"

"Yes, I suppose we would." Two days later the gossip made it around the circuit and back to me when someone confronted me and said, "I hear you are going to cut down all the trees on our campus! How dare you!" Now all of this would be laughable and sad if it were just a group of sad old ladies (of any age and of both genders) who had nothing better to do that prattle and gossip away.

The problem is, it is much more destructive than that. Gossip is like a hideous cancer. You cut it out in one place and it comes up in another.

So here are some ways to stop gossip:

1. Remember there is always, always, always another side to the story.
2. Go to the source. For goodness' sake, have the courage and grace and common sense to go to the source.
3. Give everyone the benefit of the doubt.
4. Shut up. You don't have to talk and tell everybody everything. Even a fool is accounted wise if he keeps his mouth shut. Talk half as much as you listen.
5. Challenge the gossip. Don't believe it—and say sweetly to the person, "Do you really know if this is true?"
6. Challenge the gossip harshly: "What you're telling me is filthy, destructive gossip! I refuse to believe it and I think you should keep your mouth shut!" (P.S. They won't like that.)
7. Fix your eyes on the truth. Why waste your time in silly, useful gossip?
8. Focus on others. Do you know why we like gossip? Because it makes us feel superior. We gossip negatively about others because you think you're better than them. So we would poison and destroy their lives to make yourself feel good for a moment. Yuck.
9. Pray for the persons involved. Lord Have Mercy. May the Good Lord Deliver us from gossip. AMEN.

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

PARISH LUNCH

The next Parish lunch is this Wednesday 14th August in the school basement after Mass (or Rosary) which is at 11am.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Father Joe Stack will be here for Reconciliation/Confession on the **3rd Wednesday of every month**. He will be here next on 21st August 6-7pm.

Some of St George parishioners who attended the St Lukes Fellowship Lunch



St Joseph's Parent Support Group presents

HOLLYWOOD
QUIZ NIGHT & AUCTION

LES MUNRO CENTRE
6TH SEPT 2019

THEME: HOLLYWOOD

TEAMS 6-8 PEOPLE
\$80 PER TEAM

DOORS OPEN 6 PM QUIZ STARTS 7PM SHARP

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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



THE FEAST OF THE TRANFIGURATION PRAYER

O Christ, upon the mountaintop you let the light of your face shine over Moses and Elijah. We ask your blessing upon your people who call on your name, who want to belong to the kingdom of light and life. Amen.

Painting by Lorenzo Lotto (c.1511)



Find happiness in making others happy.
 - St. Mary MacKillop

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19th Week of Ordinary Time Luke 12:32-48

Jesus teaches his disciples the importance of staying awake and alert always ready for the Lords coming keeping busy in mission we have been given.

Feasts this week:

The Transfiguration of the Lord 6th August

St Mary of the Cross McKillop 8th August

St Mary McKillop founded The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (Josephites) in Melbourne 1866. They set up schools through out Australia and New Zealand including our own St Joseph's School in 1923. She is therefore the Patroness of our school. She is currently the first and only Saint of Australasia.

Sacramental Programme
This Sunday 11th August
3pm in the basement



Remember we are all but travelers here.
 (Mary McKillop)

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FLOCK
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 PURSES
 HEART
 LAMPS
 BURGLAR
 STEWARD
 HOUSEHOLD
 HAPPY
 UNFAITHFUL
 LASH
 TRUST

STUDENTS' WRITING REGARDING SPORTS RESULTS

"In the weekend we played Oto. Me and Eaton got lots of tries. I got two tries. The score was 75 to 55. We won. I was player of the day. My favourite part was ripping."



"In the weekend I went to Ripper. We played Oto Boomers and they were very hard. So I tried my hardist but we lost and all got chocolates and I also got three tries. It was very, very fun.'

"On Saturday we played Piopio Mustangs. We lost. The score was 50 to 25. We had fun. We have got our last game this weekend against Oto Bulls. "

"On Sunday I went to the Te Kuiti Swimming Club prizegiving. We got trophies based on what our points were from the club championships and our work during the season. I got four trokn=hies nd I'm really proud. I worked really hard at my swimming and achieved my goals I was especially proud of getting the Junior Improved Swimmer."

On Sunday, 28th July, I went to the prize giving for our swimming club. Most awards and trophies were given to those who went and participated in club championships. For my first award I got a certificate with all the races I participated in. I swam in all 18 races and got first place in all of them. Moving on to the trophies, I had gotten 8 trophies all up. There were too many to name each one so I'll just name a few. I got the '12 year old points' trophy which is how many points you get for coming to club night. And another trophy which is one of the most important trophies that we have. It's called 'Champion of Champions' which you can get if you do club championships. Overall everyone did awesome last year and can't wait to start again this year. "



'On Sunday Te Kuiti Swim Club had our prizegiving. I got a certificate with all my places from club championships. I got first in everything. After everyone got their certificates, Graham started to hand out the trophies. I got 4 trophies. One for fastest two lengths backstroke 11 year old girls . Another for fastest 11 year old girl in four lengths freestyle. Another for most points for 11 year old girls. The last trophy was for my swimming strokes that have improved the most out of the whole club. I had a great ay and am very proud of myself. "



"In the weekend I went to Hamilton to do gymnastics. I got a blue ribbon. I had fun. I got the ribbon for improving my floor."

"In the weekend I went to horse trials. Prices jumped really well. I had a sausage sizzle for lunch and some chocolate fish."

