

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2019

First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

The king’s leading men spoke to the king. ‘Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.’ ‘He is in your hands as you know,’ King Zedekiah answered ‘for the king is powerless against you.’ So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. ‘My lord king,’ he said ‘these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.’ At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: ‘Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.’

The word of the Lord

Psalm 39(40):2-4,18

Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God’s throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord

Readings for next week:  
1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm: 116(117); Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7 and 11-13;  
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Gospel Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

‘Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

The Gospel of the Lord



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## St. George’s Parish

### Community Newsletter

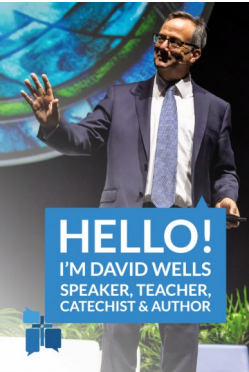
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Together we will provide a quality all round education, developing valuable contributors to society who reflect the teachings of Jesus Christ

MONDAY 19th August NO SCHOOL - SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR THE DAY

Religious Education Teacher Only Day  
All the staff will be attending a professional formation day with David Wells. David is a Teacher, Catechist and Author from England. He is speaking to all the teachers in the Diocese.  
David also has a formation day for Catechists on Saturday 17th of August from 10 - 4pm at the Cathedral. The final hour of his presentation is called ‘The Joy of the Gospel’. Enrol at [www.catechist.cdh.nz](http://www.catechist.cdh.nz).



Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd of August  
Pam Boroevich and Suzanne Downey will be attending the Principal/Director of Religious Education Conference at Papamoa. All the schools in the Diocese will be attending. This is an annual event on the Diocese calendar.  
Mrs Pip Were will be in charge of the school in our absence.

WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

- AUGUST 2019
- 15: AGRICULTURAL DAY MEETING 7PM IN THE STAFF ROOM
  - 19: TEACHER ONLY DAY - NO SCHOOL
  - 22: VISION AND HEARING TESTS
  - 26: MINIBALL STARTS
  - 28: POEM AND SPEECH DAY / NIGHT
  - 29: BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF

Thank you for the emails, kind words, appreciative comments and morning tea’s following the production performance. We have been thrilled with the response to the production theme itself and the noted appreciation of the extra efforts by students’ and staff effort to produce the performance.  
Thank you.



AGRICULTURAL DAY 2019 MEETING

Thursday 15th August 7pm in the Staff Room at St Joseph’s. Come along and help out with the planning of this awesome day. 1hr meeting.... 1 meeting only!



Nachos  
Baking  
Pulled Pork Buns  
Bacon & Egg Pie  
Boil-up  
Scones  
Bacon & Vege Soup

# BRONCOS BAKE SALE

Fundraising for St Josephs/Rangitoto  
Broncos Rugby Team  
As they head to Global Games Tournament  
Taupo, September 2019

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August  
BNZ Alcove 9am-Sold out



## The Assumption of Mary

On the 15th August each year the Church celebrates the Assumption of Mary. It is one of two Holy Days of Obligation meaning we are asked to attend Mass especially on these days as well as Sundays.

The Assumption of Mary is the feast in which we celebrate Mary being assumed into Heaven body and soul. This gives the Church hope that we too will one day be welcomed into Heaven.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the  
Lord is with thee, blessed art  
thou among women and blessed  
is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

20th Week of Ordinary Time Luke 12:49-53

Jesus is teaching that the most sacred earthly ties are less important than loyalty to him. How much more must we be prepared to give up our own bad habits to be true followers of Christ.



Holy Day of Obligation this week:

Thursday 15th: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### GRANDPARENTS LITURGY

We have set a date for our annual Grandparents Liturgy. It is subject to confirmation. More information to be provided at a later date.

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NEXT

Sacramental Programme  
Sunday 25th August  
3pm in the basement

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FIRE  
EARTH  
BLAZING  
BAPTISM  
DISTRESS  
PEACE  
DIVISION  
HOUSEHOLD  
FIVE  
FATHER  
SON  
DAUGHTER



## FROM FATHER MATT...

### The Maternity of Mary – Mother of the Church.

Recently, I had someone criticise the emphasis that the Church places on Our Lady. This comment was quite strange. I reminded this person of the words of Holy Scripture that explain clearly, *‘From this day forward all generations will call [Mary] me Blessed’* (Lk. 1:48) and that we don’t honour the Son by ignoring the mother or rejecting the Sacred Texts. The crux (I think) of understanding Mary and her place in the Church is to understand her motherhood, so I thought I would shed a few thoughts on Mary’s motherhood.

Mary is the Mother of Christ who is God. Thus she is the Mother of God. If we belong to the Church she is also our mother. Pope Paul VI explained: *“Therefore, for the glory of the Blessed Virgin and our consolation, we declare most Holy Mary [to be] Mother of the Church, that is Mother of the whole Christian people, both faithful and pastors, who call her a most loving Mother; and we decree that henceforth the whole Christian people should by this sweet name, give still greater honour to the Mother of God and address prayers to her.”*

To see the importance of this maternal role of Our Lady we need look no further than Sacred Scripture. The spiritual maternity of Mary is seen nowhere better than at the crucifixion in the Gospel of John. In using the words, *“Woman, behold your son”* (John 19:26), Jesus proclaims Mary’s motherhood not only of John but of every Christian. The book of Revelation also provides further testimony to the maternity of Mary. Revelation 12:1-2 concerns a woman giving birth. *“A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; she was with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery”*.

Thus the maternity of Mary is something alive and active. We ask her, our Mother, for help. Pope Leo XIII: *No one is freed from evil, except through your help. Neither does anyone receive the divine gifts without benefit of your mediation. Apart from your Son, who is it that has more concern for the human race than you? Who protects us without fail when we are in trouble? Who frees us so rapidly from the temptations that befall us? Who seeks more earnestly to protect sinners? Who comes to their defence no matter how hopeless their situation? For these many reasons, the afflicted seek refuge in you. The very invocation of your name puts to flight the enemy and his servants. It is a safe refuge. You free those who invoke you from every need and you forewarn them against every temptation.*

Blessings to you all, Fr. Matt

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE

You will be aware that the current Labour-led Government has proposed an alternative abortion law to our parliament. That Bill, being promoted by the Justice Minister, Andrew Little, passed its first reading last week and has now been referred to a Special Select Committee for further consideration and to give the public of New Zealand a chance to comment through the parliamentary submission process. You can find the Bill here: <http://legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2019/0164/latest/whole.html#LMS237550>

All Catholics are encouraged to have their say. **The Submission process closes on Thursday 19 September:** [https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL\\_SCF\\_BILL\\_89814/abortion-legislation-bill](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF_BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill)

