

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2019

### First Reading Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21, 30-31

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

*The word of the Lord*

### Psalm 67(68):4-7,10-11

### Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

*The word of the Lord*

### Readings for next week:

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm: 90(91) 3-6,12-14,17; Second Reading: Philemon 9,10,12-17; Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

### Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*



# St Joseph's Catholic School

St. George's Parish

Community Newsletter

Panui 27 – 30 August 2019

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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*



### POEMS AND SPEECH COMPETITION

We had our Poem and Speech Final yesterday. Here are some photos of the judges and our students who received certificates for their efforts. The results for the Junior School are on the school's Facebook page.



### WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

#### AUGUST 2019

29: BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING - 6PM

#### SEPTEMBER 2019

2: PSG MEETING - 7PM

4: DIOCESE TRAINING: BOT & STAFF

6: QUIZ NIGHT - 6PM

8: SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

11: PARISH LUNCH

18: REGIONAL SPEECH FINALS - YEAR 7 & 8

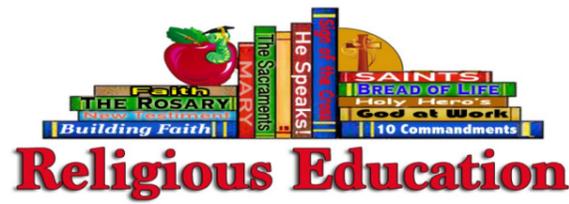
19: MASED CHOIR EVENING - LES MUNRO CENTRE; GLOBAL GAMES

22: SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

### MEASLES IMMINENT, PUBLIC HEALTH ADVICE

We've received notice from the Ministry of Health to **inform** our community that those not known to be immune to measles may be quarantined and excluded should measles occur in our school. If the Ministry or someone else informs us of measles in our school, the Ministry of Health recommend that we ensure that person is isolated at home and that we **check with the Ministry** before taking any Further action. Measles cannot cause large outbreaks or epidemics when enough people are vaccinated. This is not the current situation in NZ. "On Time" vaccination at 15 months and 4 years of old is best, but "catch up" is recommended for anyone aged 1-50 who cannot show they have Had two vaccinations. We Have been asked to encourage our Staff and our families to get at least one MMR vaccination.





22nd Week of Ordinary Time Luke 12:49-53

Jesus teaches us to have humility and not think too highly of ourselves. He also teaches us to be welcoming to the vulnerable in our society and to share what we have with the poor without any expectation of getting something in return.



**Sacramental Programme**  
**next Sunday**  
**8th September**  
**3pm in the basement**



**St George's Parishioners and St Joseph's students with residents of Hillview. It was our churches turn in August to take the Thursday church service for the residents.**

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MEAL WEDDING HUMBLED REPAY GUESTS FRIEND LUNCH COURTESY PARABLE EXALTS RELATIONS POOR

**PSG NEWS: QUIZ NIGHT & AUCTION**

**Friday 6th September at the Les Munro Centre**  
**Registration forms available at the school office!!**



**Quiz Night Helpers Needed**

We desperately need lots of helpers to set up the venue and help on the night please.

If you are available to help set up the Les Munro Centre on Friday, at 10am we would appreciate your time! We need to set up tables, chairs, the foyer, the projectors, the Auction lots, spot prize table, the photo booth...

If you can't help during the day, can you help during the evening? We need people in the foyer taking registrations, selling bar tickets, bar staff, kitchen volunteers, people clearing tables, marking the quiz, updating the points table, cleaning up at the end of the evening...



**We are asking that every family provide a sweet baked slice that will be served for supper during the quiz. The slice can be left in the school basement on Friday morning. If you are unable to provide baking then we ask that you make a donation of \$10 to the PSG bank account, 03 0449 0123772 00.**

If you can help out, please let a PSG member or Elmarie in the office know or contact Nicola Van Groenedaal on 021 244 0551.

**FROM FATHER MATT...**

Working is a critically important way of serving God. In work we contribute to society and better ourselves. The value of work seems to have taken a hit in modern times and sadly many people see it as merely an unavoidable burden. The saints don't see it that way. Recently I came across some good quotes that gives a Catholic view on work. Here they are:

*What use is it telling me that so and so is a good son of mine — a good Christian — but a bad shoemaker? If he doesn't try to learn his trade well, or doesn't give his full attention to it, he won't be able to sanctify it or offer it to Our Lord. The sanctification of ordinary work is, as it were, the hinge of true spirituality for people who, like us, have decided to come close to God while being at the same time fully involved in temporal affairs. — St. Josemaria Escriva*

*Your greatest enemy is idleness: fight it without let up. -St. John Bosco*

*We are at Jesus' disposal. If ... he wants you to proclaim His work in the street, if he wants you to clean the toilets all day, that's all right, everything is all right. We must say, 'I belong to you. You can do whatever you like.' And this is our strength. This is the joy of the Lord. — St. Teresa of Calcutta*

*By their competence in secular fields and by their personal activity, elevated from within by the grace of Christ, let them work vigorously so that by human labour, technical skill and civil culture, created goods may be perfected according to the design of the Creator and the light of his word. — St. John Paul II*

*Idleness is the enemy of the soul; and therefore the brethren ought to be employed in manual labour at certain times, at others, in devout reading. — St. Benedict*

Blessings

Fr. Matt