

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2019

### First Reading

Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"' the Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: "I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever."'

So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalm 51(52): 3-4,12-13,17,19**

**R: I will rise and go to my father.**

### Second Reading

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*The word of the Lord*

**Readings for next week:**

**1st Reading Amos 8:1-7; Psalm: 113(114) 1,2,4-6,7-8; Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-8;**

**Gospel Luke 16:1-13**

### Gospel

Luke 15: 1-10

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**"Rejoice with me, I have found my sheep that was lost."**



# St Joseph's Catholic School

St. George's Parish

Community Newsletter

Panui 29 – 13 September 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*

### WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

We would like to welcome the D'Ath family to our school this week. Dominic joined Room 5, Sarah joined Room 1 and Isabella joined Room 3. We hope you will enjoy learning with us! Andrew and Theresa are their parents. Please help them feel welcome.



### YUMMY STICKERS

We need to send these off by **Wednesday 25 September**. Please return the sticker sheets so we can get some neat sports gear for the school!



### PET DAY FORMS

Please return your pet day forms by **Friday 27 September**. If you need a form, ask Elmarie in the office for one!



### GRANDPARENTS DAY: FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2019

Please join us for our annual Grandparents Day on **Friday 27 September**. The Grandparents Liturgy will start at 11.15 am. We will have more information in next week's newsletter. Thank you



### WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

#### SEPTEMBER 2019

15: SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

19: TE KUITI COMBINED SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL

23: IMMUNISATIONS - YEAR 8'S

27: FILIPINO MASS 6.30PM; GRANDPARENTS DAY, END OF TERM 3

#### OCTOBER 2019

14: TERM 4 BEGINS

### TE KUITI COMBINED SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL!

Our choir students are going to take part in a music festival to be held on **Thursday, 19th September**, at the Les Munro Centre in Te Kuiti at 7pm. Our choir students will bring a note home today from Mrs. Boroevich with more information. Thank you



### SWEARING AT SCHOOL

The first commandment says "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord"

There were incidents of swearing again this week. We are asking our parent community once more to please check your child's language.

We have never condoned swearing and do not accept it - if as staff, we hear it.



### CASUAL VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We had 2 members resign from the Board of Trustees and the Board wishes to invite any persons who are eligible, to apply for the available positions. Please contact Nikki Taylor or Elmarie Senger in the office, if you would like to be part of our Board of Trustees.



24th Week of Ordinary Time Luke 15: 1-10

Jesus tells us how important each one and every of us is to him. How as the Good Shepherd he will spare no lengths to find anyone who is lost. That he actively searches for and finds us.

Feast Day this week:

Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14th September. To honour the cross on which Christ was crucified. The cross is the universal symbol of Christian faith and represents Christ's victory over death.



*"We adore you O, Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Holy cross you have redeemed the world."*

**NEXT**

**Sacramental Programme**

**Sunday 15th September**

**3pm in the basement**

## SEEKING THE LOST

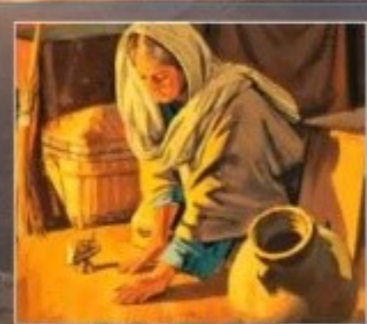
*"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?" (Luke 15:4)*

Jesus was accused of mingling with sinners (Luke 15:2). He then told three parables to explain how God loves us and how He wants everyone to be saved.



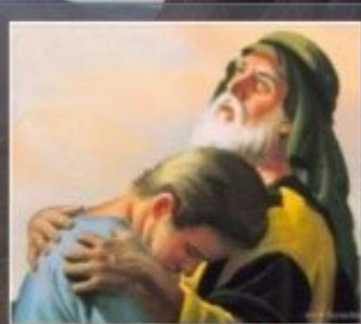
Luke 15:3-7

**The lost and found sheep**



Luke 15:8-10

**The lost and found coin**



Luke 15:11-32

**The lost and found son**

Jesus took every opportunity to lead the sinners to salvation, either He sought them (like the Samaritan woman) or they came to Him (like Zacchaeus).

### THANK YOU TO THE PSG

St Joseph's School would like to thank our Parent Support Group for hosting the Quiz Night last Friday night. The venue looked wonderful, and a lovely night was had by all. Congratulations on a very successful night.



### FROM FATHER MATT...

Last week Joseph Pham visited Te Kuiti. For those of you who did not get to meet him, he is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year seminarian for the Diocese of Auckland. He is however from Otorohanga (via Vietnam and Auckland). Joseph is a young man full of life and love of God. He spent a lot of time in the schools and enjoyed himself immensely. All going well, he will be back next year. In the interim he has written a short note to the parish. Here it is.

Blessings  
Fr. Matt

Dear my good people,

You are all amazing and lovely! I felt most welcomed and privileged to have the time together to praise and worship God at Sunday mass. It was also a wonderful time for me to talk to you only once or a few times during my stay. Father Matt always tells me that it is my home, in the sense of the place where I found my vocation. It is true. I would love to tell you that my vocation was firstly found here in Te Kuiti, and Otorohanga where my vocation was nourished. I remember that one day I was at Mass at St George's and I did not see many people, very few. Then I talked to myself that I would love to give people "a lift" to Church or even keep the Church "open" all the time. When I was serving as an altar server during mass, I looked down to the congregation, all of you, I felt so happy as you were there, it was a good number turned up. There were babies, kids, children, youth, young families, parents and grandparents and a small, warm and beautiful church. It looked like a family gathering. It truly was a community and a family in Christ. I just loved it and gave thanks to God! I will remember each of you in my prayer that you continue coming to Church and feeling belonging to the community.



God bless,  
Joseph Pham

### PARISH NEWS

#### Reconciliation

Father Joe comes to take Reconciliation/Confession on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. He will be here next Wednesday 18th September 6-7pm.

#### Te Kuiti and Otorohanga Family Group

Those interested in coming together for family focused (Mum, Dad and children) social and spiritual time on a regular basis are invited to contact Fr. Matt (07 8786417) to register interest.

#### Abortion Law Reform

Be the voice for life. Submissions on the proposed bill end 19-September, 2019. Track the progress of the bill on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y3z9qyez>

Please visit our website: <https://www.proudtobecatholic.org.nz/news-and-events>

"[We all] have a duty to make courageous choices in support of life, especially through legislative measures." - Pope John Paul II