

**First Reading**

**Amos 8:4-7**

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalm 112(113):1-2,4-8**

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**Second Reading**

**1 Timothy 2:1-8**

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

*The word of the Lord*

**Gospel**

**Luke 14:25-33**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." 'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*



**Readings for next week**

**1st Reading Amos 6:1,4-7; Psalm 145(146):7-10; 2nd Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16;**

**Gospel Luke 16:19-31**

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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*

## YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS DAY!

**To All Grandparents in the School and Parish Community!**

**Please join us for our Grandparents' Liturgy to be held next Friday, 27th September 2019 starting at 11.30am.**



### The programme for the day is as follows:

11:15 Liturgy in St George's Church

11:45 Visit classrooms

12:00 Grandparent Powerpoint Story and singing in the basement

A shared lunch will follow after the powerpoint and singing.

**See you there!!**

**We ask every family of the school community to please provide enough food for your family. We're asking for healthy choices when providing food. We can heat up cooked food only, we are not able to cook food, thank you!**



## WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

### SEPTEMBER 2019

23: IMMUNISATIONS - YEAR 8'S

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

### OCTOBER 2019

14: TERM 4 BEGINS

### OUR SYMPATHY

We would like to express our sincerest sympathy to the Cammock Family with the passing of Belinda's father, Brett Pollock and to the Chaplin Gray family with the passing of David's mother, Annette. May they rest in peace, and may God console and carry you during this difficult time.



### MUSIC FESTIVAL POSTPONED

Please take note that the Te Kuiti Combined Schools Music Festival will be postponed until **23 October 2019**. The performance has been postponed due to the warning regarding the possible exposure to the measles virus in our community which was received and communicated earlier this week.



## MRS DOWNEY'S NOTES ...

Hoki mai ki te kura o Katorika o Hato Hohepa

### **Baptism Celebrations:**

Congratulations to Riley MacNamee, Nathan and Harvey McWilliams on their Baptism last Saturday.

It is the best gift we can offer our children as parents. It is a special meeting point where God himself is present. It is from this point onwards the God accepts the child into communion with himself and with the entire Church for their whole life. The children become Christian.



### **Thanks**



Thank you to Helen, Hannah and Rosemary who came school last Friday to show the children how to begin to weave. The children all had an experience and I was asked to thank the seniors and the senior boys in particular who stayed and helped support the younger students. In the spirit of service these students were extremely helpful and showed a genuine understanding of a Tuakana/Teina relationship. Thank you.

### **Student absences expectation**

Just a reminder that daily student absences due to illness need to be reported to the office. If you have a special reason why your child needs to be away from school a request does need to go to the Principal.

### **Teacher for Term 4 in Room 4**

Miss Geneiveve Jones has been appointed the fixed term position for Term 4 in Room 4. Geneiveve has taught in the school previous to teaching at Otorohanga South school. Geneiveve lives in Otorohanga and is an experienced teacher. We welcome Geneiveve to our school and look forward to working alongside her for the term. The advertised Tagged, permanent position in the school has now closed and the shortlisting and interview process is underway. I will keep you all informed if and when an appointment has been made.

### **REBUILD PROJECT**

You will no doubt be aware that my office is now in the old sick bay. The sick bay is in my old office along with Reading Recovery. The front of room 6 (the building at the back of the school) has been cleared for demolition and the back only used for storage. The library has been moved into the 'server room'

Next moves: Rooms 5 and 2 will be setting up their classrooms in the old library space and the basement. These rooms will be set up for the beginning of Term 4. If the teachers of these classes request some the help of their parents to move furniture etc. Could I ask that you volunteer please? If we all help for a short period of time then the shifts will be easier on everyone. Thank you to those parents who have already offered help. "Many hands make light work". Please if you have any concerns about the plans or have something to say or are just not clear about the facts. Call and ask for clarification. I will be only too happy to outline the details further or clarify any mis-aligned information.

### **Altrusa Awards**

Last night I attended the annual Altrus Awards for Literacy.

Two learners from our school were chosen by the teachers as recipients of this award. Each child received a \$30 book voucher.

Congratulations to Zoe Rawles and Bella Larsen. It is fabulous to see your hard work in literacy rewarded publicly. 'Tumeke'



God Bless  
Suzanne

## FROM FATHER MATT ...

Last Sunday we reflected on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. It's my personal favourite of all Jesus' parables. This parable is a kaleidoscope of Christian teachings. It provides us with a number of important insights into what it means to be authentically faithful.

There are many key points that we tend to think about and our focus tends towards the forgiving Father and Repentant Son. But there are other, perhaps more obscure aspects that are good for reflection. Here are 2 of them.

Firstly the parable teaches us that it's possible to live in the Father's house without really getting to know the Father, without being obedient to the Father and without really loving the Father. The older son was not fickle like his brother. Rather his issue was pride. On the surface he was solid. But it was a façade. It was nothing more than a smokescreen. Underneath the façade it was all about him. He did not love his brother. He was not willing to stick his neck out, go after him or try to get him back. As such he did not really love his Father (who loved both his sons dearly). Further he resented his brother's return and immediately proceeded to sulk. His Father tries to bring him to his senses but he argues with his Dad. Ultimately the parable encourages us not to be like this. And this is one of the key aspects of the parable. Essentially it's a call to genuine charity.

Another aspect is the reference to the Sacrament of Reconciliation which Jesus established after his Resurrection. This parable is often used by the Church to explain and encourage confession. As such the parable contains all key the elements of confession.

*Sin. He squandered his money on a life of debauchery.*

*Examination of Conscience. Then he came to his senses.*

*Confession. Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.*

*Absolution. This son of mine was dead and has come back to life.*

There are plenty of other lessons in this parable. It's a good thing to read slowly and reflect upon.

Blessings

Fr. Matt

## PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

### Reconciliation

Father Joe Stack was unable to come this week so he will be here on Wednesday 25th September 6-7pm.

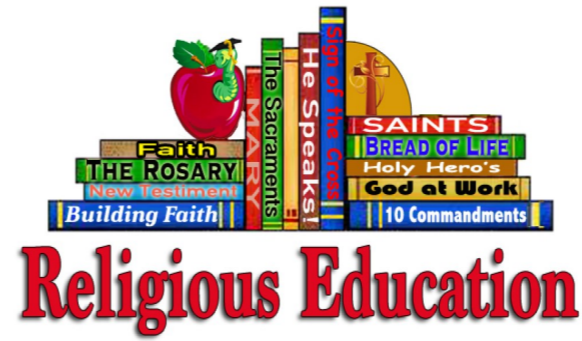


### Te Kuiti and Otorohanga Family Group

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.



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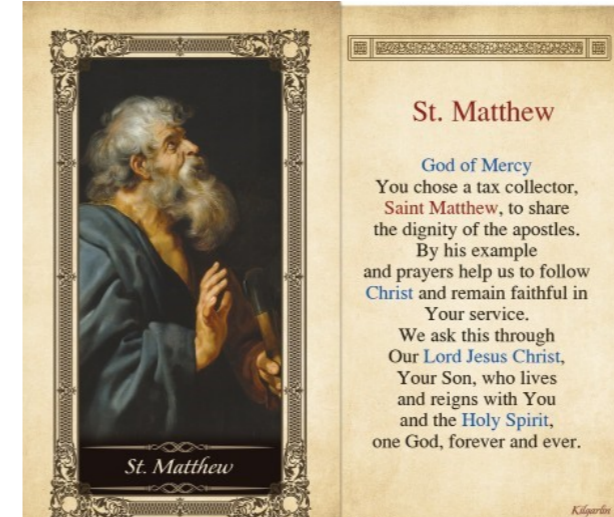


25th Week of Ordinary Time Luke 16:1-13

Jesus teaches us that to be a true disciple we cannot follow two masters. We cannot follow Jesus and be overly concerned with material wealth or possessions.

Feast Day this week:

Feast of St Matthew the Apostle 21st September. Matthew was a close friend of Jesus and an Apostle, a former Tax collector who gave up a life of financial gain to follow when called.



Next Sacramental  
 Programme  
 Sunday 20th October

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summoned	account	stewardship
master	ashamed	debtors
measures	promissory	kors
wheat	dishonest	prudently
generation	children	dwelling
trustworthy	matters	wealth
servant	devoted	mammon



## SPORTS NEWS

### MINIBALL DRAW EVERY WEEK

The draw for Miniball can be found on <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/mini> please use this website to find out when your child is playing each week.

### STUDENT WRITING:

“On Wednesday, the St Joseph’s Rockets Miniball team played against TWOM. Our coach, Cullen, told us to pass to each other and do long shots. We won 32 - 12. It was a great game.” **By Sam Were - Room 4**

“On Thursday last week, Kees and I participated in the St Joseph’s Warrior Miniball team. We played two games. In our first game we played against Te Kuiti Primary and lost 23 - 32. Next we played Pukenui and this time we won 28 - 21. We all played really well. The favourite part of the game for Kees was when our team helped him get a decent amount of goals in. The favourite part for me was when I actually got my goals in.”

**By Libby Kearins Te Whare - Room 5**

“ In the weekend I went to Pony Club. Princess was doing jumping and dressage. I took a long time. My pony obeyed well.” **By Lily Rose Morehu - Room 4**

“On Sunday I participated in the second day of the 2019 Target shooting Wakato Provincial DTL Championship. I had 3 events. The Triples, Piont Score and Single Barrell. I did pretty well and was happy with my performance. At the end of the day we had prizegiving and I got called up for placing third in the C grade for the single barrel event. “

**By Matthew Riley - Room 2**



### GLOBAL GAMES - THE ST JOSEPH’S RANGITOTO BRONCOS RUGBY TEAM

Our under 9 rugby team are off to the New Zealand Junior Rugby Festival - Global Games in Taupo today. 15 players and their families are staying at Nukuhau Marae for 3 nights and will enjoy five games of rugby.

The Broncos are playing New Plymouth Old Boys and Eden RFC on Friday afternoon at 2 pm and 3.30 pm. They will play Silverdale RFC on Saturday morning at 9.30 am.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors who have supported The Broncos this year...

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Huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have supported the fundraising and organisation of this trip.



## PLEASE TAKE NOTE

### AGRICULTURAL DAY DEMO DAY: NEXT TUESDAY 24TH AT 1.45PM.

Students who are participating with their animal will be skilled up by one of our judges Jock Gollan. He will help guide the kids how to raise and train their animal to practise over the school holidays for our upcoming day. Parents are most welcome to come along and also learn to help their guide their child.

#### Dates to remember:

St Joseph's Ag day: *Thursday October 17th*

Group Day, Otorohanga Domain: *Friday 25th October*

Waikato A&P, Claudelands Arena: *Friday 1st Novemeber*

Anyone can participate at Group Day and Waikato A&P as there is no qualifying requirement.

Get your entries in by end of next week. We can change entries or add at beginning of next term also. Preschoolers who are siblings of students at St Joseph's or who will be enrolling at St Joseph's are welcome to participate in a preschoolers grade.



### NEWS FROM YOUR PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (PSG)

Our annual Quiz Night and Auction was held at the Les Munro Centre on Friday, 6th September. Sixteen teams entered and they all had an enjoyable night out. We have received some great feedback. There were some great costumes including a film crew, Minions, Nuns and Marilyn Monroe! Thank you John Whyte for being such a great MC.



Thank you to the families that supported the PSG, the parents that provided baking, helped set up the hall, and worked hard during the quiz.

Thank you to the families who made the \$10 donation to the PSG. We really appreciate your help. The PSG cannot function efficiently without support from the whole school.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the winning team... **HIGH VOLTAGE!**

**A big thank you to all our sponsors who helped make the night a great success! Thank you for supporting our school and our quiz.**

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