

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2019

First Reading

Amos 6: 1, 4-7

The almighty Lord says this:
Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria, those famous men of this first of nations to whom the House of Israel goes as client. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 145(146):7-10

R: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading

2 Timothy 6: 11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Luke 16: 19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."'

The Gospel of the Lord



Readings for next week:

1st Reading Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4 ; Psalm: 94(95):1-2,6-9 ; Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14 ; Gospel Luke 17:5-10

St Joseph's Catholic School

St. George's Parish

Community Newsletter

Panui 31 – 27 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

WHAT IS HAPPENING ON FRIDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2019?

GRANDPARENTS DAY: Please join us for our Grandparents Liturgy tomorrow starting at 11.15 am and a shared lunch to finish off a fabulous day.

PET DAY FORMS: DUE ON 27 SEPTEMBER

If you need a form, ask Elmarie in the office for one!

Room 1 will have a sausage sizzle on the day with all kinds of yummy goodies. See page 4 for more information.



TWO 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 the governing body of the school.



WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

We would like to welcome Beau Riley to St Joseph's this week. Beau is in Room 3 and he is the youngest son of Kevin and Sarah Riley and youngest brother to Matthew in Room 2 and Luke in Room 5. We hope you will enjoy learning with us!



MEET THE ILLUSTRATOR AND AUTHOR OF SCARY TALES RHYMES FOR BRAVE CHILDREN

Deborah and Judy Billcliff will be in Te Kuiti on Wednesday 9th October for a fun event at Paper Plus, readings, colouring in, activities and even a few spot prizes all to celebrate 'Scary Tales.....Rhymes for Brave Children.' It's a wonderful chance for kids to spend time with an author and an illustrator, and hopefully be inspired.



CASH FOR SCHOOLS

Inghams TopCow TopCalf are running a promotion with schools where any new bulk feed customer who purchases TopCow TopCalf Longacre or other bulk feeds from September 2019 to 30 April 2020 and mentions the Cash for Schools promotion will see \$2.00 donated from every tonne ordered to go back to the school. Anyone can join in, even if they don't have children at the school. Contact Renier Ferreira at rfereira@ingham.co.nz or 0800 650 505.

WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

SEPTEMBER 2019

26: BOT MEETING AT 6 PM.

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

OCTOBER 2019

14: TERM 4 BEGINS

17: AG DAY / PET DAY

20: SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

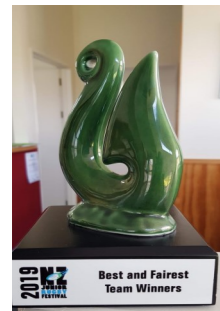
FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK ...

Hoki mai ki te kura o Katorika o Hato Hohepa

This term began with a curriculum focus on the ARTS - Drama/Dance/Music/Visual. MINDCRAFT was an amazing experience of the Arts for all learners, an experience not to be underestimated for curriculum learning and also those ever important key competencies which are "capabilities for living and lifelong learning"



The Music Festival Korimako choir and Massed Choir singers have worked weekly to gel themselves into a coherent group. We look forward to their performance on the 23rd of October.



Our winter sports team's and representative players completed their competitions and miniball started. The Bronco's U9 team attended the Global Games Rugby Festival. They came away from Taupo having made many new friends, experienced a very efficiently run tournament with teams participating from New Zealand and overseas. They also won the 'Best and Fairest U9 Team' award. This reward is a real tribute to the team players, their coaches, manager and parent support. They indeed have been a TEAM and this award has rewarded their efforts to build that culture. Thanks to the team also for donating the banner they used and other memorabilia collected from the tournament to the school. These will be on display in the trophy cabinet.



The literacy and numeracy data for the term is being put into our student management system. There have been some significant movements in literacy. Reading and the quality of writing throughout the school show consistent achievement. I enjoyed reading some of the Year 7 and 8 newspaper articles recently. They have self managed their learning and have shown a variety of writing genres in their newspapers. Mathematics is showing some real consistency of learning, now we are using Numicon to teach the maths curriculum throughout the school. Acquisition of basic facts has shown improvement.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Tomorrow would be one of the days I most look forward to in our calendar. **Grandparents Day.** Taking time to honour those who support our learners. Taking time to remember those who are no longer with us. Taking time to remember those who are unable to be with us, particularly those who are living overseas. Taking time to recognise other special people that help daily with our learners. Haere mai. Welcome to you all! See you Friday at 11.15 at the church liturgy.

FAREWELLS:

Today the school farewellled Monique Needham who leaves us for an Assistant Principal's position at Te Kuiti Primary. The school had prepared some very special tributes for her highlighting the special place she has in their hearts. We say thank you for the 'gift' we have had in Monique over the past five years. A 'gift' that is not ours to keep but one that has been called to shine the light for others. Monique, may God Bless you in your new role. Kia Kaha!

Goodbye also to Joel and Daniel Pirary, we leave us for Whakatane. Shane has had a job there for the last term and Keemie and the boys join him now. Thank you to your family Shane and Keemie, for your support of our school during your stay here. All the best.

FINALLY:

Celebrations all around for our family on Saturday 5th October. Our daughter Caroline marries Sam Collie at St Joseph's Catholic Church Morrinsville. We very much looking forward to celebrating this happy occasion with family and friends.



May you all too have a very restful holiday.
God Bless your families.
Suzanne.

PARISH NEWS

WEDDING NOTICE

Sam Collie (of St Mary's, Mt Albert) and Caroline Downey (St George's Te Kuiti) would like to extend a warm welcome to their wider church family to pray for, or join in the celebration of their wedding! The Nuptial Mass will be on Saturday 5th of October at 2pm, St Joseph's Catholic Church, Morrinsville. Afternoon tea will follow the Mass.



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.

FAMILY WEEKEND

This November we invite you to step away from the challenges of life and experience the freedom, joy, and unity, of family life re-focused on Christ. Big families, small families, single parent families, all welcome! Featuring Keynote speakers Bob & Lisa Perron and Paulo & Malu Garcia. Head to familyweekend.cdh.nz for full details to register!
<https://www.proudtobecatholic.org.nz/family-weekend>



DIOCESE SNIPPETS - Sunday 29 September 2019

If you have any items to be included in this Snippets, please email them to Robert at newsletter@cdh.org.nz

Notices for Parish Priests and Secretaries

Extraordinary Month of Missions

The Extraordinary Month of Missions begins in October.

- Keep an eye on our social media pages for video content (Fr Bernard Espiritu, Sr Mary Ruth, Hamish Dykstra, Colleen Butcher, and Fr Rico Enriquez).
- The Kete Korero will also feature a number of articles on mission.
- You might like to make use of these [prayers of the faithful](#).
- For the diocesan plans, and ideas for parishes [check out this pdf](#).
- [The EMM Introductory Guide](#) is extremely helpful and includes commentaries on lectionary texts in October (page 83 onwards)



Seeking Catholic Family Support Board Members

The Catholic Family Support Board is responsible for the oversight and governance of the Agency; whose vision is to be a recognised leader building stronger families and whanau through the provision of quality social services that meet their important needs.

Following recent retirements, Bishop Steve is looking to appoint some new members to ensure continuity and succession planning. The Board currently meets quarterly.

For more information please email Greg Schmidt on gregs@cdh.org.nz

Please find more of the Snippets for this coming Sunday on the following link: newsletter.cdh.nz

FROM FATHER MATT...

I read a very good article on Mother Teresa and the virtue of Humility by Patti Armstrong. Here is an edited version of it.
 Blessings
 Fr. Matt

Mother Teresa's 15 Tips to Help You Become More Humble

Good self-esteem is confidence in one's worth or abilities. Think about Mother Teresa. That little nun had good self-esteem. She even dared to speak against abortion at the National Prayer Breakfast in 1993 before her invited hosts President Bill Clinton, and Vice President Al Gore, and their spouses. That's guts. That's self-confidence. And that's humility.
 Mother Teresa called humility the mother of all virtues. She said: "If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are. If you are blamed you will not be discouraged. If they call you a saint you will not put yourself on a pedestal."

Ways to Become Humble

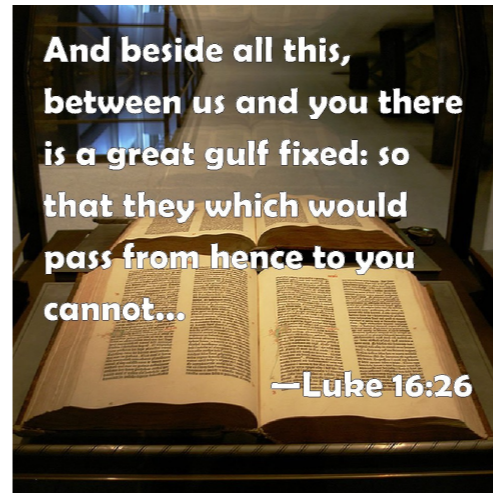
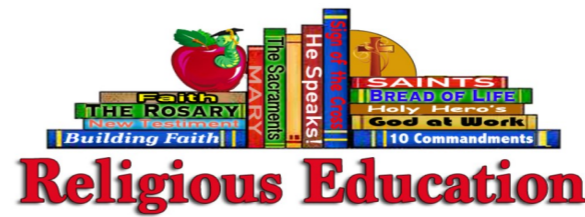
- Speak as little as possible about yourself.
- Keep busy with your own affairs and not those of others.
- Avoid curiosity (she is referring to wanting to know things that should not concern you.)
- Do not interfere in the affairs of others.
- Accept small irritations with good humor.
- Do not dwell on the faults of others.
- Accept censures even if unmerited.
- Give in to the will of others.
- Accept insults and injuries.
- Accept contempt, being forgotten and disregarded.
- Be courteous and delicate even when provoked by someone.
- Do not seek to be admired and loved.
- Do not protect yourself behind your own dignity.
- Give in, in discussions, even when you are right.
- Choose always the more difficult task.

The Power of Humility: "It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels." — Saint Augustine

The devil preferred to leave Heaven for eternity in Hell rather than to humble himself before his creator. And humility would have protected Adam and Eve from thinking they could disobey God and become like him. Yet through our humility and thus obedience to God, the devil is defeated. St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, who was often harassed by the devil, related a conversation with him. The devil said: "I can do everything you do, I can also do your penances, I can imitate you in everything. There is one thing, however, that I cannot do, I cannot imitate you in humility."

"That is why I defeat you," St. John Vianney responded. Humility seems to be a contradiction, and yet, Jesus was meek and humble of heart (Matthew 11:29). "He emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men." (Philippians 2:7)

The world does not value or understand the power of humility but we do, because it was what Jesus used to save us. "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28)



26th Week of Ordinary Time Luke 16: 19-31

Jesus tells us how a great divide separates those who truly follow Gods ways and those who do not. Those who will inherit the Kingdom of God and those who will not.

NEXT

Sacramental Programme

Sunday 20th October

3pm in the basement

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This is Mrs. Needham's speech she read at her farewell this morning...

With love from Monique Needham...

Thank you very much for such a heartfelt and loving farewell. I feel extremely loved and blessed to have taught here at St Joseph's. This school is very special to me. The children, the families, the staff, the spirituality that encompasses St Joseph's, the engaging and fulfilling learning and the fun events that happen here have all played a huge part in my life for the past 5 years. I feel very grateful for all of these experiences, interactions and for teaching my own children, as well as yours.

Some highlights for me during my time at St Joseph's have been the introduction of our weekly waiata and kapa haka with Matua Amai and having nearly all of room 4 performing at the Matariki Festival at the Les Munro Centre in June 2019. The Room 4 overnight camp at the Pa with Mrs. Cat Kearins and our whole school trip to the Marae this year are positive learning experiences I will fondly remember. The overnight camp at Waitete with Mrs. Haswell was heaps of fun and our science focused trip to Waitomo last year was good fun too. It has been exciting to see the engaging and hands on maths learning using Numicon this year and the science learning in the school blossom over the past few years. I LOVED Maori language week this year and seeing the children and our community come together and engage in our learning was heart-warming. I have also loved using seesaw to connect with our families. It has been a brilliant tool to engage and interact with families and share learning with families and extended family. I have loved coordinating rugby for our school again this year and seeing the numbers in players grow, especially girls has been awesome. The trip to the Global Games with The Broncos was a definite highlight for me this year as a teacher and a Mum and to top things off, receiving the award for being the "best and Fairest team" sums up what I believe our culture is like at St Jo's - we support each other, we look out for each other, we check in with each other, we help each other in the tough times, give a hug or a high five to celebrate with each other, we laugh, we have fun, we make mistakes, we learn and we grow as a big family.



I am heading down the road now, to take on a new challenge as an Assistant Principal at TKP. To the Year 8s leaving at the end of the year, you guys were the kids I first taught when I arrived at St Jo's. You know what, I was scared to change teaching jobs, felt nervous and a bit apprehensive, doubted myself, wasn't sure if I should give this new challenge a try but then I thought to myself, how will I know if I don't try? After a lot of discussion with my family, I told myself, go on, take a risk, step outside your comfort zone! You can do this! You are worth it! So my message to you Year 8s is, as you head off into year 9, your secondary education years, 100% back yourself. Know that you leave St Joseph's, just like me, ready to conquer any challenge that comes your way equipped with your strong faith and values that you have learnt here and know that Jesus is with you every step of the way! In your heart, in your mind and only a prayer away! I believe that change is healthy, risks are scary but they help us grow in mind and spirit. I wish you all many of God's blessings and look forward to seeing where your learning journey takes you.

To the staff and BOT, thank you for supporting my family and I and helping me to grow professionally and spiritually. St Jo's will always have a piece of my heart and I am very grateful for my time here.

I will conclude with a whakatauki,
E koekoe te tūi
E ketekete te kākā
E kūkū te kererū

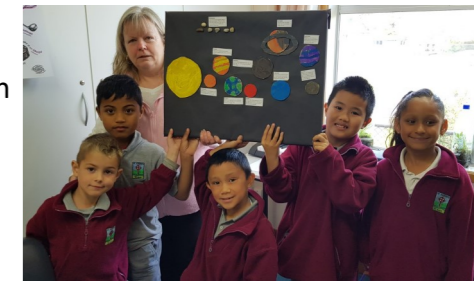
The tui chatters, the parrot gabbles, the wood pigeon coos.
This whakatauki is a metaphor for diversity: the many birds in the forest make up the chorus of birdsong that sounds so sweet. God made us all so different, and all amazing, with unique gifts to contribute to the world around us. I look forward to seeing and reading about how you all continue to contribute to our world in the years to come. Arohanui, Monique Needham

REBUILD UPDATE

There will be significant action beginning on Monday 30th of September. Fencing will go up to define the construction zone. Some asbestos will be removed from the toilets and the front of Room 6, before full demolition of the toilet block begins. I have called for a **SCHOOL WORKING BEE** on **Saturday 12th of October**. This is to move resources and classroom equipment. A briefing to will be at 10.00 in the basement. Please come along if you can to help! Bring some building tools to help dismantle and assemble shelves if required. Keep an eye on our school over the holidays. Inform myself or a Board member if you notice anything untoward please.

OUR ENGLISH SECOND LANGUAGE STUDENTS (ESOL)

Our English Second Language Learning students have been hard at work with Sharon and this is the fruit of their labour. Well done to you, now you know all about the solar system!



AG DAY / PET DAY : THURSDAY. 17 OCTOBER 2019

There will be a sausage sizzle on the day to fundraise for Room 1's camp in Term 4. They will have:

Juicies @\$1.50

Sausage sizzle @ \$2.00

Ice cream @ 2.00

Cupcakes / home baking @ \$1.00



Tennis Intro & Fun Games for Students yr 5 and up.

Free 2 hour session at Otorohanga Tennis Club (behind South School)

Wednesday 9 Oct. 10-12pm

Rackets provided (or bring yours)

Please txt or ring 027 2036595 to enroll by Tuesday 8 Oct.



NKCJF HOLIDAY SOCCER/FOOTBALL AND GYMNASTICS PROGRAMMES OCT 2019

PLENDY'S -- FREE -- Holiday Programme will be held on: Mon 7th : Tuesday 8th : Wednesday 9th

Soccer at Te Kuiti High School will run from 10am. till 12 Noon and is endorsed by both WaiBoP Football and North King Country Junior Football.

Kids need to wear either boots or sneakers, shorts and t-shirt and to bring a water bottle (and some lunch if also coming to afternoon gymnastics). If wet, the soccer will be indoors at the TKHS Gymnasium (SNEAKERS ONLY)

GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics, Boys and Girls, at T.K.H.S. Gymnasium from 1p.m. till 3p.m. each day, run under the auspices of Te Kuiti Gymsport Club. Kids need to wear bare feet, shorts and t-shirt. (They may need to have a change from their am gear if they played soccer too). N.B. Plendy runs the weekly Monday afterschool Gym Club. Parent assistance sought please.

PRE-ENROLMENT FOR GYMNASTICS

WE REQUIRE A MINIMUM NUMBER OF 10/12 PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH ACTIVITY, THEREFORE "PRE-ENROLMENT" IS ESSENTIAL. THE MINIMUM AGE FOR BOTH ACTIVITIES IS 8 YEARS. Interested families can enrol for both/either activities, via e-mail or phone as below. We require: Child's name and surname: M.or: F.: age: parent name and surname and daytime phone number in case of accident or injury etc.

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OR - Dede Downs - waitomo@sportwaikato.org.nz Cell - 0274853692

Parents are welcome to attend both activities. Your assistance will be gratefully received, Cheers. Plendy