

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2019

First Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 121 (122):1-5

R: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

Second Reading

Colossians 2:16-3.5

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

'The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Readings for next week: First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm: 121(122): 1-2,4-5,6-9; Second Reading Romans 13:11-14;

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44



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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

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL!

We would like to welcome Francise and Fynce Laranjo to our school. Francise is in Room 2 and Fynce is in Room 5. They are the children of Joseph and Richell Laranjo. Please help them feel welcome in our school community and we hope you enjoy learning with us Francise and Fynce!



FLOAT FOR CHRISTMAS PARADE ON FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2019

Our PSG is considering entering a school float into the Te Kuiti Christmas Parade on Friday, 13th December. However, we need your help. If your child would like to participate on the float and you can help decorate the truck on the afternoon of Friday 13th, please contact Nicola Van Groendaal on 021 244 0551. You may have some great ideas for a theme or access to some awesome decorations. Please let us know or come to our planning meeting this Thursday, 21st November, 7pm at Stoked.



CORRECTION TO LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

In the section about the Confirmation and first Holy communion we made a mistake in our thank you for the catering. The catering was done by Liz and Gerald Kay, Hollie Kirkland's grandparents. We apologise for the oversight.

THANK YOU TO

Rico, Kirsten, Jessie, Felicity, Riyanshu, Brae, Phoenix, Ava, Samantha, Persia and Mr. Plenderleith for helping us when we had our Athletics day. You are legends!

WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

NOVEMBER 2019

22 INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS, FILIPINO MASS
25: SWIMMING - 1.30PM TO 2.30PM
27: MINIBALL FINALS - JUNIORS
29: MINIBALL FINALS - SENIORS

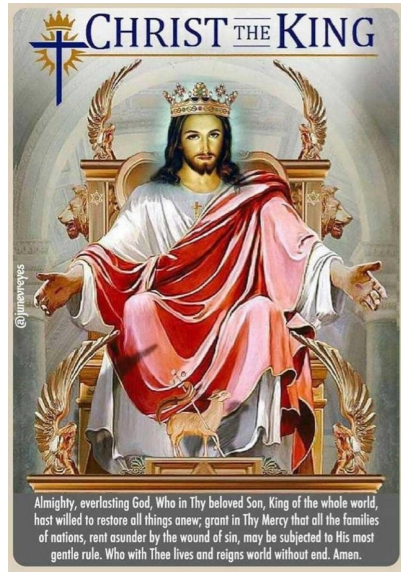
DECEMBER 2019

2: SWIMMING - 1.30PM TO 2.30PM
4: SWIMMING - 1.30PM TO 2.30PM
5: YEAR 8 RETREAT
6: STUBBS FARM VISIT - YEAR 7/8'S
9: STUBBS FARM VISIT - YEAR 5/6'S
10: LEAVERS MASS, AMAZING RACE, LEAVERS DINNER
16: FINAL ASSEMBLY, LAST DAY FOR THE BUSES
18: LAST DAY OF TERM 4

BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

For the Te Kuiti, Piopio, Mokau area
Lots of experience with children from one year old upwards
Third year university student, going back next year to do secondary teaching
Can provide references on request. Can Provide References on request
Contact Nereida Jones on
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Christ the King Sunday celebrates the full authority of Christ as King and Lord of the universe. Officially called "The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King," it is celebrated on the final Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Sunday before Advent. This Sunday 24th November.



Christ the King

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Luke 23:33 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 23:33-43 (NIV).



CHRIST THE KING

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PUNISHED	LEFT	CRUCIFIED	DIVIDED	CLOTHES
MOCKED	PARADISE	KING	FATHER	CHOSEN
TRUTH	SKULL	SAVE	CRIMINALS	CHRIST
FEAR	SOLDIERS	RIGHT	FORGIVE	MEMEMBER

FROM FATHER MATT...

Recently I read a very good spiritual article from Rachel Padilla from epicpew.com that I thought I would share with you.
 Blessings
 Fr. Matt

7 Mind Blowing Life Hacks from St. Josemaria that we All Need

1. Check your attitude

We sometimes want to measure how "Catholic" we are based on how many novenas we say. St. Josemaria Escriva reminds us that those things matter far less than what we believe and what we love. If I go to daily Mass but am constantly rude to others, it's clear who I really am.

2. Bite your tongue

As a more passionate person, this advice is a bit hard for me to swallow. But, also because of that I recognize its wisdom. Sometimes, the next day we realize that huge offense wasn't really so big or that emotion would have driven us to say things that don't need to be said. Waiting until the next day isn't always possible or prudent but this is a good reminder that not everything should be dealt with in the heat of the moment.

3. Be holy, not a stick in the mud

Are there Commandments to obey and rules to follow? Yes. I doubt St. Josemaria Escriva is saying otherwise. However, if we let our pursuit of holiness rob us of hope and mercy, we've missed the mark. The most holy people always have joy.

4. Read what's good for your soul

It is not just any reading that will make us saints. Picking up a Jane Austen novel or even Tolkien's work (though some might debate me on the latter) does not have the same merit as reading Introduction to the Devout Life or Story of a Soul. Certain books have more obvious benefit for our soul than others.



5. Remember your lack of perfection

It's not common that a canonized saint and Hannah Montana have the same thing to say. But truly, nobody's perfect. Dealing with other people can be difficult. St. Josemaria was not afraid to say so and be direct about it. But we also shouldn't expect perfection of others when we commit plenty of sins and mistakes ourselves.

6. Failure is not an option, nor is it possible

As Christians, we are called to hope always. For some of us this is easier said than done. It's easy to get discouraged or want to give up when we feel like we've failed. St. Josemaria does not give us that option, however. He's bold enough to say we cannot fail. When we mess up we have simply found one way to not do something.

7. It's the little things

While this may not be the first saint who has reminded us of this fact, I know I often forget this in the day-to-day. Doing the laundry, not getting distracted at work, doing some task for our spouse or child are all ways we can strive towards holiness. The mundane and the everyday are where we live virtue or fail to.

PARISH NEWS

MARCH FOR LIFE

You're invited to Love Them Both by attending the third annual National March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 7 December. Join Kiwis from all over NZ in a family-friendly celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 12pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. If you're a day earlier, you are invited for a vigil Mass on Friday the 6th, at 7pm at St Mary of the Angels. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: <https://marchforlife.nz/2019-2/>

