

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’
A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’
Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’
Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 22 (23): 1-3,5-6

R: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading

I Crointhians 15:20-26,28

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Mark 1: 1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’

The Gospel of the Lord



Readings for next week 3rd Sunday of Advent 'Gaudete'

1st Reading Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; Luke 1:46-50,53-54;

2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; Gospel John 1:6-8,19-28



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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR

OUR END OF YEAR THANKSGIVING MASS

End of year Mass is on Friday, **11 December 2020** at **10 am**. Join us to give thanks to God for our school year and farewell our Year 8's with a special blessing. You are welcome to have a picnic on the lawns at school with your children, while waiting to watch the Nativity play.



OUR NATIVITY PLAY

Please join us at **12 noon** on Friday, **11 December 2020**, after Mass, in the basement for our annual nativity play. Nikau prepares the play and our Year 8's are able to show off their acting skills too.

LEAVERS' DINNER FOR YEAR 8'S AND THEIR PARENTS

This dinner is on Tuesday, **15 December 2020** at the Panorama Motor Inn following the Amazing Race for 2020. Proceedings will start at **6pm** with drinks and the meal will follow at 7pm.

The supper will cost \$45.00 per adult and it is payable to the Panorama on the night. Meals for the students are paid out of Alumni donations. Please contact the office if you plan on attending, thank you.



OUR FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR

Our final assembly for the year will be held on Monday, **14 December 2020** at **10.30 am** in the school basement. Please join us as we celebrate our year, acknowledge those who have worked hard and farewell our leavers.

WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

DECEMBER 2020

- 8 - 9: RIMU CAMP - STUBBS FARM
- 10: ROOM 2 BIG DAY OUT
- 11: END OF YEAR MASS & NATIVITY
- 14: FINAL ASSEMBLY
- 15: AMAZING RACE AND LEAVERS DINNER
- 16: LAST DAY OF TERM 4

FROM MRS DOWNEY'S DESK ...

To all Parents/Caregivers Talofa, Naumai Haere Mai, Mauri

The christian new year began this week - ADVENT. Each week we light a candle on the Advent Wreath. Each light means something and as we get closer to Christmas - the light gets stronger. This week the candle is all about HOPE. The children could make a wreath at home and this could become part of your evening family meal ritual - to light the Advent candle and share a story about how each of you saw or gave HOPE in your life that day?



Year 8 Retreat

Mrs Anita Bailey led the Year 8's in a retreat yesterday. This is a special time for the Year 8's to reflect on how uniquely made they are by God. It is also a time for them to reflect on their own relationship with Jesus how they may continue to foster this in the future.

Thank you Anita for being with the Year 8's.

Sun Safe

A recent situation saw students at the pools get sunburnt. Thank you for informing me. Inquiring into it I have established that;

- the sunscreen had not expired
- the students were reminded at three different times to reapply sunscreen.

It is not acceptable to get sunburnt. We need to all be vigilant - teachers, parents and students. As a staff we have reviewed our policies and procedures. One thing we have decided needs to be in the curriculum earlier in Term 4 is education about being Sun Smart. The children need further education about the dangers of the sun and the importance of protecting themselves, putting on sunscreen when asked and asking for help re coverage as well.



Our policy says:

"We encourage students to wear clothing that protects the skin (e.g. long sleeve tops, rash tops) when at risk of extended sun exposure (such as at sports days, school camps, and picnics), or when swimming outdoors".

STAFFING for 2021:

The staff for 2021 will be

Kahikatea - Mrs Kirsten Erasmus and Mrs Shelley Matthews

Rimu - Mrs Belinda Cammock and Mrs Kelly Williams

Nikau - Mrs Pam Boroovich and Mrs Jan Lawrence (Fridays)

Congratulations to Mrs Belinda Cammock who has been appointed to a permanent teaching position in our school. Belinda contributes enormously to our school culture and is an exceptional Beginning Teacher. We look forward to her growing our team in 2021. Thanks Belinda.

END OF YEAR: I would like to think that we can celebrate this well with our whole community.

We need to acknowledge the journey past and ongoing re COVID and how the children were guided through these times. We need to acknowledge each other's contribution to the 'guiding' and continue to be kind.

Our first celebration comes with our FINAL END OF YEAR MASS on Friday at 10 am.

Nga mihi

God Bless you all

Suzanne.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE

RUGBY TICKETS

Our Kahui Ako (Communities of Learning) have been offered FREE tickets for our whanau in Maniapoto to attend the Maori All Blacks vs Pacific Islands Rugby game this weekend. Saturday 5th December 2020.

We will receive a minimum of 2 x tickets (approx value at \$40 each) per school but are hopeful of more - maybe up to 4.

Tickets have been secured from Farah Palmer (Maniapoto) through the Maniapoto Maori Trust Board.

Please email the office or text 027 8788190 to go into the draw for these tickets.



CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT

We would like to thank everyone who helped with our Christmas parade float this year.



PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

HILLVIEW

Reminder: it is St Georges turn to do the church services during December. We will only do 3rd, 10th, 17th. In the main lounge at 4pm on Thursday. All welcome we need singers!

Parishioners and children from St Joseph's school enjoy the volunteers afternoon tea at Hillview.

SVDP BROWN BAG APPEAL

There has been a wonderful response from the parish with 10 bags donated so far. These need to be in by Sunday 13th December to be distributed to those in need within our community. Thank you.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE

STUDENT STATIONERY FOR 2021

We use Officemax as we have an All of Government agreement with them to provide us with more reasonable prices than other stationery providers and the Back to School order is considered bulk buying which also keeps prices as low as possible. Officemax is also the preferred service provider for the New Zealand Catholic Education Office. Our lists are available on the myschool website. Follow this link <https://www.myschool.co.nz/stjosephthk> to purchase the stationery from Officemax.



Should you wish to purchase the items on the list at another store, it is your choice. We ask that you please ensure that you student/s are equipped with the necessary stationery they are going to need for their learning by Friday, February 5th, 2021. This is four (4) days after we start school.

We will keep a small amount of individual items in stock should your student need an item immediately, but will not be making up packs. We will provide the necessary to them, and invoice you for it via our Student Management System.

TIMETABLE CHANGE:

We are trialling a slight timetable breaks change this week.
8.50 - 9.00 - Preparation time
9-10.30 - Class time
10.30 - 11.10 - Play then eat undercover with staff supervision
11.10 - 12.40 - Class time
12.40 - 1.20 - Play then eat undercover with staff supervision
1.20 - 3pm - Class time
If you have any feedback from your children about the change, please pass it on. So far the children have generally considered it positive.



TRIPS:

Next week we have Rimu away Tuesday and Wednesday and Year 5 have their BIG DAY OUT on Thursday. For further information contact the class teachers.

WEBSITE AND APP

Note the new website is up and running. There is an app that goes with it as well. Check out the SCHOOL SHOP which has PERMISSION SLIPS in it. This is going to be a game changer I hope! Please use the QR code for the app and the website can be found at www.stjosephthk.school.nz



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY SESSIONS:

We have three of these - Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th and Monday 7th. Today the students and staff have been learning about algorithms outside and within the digital space. Please ask your children about 'what happened in the basement today!' It is only for Year 2-8's so no Nikau children will know about this. We will have photos next week.

PSG NEWS

DISCO CANCELLED!!The PSG unfortunately had to cancel the upcoming Disco as this is a very busy time of the year.



THANK YOU TO: *The Maniapoto Trust for the apples and tomatoes donated to the school. It was much appreciated.



REMINDER
We need to get our trolley filled by 13th December !! Seddon Street, Te Kuiti

2nd Sunday of Advent Mark 1 : 1-8
Prepare a way for the Lord. What does that mean in our time? Could it be that while we are overwhelmed with many chores and activities at this time we fail to hear a voice that cries in the wilderness 'Prepare a way for the Lord'. Let us resolve to include some time for prayer, reflection and contemplation of the true meaning of the season. To seek reconciliation with God and others as part of our Christmas preparation.
30th November Feast of St Andrew
Andrew was the first disciple to be called by Jesus and take up the invitation 'come follow me'. He is also reported to have told Peter his brother, 'I have found the Messiah'
2nd Sunday of Advent we light the Peace Candle

St. Andrew Prayer
O Christ, our Lord, you showered gifts upon your friend, St. Andrew, by giving him the grace of apostleship and the crown of martyrdom. It was by Andrew's promptings that his brother, St. Peter, came to know you and love you. You gave Andrew the mission to preach the mystery of the cross, and he glorified you by embracing death on a cross himself. Through St. Andrew's intercession grant that we will become true lovers of your holy cross, and lead others to communion with you. Help us to deny ourselves and take up our cross to follow you, that by uniting our sufferings in this life with your passion, we may receive the joy of life everlasting. Amen.
St. Andrew, Pray for Us!

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MESSENGER
WILDERNESS
BAPTISM
REPENTANCE
CAMELSKIN
LOCUSTS
HONEY
STRAP
SANDALS
SPIRIT

SPORTS NEWS

ST JOSEPH’S ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS AND RUNNER UP PER YEAR GROUP

GIRLS		BOYS
New Entrant Champion: Chloe Needham		New Entrant Champion: Brayden Rickit
Runner Up: Sophie Grainger		Runner Up: Blayz Tata—Goldsmith
Year 1 Champion: Teerira Kum Kee		Year 1 Champion: Beau Riley
Runner Up: Skyla—Jade Morris		Runner Up: Jackson le Grange
Year 2 Champion: Eden Bradley		Year 2 Champion: Flynn Kearins—Te Whare
Runner Up: Ava Murrell		Runner Up: Easton Te Wao
Year 3 Champion: Lily—Rose Morehu		Year 3 Champion: Charlie Needhan & Max Cammock
Runner Up: Sophie Downey		Runner Up: Levi Morehu
Year 4 Champion: Carlee Rendall		Year 4 Champion: Cruz Te Wao
Runner Up: Briony Morgan		Runner Up: Noah Murrell
Year 5 Campion: Charlotte Holmes		Year 5 Campion: Lewis Needham & Siaki Bourke
Runner Up: Sarah D’Ath		Runner Up: Cameron Downey
Year 6 Champion: Malia Bourke		Year 6 Champion: Luke Riley
Runner Up: Taylah Scott-Campbell		Runner Up: Lachlan O’Rourke
Year 7 Champion: Libby Kearins—Te Whare		Year 7 Champion: Aiden Wano
Runner Up: Bella Larsen		Runner Up: Elijah Caucau
Year 8 Champion: Zoe Rawles		Year 8 Champion: Koewyn Kearins—Te Whare
Runner Up: Taneisha Davis		Runner Up: Jack Leineweber



SPORTS NEWS CONTINUE

	High Jump	Sprints 400m	Sprints 200m
GIRLS			
Junior	Lily-Rose Morehu 1st		
	Briony Morgan 3rd		
Intermediate	Taylah Scott-Campbell 1st	Malia Bourke 3rd	
Senior		Libby Kearins-Te Whare 2nd Zoe Rawles 3rd	Bella Larsen 2nd Libby Kearins-Te Whare 3rd
BOYS			
Junior	Cruz Te Wao 1st Noah Murrell 2nd		
Intermediate	Luke Riley 1st		
	Sprints 100	Shotput	Discus
GIRLS			
Junior	Lily-Rose Morehu 1st		Lily-Rose Morehu 3rd
Intermediate			Malia Bourke 1st
Senior			
BOYS			
Junior	Noah Murrell 1st Cruz Te Wao 3rd	Cruz Te Wao 3rd	Noah Murrell 1st
Intermediate			
Senior			
	Long Jump	Sprints 60m	Relays
GIRLS			
Junior	Lily-Rose Morehu 1st	Lily-Rose Morehu 1st	
Intermediate			
Senior			
BOYS			St Joseph's 1st
Junior	Cruz Te Wao 1st Noah Mrrell 2nd	Cruz Te Wao 2nd	
Intermediate	Luke Riley 1st		

