

READINGS FOR 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 21ST FEBRUARY

First Reading

Genesis 9: 8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord

Psalm 24(25):4-6, 7-9

R: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading

I Peter 3: 18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord

Readings for next week: 2nd Sunday of Lent

First reading ; Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Psalm 115(116): 10,15-19; Second Reading Romans 8:31-34

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

Gospel

Mark 1: 12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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St. George's Parish 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

MEET OUR 2021 LEADERS!!

Our leaders for this year is (from left to right):

Aidan Wano: House Leader Pompallier

Libby Kearins - Te Whare: Head student, Cultural & Social Leader

Riley McNamee: House Leader Assisi

Kees Neustroski: Head student, Sports Leader

Peter Kum Kee: Catholic Character, House Leader McKillop

Flormina Fuentes: Catholic Character, House Leader McKillop

Bella Larsen: Sports, Cultural and Social Leader

Leah Rawles: Cultural & Social, House Leader Assisi

Elijah Caucau: Environmental & Sport Leader.

Hazel Kersel - Stubbs: House Leader Pompallier, Environmental Leader (absent from photo)



WHAANAU CONNECTION DISCUSSIONS

Whanau Connections Discussions will go ahead next Monday 22nd and Wednesday, 24th of February. The time slots will remain the same. Please head to our website to see when your discussion is scheduled for.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Brendan and Pip Were, Michael Waghorn and Roseann Allen, Sharon Reynolds and Lizzie and Dale Rendall for their help with our cattle scheme. We are very grateful for your assistance. The funds received from the sales of these cattle is used to fund our Sport Curriculum needs. If there are parents keen to help us raise a beast to fund this worthy cause, please contact Dale Rendall.



WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

FEBRUARY 2021

22: WHAANAU CONNECTION DISCUSSIONS

24: SWIMMING SPORTS; WHAANAU CONNECTION DISCUSSIONS

26: NKC JUNIOR RUGBY AGM

MARCH 2021

05: WAITOMO SWIMMING SPORTS

SWIMMING SPORTS

Swimming Sports will go ahead as planned. Please refer to the programme published, in the newsletter, last week and on our website. We need parent helpers to assist at the sports. Please contact the office if you're able to be there. Thank you



FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK ...

Kia Ora tatou and welcome!

One thing we are learning during these Covid times, is that there is always another way to provision experiences. What is required is a collective commitment to achieving the goal. This was highlighted again as we enabled our students to experience Ash Wednesday in a different way, yet still achieving the goal of marking the season of Lent. The opportunity we have to reach within our hearts and make some changes to our words, thoughts and actions through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I invite you to be part of the Lenten journey with your children as they strive to follow Jesus' example of love and friendship toward one another and themselves.

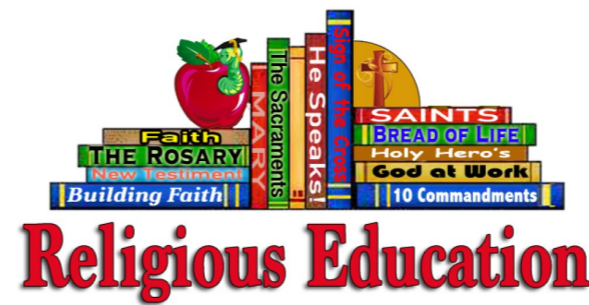
Our School Year 8 Leaders:
 Today we showcase the leaders of our 100th school year!.
 Elijah Caucau,
 Flormina Fuentes,
 Libby Kearins - Te Whare,
 Hazel Kersel - Stubbs,
 Peter Kum Kee,
 Bella Larsen,
 Riley McNamee,
 Kees Neustroski,
 Leah Rawles, and
 Aidan Wano.

All of these amazing young leaders have stepped into their leadership roles with enthusiasm. They are developing the tikanga of the role around their own skills and talents. Congratulations to you all. I know you will have a fabulous year!

Taupo St Patrick's Community
 It is with great sadness that we learned that the Director of Religious Studies and much loved teacher of St Patrick's school community - Angela Moeke has died. May God bless St Patrick's school and community with love and peace at this difficult time.

Her death notice reads:
 "A life lived and enriched by what is most important - God, family friends, and the students she taught, who made her laugh each day"
 May She Rest In Peace.

Ma te Atua e manaaki
 Suzanne.



21st February 1st Sunday of Lent
 Mark 1 12-15 We are invited to journey through the wilderness with Jesus, a place of encounter and solitude. Lent is the opportune time to experience prayer and fasting but also to be strengthened for the work God has prepared for us. During this season let us allow ourselves to be purified in order to experience the consoling presence of God in our lives.

Lord, help us to seek moments of being alone with you. Teach us the value of silence and solitude. Help us to seek you.



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PARISH NEWS

WAIKATO MARCH FOR LIFE

The 2021 [Waikato March for Life](#) Sunday the 14th March at Memorial Park on River Road, Hamilton. Stalls and family friendly events from 12.30 the march will commence at 2pm. Bring your family and friends and join us as we march to be a voice for the voiceless.

CARITAS ENVELOPES

These are at the back of the church, there are also contribution boxes at the school.

NEW BEGINNINGS MASS AND BBQ FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday March 7th at 6pm Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton East. Come to Mass celebrated by Bishop Steve with a special blessing for young adults, followed by a BBQ, games and chances to win spot prizes, all for FREE! For more info, contact Shana at shana@cdh.org.nz

