

**First Reading Exodus 20:1-17**

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalm 18(19):8-11**

**R: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

**Second Reading I Corinthians 1:22-25**

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

*The word of the Lord*

**Readings for next week: 4th Sunday of Lent**

**First reading ; 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23; Psalm 136(137): 1-6; Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10**

**Gospel John 3: 14-21**

**Gospel John 2: 13-25**

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

*The Gospel of the Lord*



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## St. George's Parish Community Newsletter

Term 1 - Week 5 1-5 March 2021

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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*

**WAITOMO SEVENS**

This tournament will take place on Wednesday 31 March 2021 at Rugby Park in Te Kuiti. We will provide forms to complete for those interested in taking part. We will need coaches and parent helpers on the day. Please contact the office if you're able to help.

**BIKE WEEK NEXT WEEK!**

We would like all children to bring a bike to school next week. If your child does not have a bike, ask your neighbours, cousins, friends and / or family to see if you can borrow one for the week. Bikes will come to school Monday morning and stay at school for the week.



**PSG NEWS**

We're sending home a separate flyer with some fundraising information from the PSG. This flyer will also be available on our website.

**NUMICON**

Please see the additional information provided today with the newsletter regarding this Parent evening. All welcome to join us to see how our students learn maths. The flyer will also be on our website.



**WAITOMO SWIMMING SPORTS POSTPONED**

The interschools swimming sports will now take place on Friday, 19 March at the Te Kuiti Aquatic Centre. We need parent helpers on the day. Please contact the office if you're able to spare some time to help out on the day. Thank you

**WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?**

- MARCH 2021**
- 08: BIKE WEEK
- 10: COMMISSIONING MASS
- 15: NUMICON PARENT EVENING: MATHEMATICS AT ST JOSEPH'S
- 17: ST JOSEPH'S TRYATHLON
- 19: WAITOMO SWIMMING SPORTS

**THANK YOU**

To David and Rebecca Were for helping us raise a steer and selling it on our behalf to give a boost to our cattle account. Please contact Dale Rendall or Shannon van Groenedaal if you are able to help us raise the next lot of steers. Thank you.



**FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK ...**

Kia Ora tatou and welcome!

# Whanaungatanga Connections

*Together we are more*

Ki Ora, St Joseph's Whaanau

**'Mountain Experiences'**

I shared with the students on Monday a 'mountain' experience whilst I was with family last Saturday night at the Hamilton Gardens listening to the Waikato Symphony Orchestra play Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture with real cannons and fireworks overhead. No doubt, some of you could have felt the same at the Six60 concert! The three disciples certainly felt the same when up on Mount Tabor with Jesus. They wanted to pitch their tents and stay there in the warmth of the dazzling transfiguration. For me the experience ended with the Covid alert going off on my phone! Just as the disciples and Jesus had to come down the mountain - so did we all. Back down to reality and the mahi that needed to be done to keep us all safe. The great thing about having 'mountain' experiences is that we can hold them in our hearts and minds to give us courage and hope as we do the mahi and achieve our goals.



I know there is tension and anxiety in our community. The students have been stoic in their actions to keep hand washing and sanitising. They adjusted to the routine alongside the teachers who were there to guide and support. Thank you for preparing them for Level 2 again this week. Please continue to encourage kindness to others. Thank the staff for their care and professionalism.

**Parent Professional Development: KEEP THE DATES!!**

We have a number of learning evenings planned from now until the end of the term that aim to inform and upskill our parent community of ministry initiatives and our current curriculum practices.

Please could you note these dates and times. A representation from each household would be fabulous.

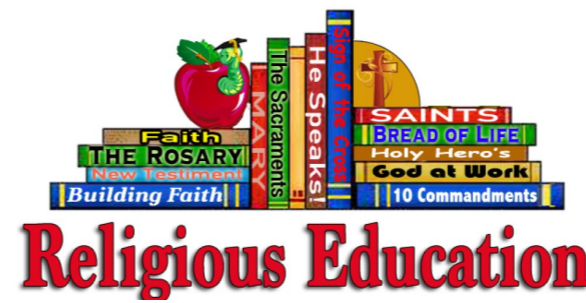
1. Teaching **mathematics** using the numicon approach Monday 15th March 5.30 pm(see flyer)
2. Junior **Literacy** Evening Monday 22nd March (The science of reading and new decodable readers)
3. The **Blessing** of our new Learning Spaces Wednesday 14th April (time to be confirmed with Father Joseph George)
4. From Compliance to Empowerment - **How do our Learning Spaces Work?** Tuesday 8th April 6.45pm.



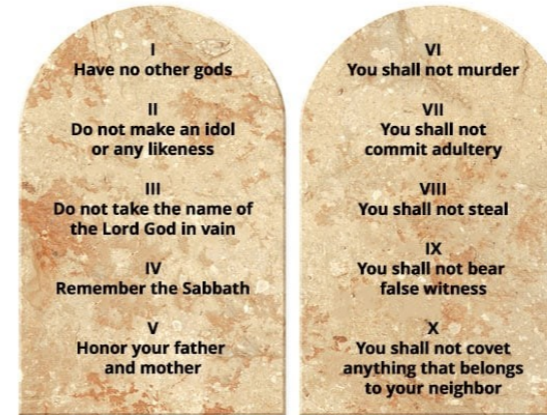
Thanks to the PSG for presently organising the duck race and the hot cross bun fundraiser. Parishioners please see a student or call the office to order your Good Friday hot cross buns!

All the best to Tom Downey and his team who will begin Godzone 2021 in Rotorua on Friday as BULKLINES. For more information and live tracking see [www.godzoneadventure.com](http://www.godzoneadventure.com). I know what I will be preoccupied doing this weekend!

Take Care - Be Kind - Keep Safe  
Suzanne

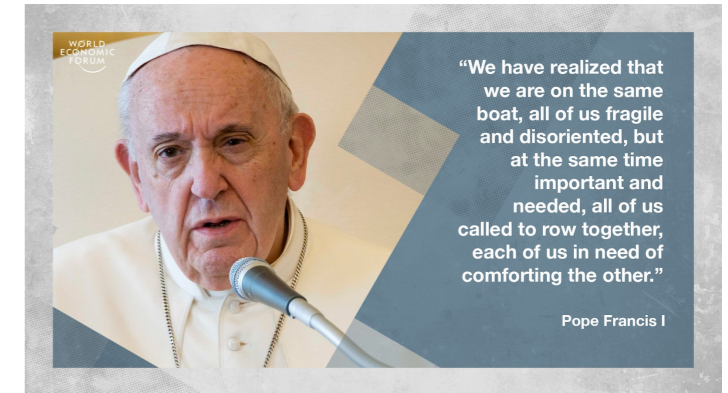


**Ten Commandments**  
Exodus 20:2-17



**7th March 3rd Sunday of Lent**

John 2:13-25 Jesus drives the traders and money lenders from the temple. The first reading is from Exodus 20:1-17 where Moses receives the Ten Commandments given from God to the people of Israel. They are as relevant today as they were back then thousands of years ago!



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**PARISH NEWS**

**RECONCILIATION FOR LENT**

Visiting priests will be in attendance. All will be held at 7pm. 11th March St Patrick's church Te Awamutu, 23rd March St George's church Te Kuiti.

**WAIKATO MARCH FOR LIFE**

The 2021 [Waikato March for Life](#) Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES**

To Tony and the Pivac family with the sad loss of Ivka, a dearly loved wife and mother. Ivka was a regular at the cup of tea after Mass and she donated the piano in the library at our school. We will always remember her lovely smile. May she rest in peace.



*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*