



First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord

Psalms 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

R: My God, my God.

Why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord

The Passion Reading

Mark 14:1-15,47

Gospel (read outside)

Mark 11:1-10

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If any one says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately."' And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it.

And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it.

And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.

And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

The Gospel of the Lord

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'



Readings for next week Easter Sunday

1st Reading Acts 10:34,37-43; Psalm 118 (119):1-2,16-17,22-23;

2nd Reading Colossians 3:1-4,Gospel John 20:1-9



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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

EASTER WEEKEND SCHOOL DAYS

Next weekend is Easter weekend and that means our last school day next week will be Thursday 01 April 2021. Friday 02 April is Good Friday, Monday 05 April is Easter Monday. **When the Easter weekend falls within the school term, schools are closed for the Tuesday after Easter Monday as well. Please ensure that you have made arrangements for your student/s care on Tuesday 06 April if you need to go back to work. School will be open again on Wednesday, 07 April 2021.**



CHROME BOOKS

This is a reminder that the Waitomo District Education Trust will be available at the **Te Kuiti Primary School office on Monday, 29 March 2021, from 5 pm to 6.30pm** to sell Chrome Books. The offer is open to Year 5 to 8 students.

BUSES

Reminder that if your child is not on the bus, there is an expectation that you will inform the school. If you come to school and pick up your student/s - because the dog needed to go to the vet or for any other reason that may have brought you to town - please ensure that the school is informed before you take your children.



SAFETY AT PICK UP TIME:

We think and pray for the child who was hit outside a school in NZ this week, during drop off time. Please take extra care both before and after school. Children can do unpredictable things and we need to be alert to this. Slow down, and allow the students to move to the car without rushing them. Just a few minutes could make all the difference!

WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

MARCH 2021

29: SEVENS RUGBY PRACTICE AT 1 PM; CHROME BOOK SALES AT TE KUITI PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM 5PM TO 6.30PM
31: WAITOMO SEVENS COMPETITION AT RUGBY PARK

APRIL 2021

02: GOOD FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL
05: EASTER MONDAY - NO SCHOOL
06: EASTER TUESDAY - NO SCHOOL
16: END OF TERM 1

Whanaungatanga

Connections

Together we are more

Kia Ora, St Joseph's Whaanau

Holy Week begins next Monday and come Holy Thursday, the three most important days for Christians begin. We gather as Catholics on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Sunday, to remember and celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Want to know more? Here is a great link to watch - [Holy Week in Two Minutes](#). It gives an overview of what happens on these three days and why.



Why not start Holy Week by coming to the Palm Sunday Mass 9.30am Sunday morning. Bring along a school friend and collect a palm. "Hosanna!"

Winter sports TRY day

Thank you Mrs Cammock for organising this day for us. It was a wonderful afternoon, filled with excellent sports skill based games. The facilitators of each code were just excellent with our students. It is important now that we get the Winter Sports Code choices form back asap to Mrs Cammock, so we can get the teams organised as soon as possible. There are copies of the document on the website.



Home support requested

The staff would like to inform you of the school's social skill focus. The skill is **acknowledgement**. We are expecting that when communicating with/to their own peers/students/teachers/parents/bus drivers or visitors, your child acknowledges the person and their conversation. We are hearing some very off hand comments/asides and colloquial speech with and to their peers and other adults. We expect that they acknowledge that they have spoken with someone through a simple "kia ora" or "thank you". There is no place for swearing at school and request that a conversation is had at a home level about the use of language that may offend others.

"Know where you are and what is expected of you"

Principals' Pilgrimage

The Catholic Principals of our Diocese complete their learning about Mother Suzanne Aubert with a trip to Wellington's Home of Compassion. We will stay at Our Lady's Home of Compassion where Mother Aubert rests in a tomb. We did the first half of our learning last year before lockdown when we travelled and stayed at Hiruhaarama/Jerusalem on the Wanganui River, a place where Mother Aubert set up a home for abandoned and sick children. I will be away Monday and Tuesday and back for the Sevens on Wednesday. Mrs Boroevich will be Principal in my absence.

Our Annual Stations of the Cross Walk around the school grounds is on Thursday at 11.30am. Anyone is welcome to come along. Children may like to dress up in a tunic and waist tie and really enter into being part of the crowd that journeyed with Jesus 'On the Way of the Cross'

Enjoy the weekend
God Bless
Suzanne



Piopio Tennis Club

Centennial Celebration

2pm Saturday 10th April 2021

Open to all. Come and enjoy a catch up over drinks and nibbles. Bring your racquet for a fun round of tennis (your original one if you still have it).

The afternoon at the clubrooms will be followed by a formal dinner at the Night Owl Piopio from 5pm.

Cost is \$42 per person for the dinner.

Register by 26 March to:

Paulette Johns 07 8778 021

paulettejohns2@gmail.com

Matt Buckley 027 231 8088

Wendy Verry 021 212 1453

Or Bex Clapcott 027 295 7654

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

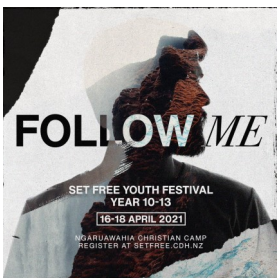
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HILLVIEW

It is St Georges turn to do the service at Hillview in April starting next Thursday 1st April which is Holy Thursday. We will be going so that the residents get a taste of Palm Sunday and Easter in one go! In their main lounge 4.15pm. All Welcome we need the voices!

SET FREE YOUTH FESTIVAL

16-18 April 2021 - Christian Youth Camp, Ngaruawahia. Registration is open for our 11th Annual Set Free Youth Festival for college students year 10-13. This year's theme "Follow Me," which focuses on Jesus' invitation to each of us to be His disciples. We will be hearing from Danielle Mourits, Bishop Steve and presenters from all over Aotearoa. We will also have a worship band, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, awesome camp activities, you get to join the SF Whanau that everyone has come to know and love. Visit www.setfree.cdh.nz to register.



SCHOOL CHALLENGE 2021 HOSTED BY TE KUITI BMX CLUB

Get on your bike and come to:-

33 William Street

Sign in from 5.15pm

Racing starts at 6pm

NO ENTRY FEE FREE TO RIDE

Every rider earns points for the School Challenge Shield

Which school will have their name put on the shield for 2021

Previous winners St Joseph's, Te Kuiti
2021 Winners ??????

**Wednesday March 31st, April 7th
and 14th**

YOU NEED a helmet, full fingered gloves, long pants, long sleeved top, covered shoes
AND LASTLY ANY BIKE!

All ages (even striders), teachers and parents!
Limited hire equipment available: helmets, gloves and bikes
\$2 each

Check us out on Facebook Te Kuiti Bmx Club

SPORTS NEWS

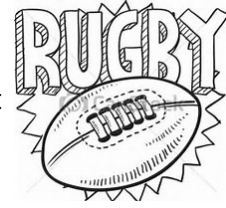
WAITOMO SEVENS

This tournament will take place on Wednesday 31 March 2021 9am - 2pm at Rugby Park in Te Kuiti. Mouthguards, No Boots. Please could students be dropped off at the Park. If this is not possible please contact the school. Mrs Downey will be at the field to meet the students at 9am.

Practice: Monday 29th March 1pm - Thank you Nigel Neustroski and Jared Murrell (coaches) and Hayley Bird and Keryn Herbert (Managers)

WAITETE U11 RUGBY FINAL MUSTER

this Thursday 25th March 4pm - 5pm at Waitete. Thank you to the kids and families who attended the 1st muster last Friday and those who sent in apologies. Please contact Monique on 0212372995 if you are keen but can not make it on Thursday.



WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION FORMS 2021

Winter sports forms cut off is TODAY - After the forms are in, they are sorted by Belinda and given to each sports code co-ordinator who then will put the students into teams, allocate coaches and practice days. Staff then prepare the gear bags and continually ensure that the communication of each code to the students is clear.

Getting the forms in on time really helps get this process underway. Thank you.



WINTER SPORTS TASTER DAY

We would like to thank the following people for helping Mrs. Cammock with the Winter Sport Taster Day:

- Stuart Pitu - Waikato Hockey
- Jenne Jones-Poole - Netball
- Dan Towler - King Country Rugby
- Tracy Wrigley - Waibop Football



Religious Education



Palm Sunday 28th March

Palm Sunday is a Christian feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four canonical Gospels. Amid the celebration this event brings it is also the beginning of Our Lord entering into his Passion. As we contemplate the beginning of Holy Week let us remember all those who endure suffering around the world at the hands of wicked people, and pray for an end to their suffering.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord 25th March

Celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only son. We are continually reminded of the importance of this feast to our salvation in various devotional prayers. Two examples that highlight the importance of this feast are the joyous mysteries of the Rosary and the Angelus.

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The Triumphal Entry

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Matthew 21:8 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:1-11



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CLOAKS	LORD	FULFILL	DONKEY	FOAL
VILLAGE	DISCIPLES	OLIVES	GENTLE	COLT

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

WELL DONE, GARDEN CLUB AND FRAU WOERMER

The St Joseph's School Garden Club harvested some items from their school garden this week and then made yummy roasted pumpkin salad, pumpkin pie and pumpkin soup fresh from the garden. The feast was absolutely delicious!!

The soup was served today at \$0.50 a cup, and the proceeds will go towards restocking the garden with new plants. We would like to thank Frau Woermer for sharing her knowledge and passion for plants and growing them with our students.



PHOTOS OF SOUP DAY



FROM OUR PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (PSG)

For those who are new parents/ whanau/ caregivers to our school, the PSG provides invaluable support in organising fundraising events to provide extra resources that are not otherwise funded. In recent years money raised has gone towards making improvements to our school playground, purchasing a new sound system, furnishing the school flexible learning environment rebuild, water fountains, buses to and from the pools for swimming lessons during the summer months, Astroturf, big screens and devices for classrooms as well as the running cost of Seesaw.

The PSG desperately need more helpers, if we do not get new members we won't be able to do fundraising events throughout the year, in effect your kids may miss out on valuable resources that the school cannot fund. We welcome any parents/ whanau/ caregivers who wish to come along to our meetings and/or join the group. Please Contact Pip Kirkland , Bidy Stubbs (0277661122) Kelly Williams, or Shaina Downey (0274257254) if you would like to join our team Currently we have a Messenger Chat set up and do organising this way, with occasional meetings as required

***** MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK *****



CURRENT FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR 2021

HOT CROSS BUN DELIVERY

The orders are arriving on Monday 29th at 7pm. Pick up will be from the LIBRARY on Tuesday 30th from 8.45 am onwards - when you drop your children at school or 3pm. A school parent will be there to help distribute the orders.



DUCK RACE TICKETS

The Duck Race at The Muster 10th April 12.30pm Please return all sold ticket butts and money to Elmarie in the office by Friday the 26th of March.

On the day we will need volunteers... * to help ducks out of long grass along their journey using rakes from the river banks * to catch ducks at the TKP bridge using nets * Maybe a couple of kayakers in the river to help lost ducks

