

READINGS FOR ASCENSION SUNDAY 12TH 2021

First Reading

Acts 1: 1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord

Psalm 46 (47): 2-3,6-9

R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.



Readings for next week Pentecost:

First reading Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103(104): 1,24,29-31,34;

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13 Gospel John 20:19-23



Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-13

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would:

When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them:

'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord

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St. George's Parish Community Newsletter

Term 2 - Week 2 10 - 15 May 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

CROSS COUNTRY - MONDAY 17 MAY 2021



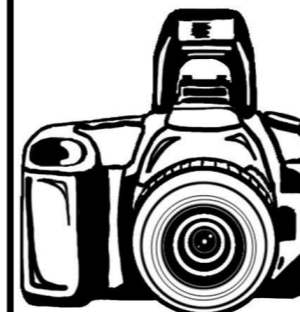
A reminder that the St Joseph's School and Rangitoto School Cross Country will be held on Monday, 17 May 2021 at Brook Park.

Rimu Hub will be selling sausages, soup and fried bread to raise funds for their end of year camp. Support for their efforts will be appreciated.



UMBRELLAS

We have some umbrellas for sale which are really good to use next to the sports field. They are very sturdy and will not fold over in the wind. They are for sale at the office at \$25.00 each.



PHOTOLIFE - PORTRAITS AND CLASS PHOTOS - 04 JUNE 2021

A reminder that our individual portraits and class photos will be taken on Friday, 04 June 2021 after the students have been to Mass. We do realise that it is the Friday before the Queen's Birthday long weekend, but we had no other alternative than to accept this date. We would appreciate it greatly if you could delay leaving, for the long weekend, as late as possible before the end of school on that day. Thank you.

PhotoLife



FOOTSTEPS PRESENTATION - 14 MAY 2021 AT 12PM - 12.30PM

THERE IS A PRESENTATION OF THE DANCES on Friday, 14th May at 12:00pm - 12.30 pm in the school basement. If you can make it we would love to see you there.



WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

MAY 2021

14: FOOTSTEPS PRESENTATION

17: ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

21: INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - RANGITOTO

JUNE 2021

04: PHOTOLIFE: PORTRAITS AND CLASS PHOTOS

18: ORIENTEERING AT ARIA

KIDS YOGA

Kids Yoga will start next week. Registration closes this Sunday, 16th May 2021. The classes in Te Kuiti will be held at St Joseph's School in the Basement on Wednesday afternoons.



<https://iamyoga.co.nz/kidsyoga/>

Whanaungatanga

Connections

Together we are more

Kia Ora mai koutou katoa,

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. We profess our faith in this glorious mystery when we say in the Nicene Creed: He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

With His Ascension into heaven, the Lord Jesus is now present to us in a new way. He has not left us alone. He is always close to us. He is close to each one of us forever. *I am with you always to the end of time (Matthew 28:19).*



Students of Service:

Last week we farewelled Mr Frank Kelly at St George's. I want to thank a special group of students who offered their service to the family that day. They helped put up the gazebo, set out and stacked up the chairs, helped get the slide show going and tidied in the church afterwards. Many people commented on their attitude and willingness to serve in this way. I know that they connected our school with the parish in a special way too. Thank you. Diohan Davao began serving at Mass on Sunday with Adriel. Thank you Diohan for offering to serve in this way.

Footsteps Dance:

We have been delighted to offer the students a dance experience through Footsteps Dance. Kate has come from Auckland for the week and we are sharing her with Piopio Primary. The arrangement is perfect! Footsteps is a main sponsor of our Catholic Principals Association. Every class has enjoyed the sessions each day. The smiles on their faces are infectious and our timing is an alternative way to get fit!



This week we also have set dates and begun the process to begin our production in Term 3. The Music Festival small choir Korimako is soon to begin practices (We had a large number of singers chosen for this group). The Arts are alive and well at St Joseph's!

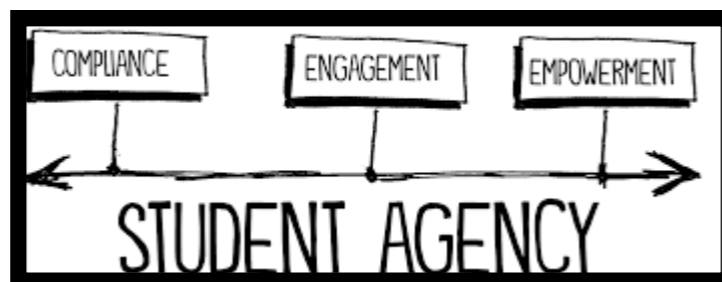
Board of Trustees:

The Board met last week and accepted the pre-approval plans for this year's EOTC trips. Now the staff can further plan the details and inform parents.

Class Newsletters:

These will be sent home tomorrow Friday 14th May. Keep an eye out for them!

Finally, a graphic of student agency. It models a change in the mindset of education and was discussed at our learning evening.



"Our job as parents/educators is not to prepare students for something, our job is to help students prepare themselves for anything."

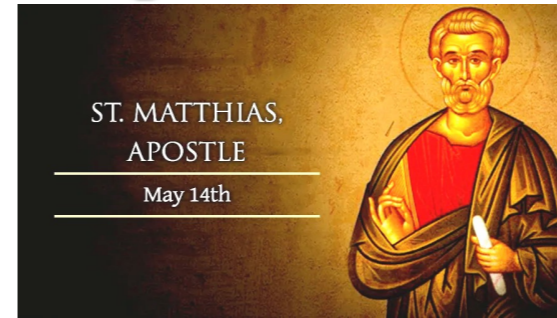
COVID has taught us that! One year ago we were just getting back to school again! How grateful we need to be.

God Bless you all

Suzanne



Religious Education



We celebrate our new altar servers Diohan Davao and Adriel Camitan. May God Bless their service to our parish.



The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)
Based on Luke 24:44-53



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RISE	REPENT	PROPHETS	TAKEN
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PARISH NEWS

COMMISSION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

The newly formed Commission, for the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton is releasing a monthly newsletter for all recipients to build an awareness of the duties of every Christian under the principles of Catholic Social Teachings. To know more or to participate in the works of the commission, please email dave.colquhoun@xtra.co.nz or c.piper@ctc.ac.nz or robertg@ch.org.nz. Copies of the latest issue are at the back of the church.

