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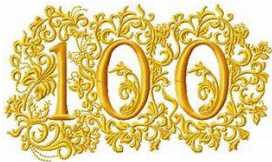
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Term 3 - Week 10 27 September - 01 October 2021

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL CENTENARY

Next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 06 OCTOBER

at 7.30 pm in the school basement.
ALL WELCOME. Come and contribute to this great milestone in our history!



AVAILABLE POSITION: BOARD SECRETARY

Please contact Nikki Taylor on 027 223 9073 if you are interested. The job description can be found by following this link:

<https://www.stjosephk.school.nz/bot/>

CASUAL HELP IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

If you are available to help in the school office on a casual basis, with basic office duties please contact Suzanne Downey on 878 8190 or email her at suzanne@stjosephk.school.nz.

YUMMY STICKERS

The date to submit our Yummy stickers have been pushed out to 05 November 2021. Please ensure your filled collection sheets is sent to the office by Wednesday, 27 November to send them off in time!



TEACHER ONLY DAY

This is a reminder that we will have a **Teacher Only Day on Tuesday 26 October 2021**. Please ensure that you have arranged for child care on this day.



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Follow this link to more info on a holiday programme available at Centennial Park School in Te Kuiti these school holidays.

<https://legendz3910.aimy.plus.com>

PET DAY FORMS

Remember to send your completed Pet Day forms to the office. The due date has been extended and you're able to register your pet until our Pet Day on 21 October.



TE KUITI BMX

Follow this link for more information on our website.
<https://www.stjosephk.school.nz/other-sports/>

RAFFLE WINNERS

We had 3 raffles drawn this week. The winners are as follows:

- *Firewood Raffle from Rimu: The Taie family
 - *Centenary Raffle \$100.00: Jim Gibb
 - *Centenary Raffle Lotto Tickets: Magda Jordan
- Congratulations to all of you and thank you very much for your support!!

WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

PLEASE HEAD TO OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE VIA THIS LINK

<https://www.stjosephk.school.nz/calendar/>



FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK ...

Whanaungatanga Connections Together we are more No longer living for ourselves but for Christ (2 Cor 5:15)



Tūrangawaewae - St Joseph's School - A place to stand

On Wednesday you may have driven past the school and noticed a 'blossoming archway'.

The archway was part of the 'Tūrangawaewae' celebrations. Celebrating Catholic Schools Day. In the classroom during the day students deepened their understanding of our logo and created their own voice within it.

We especially remember our tupuna, those who have gone before us, those who shaped Catholic Education in Te Kuiti and throughout New Zealand since the first school opened in Auckland in 1841.

Currently we have 48 Catholic Primary Schools and 48 Catholic Secondary Schools in New Zealand. A total of 66,900 enrolled students. Let us all keep this mission - our treasure alive and burning brightly! "No longer living for ourselves but for Christ"

Basketball/Miniball Leaders

I have been very impressed with two young men who have put their hands up to coach our Miniball Teams - Taylor Allen and Blake Matthews. These capable basketball players in their own right, have offered their time and expertise. Taylor comes out of his employment and Blake after school.

Have a great season Taylor and Blake. Thank you for sharing your skills with our students.

Thank you also to the Miniball organisers. I have been to a couple of games. We are grateful that you have had the foresight to enable the competition to continue safely. Thank you.



Agricultural Day Meeting: The day is set for October 21st. Judging starts at 10.00am.

We had a very productive annual meeting! Thank you to those who attended. Minutes and Sponsorship Letters will be sent home today. All students entered will be given a pamphlet to take home on Friday regarding the day and the expectations re judging (Watch out for this in the bags). There may also be a demonstration on Friday. I am waiting for confirmation of this. We will send a text to confirm the time.



Senior Speech Finals

These were held on Monday. Follow the link for the photos and results.

<https://www.stjosephsk.school.nz/our-photos/>

Mrs Collie from St Paul's in Hamilton judged the speeches and was very

complimentary of the standard presented by our school. Thank you Mrs Collie for your encouraging comments and the professional way you judged. Thank you to the parents who attended. It was great to see such a fabulous turn out from our Kahikatea parents. The students can be very grateful to be so well supported.

Term 4

A couple of things to look out for:

- *A Better Start to Literacy update hui
- *Camps for Year 5/6 and Rimu Hub

- *A Year 1 to Year 2 and Year 4 to Year 5 transition hui
- *Transition meetings to TKHS for our Year 8 students

Keep safe and Covid safe during the holidays. Rest and Enjoy the longer days and hopefully some sun!

Remember Mass is happening now at Level 2. The details for booking in are at the back of this newsletter.

Our Granddaughter Eleanor is getting baptised during the holidays. I look forward to that!

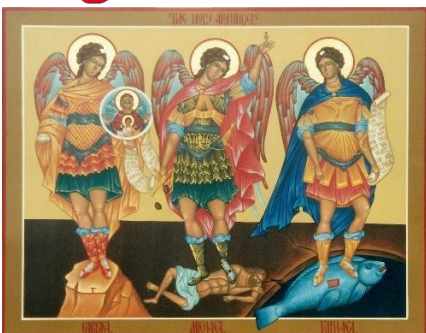
Have a restful holiday

God Bless you and keep you safe

Suzanne.



Religious Education



Feast of the Archangels

Gabriel ... Michael ... Raphael
September 29

*It was pride that changed
angels into devils; it is
humility that makes men as
angels.*

— St. Augustine

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4th October 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus

highlights two 'cares' in the gospel today - care for marriage and care for children. Maybe in prayer today we can bring to mind people who are close to and who have marriage or family concerns, and pray for them. Help us, Lord, to truly care for the earth, for marriage and for children in our society.

September 29th - St Michael, St Gabriel and St Raphael the Archangels

The three Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the only angels named in Sacred Scripture and all three have important roles in the history of salvation. Michael is the "Prince of the Heavenly Host," he is God's conquering angel. Gabriel, whose name means "God's strength," is God's messenger angel. He announced the birth of John the Baptist to his father Zacharias, and at the Incarnation of the Word in the womb of Mary Raphael, whose name means "God has healed" because of his healing of Tobias' blindness in the Book of Tobit.

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CREATION LAW DIVIDE MOSES
CHILDREN MAN BODY MALE
WELCOME WIFE MOTHER UNITED



PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who registered for Mass last weekend. We reached capacity on Sunday but there is still room at the Saturday Vigil. Please continue to register by contacting Father Joseph 07 8786417 or Sharon Mason 0210719774 until further notice. Please keep in mind if you do not turn up someone else could have come so if possible please give notice if your intention changes.

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 127 (128)

R: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms around them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord

"anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it"



Readings for next week: Sunday 18th July 2021

First reading Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalm 90 (91): 12-17

Second Reading Hebrews 4: 12-13

Gospel Mark 10:17-30

