

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## St. George's Parish Community Newsletter

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**Term 1 - Week 2  
7 - 11 February 2022**

### **THANK YOU MICHAEL GRAINGER**

Michael is our caretaker and he mows the school lawns. We need to thank Michael for preparing our school and grounds for the start of the Term. Michael and his friend cut down the split tree for us and removed it from the grounds before day one. This was a huge decision and a massive task.

This week Michael has been sorting the shed and finding room for the last of the rebuild unwanted furniture, shelves etc.

We can now get on and begin using the basement again!

Thank you Michael for your willingness and support of St Joseph's.



### **DOGS ON THE SCHOOL PROPERTY:**

Dogs are not permitted to run loose on the school property. There has been a need for constant checking of our grounds after weekends. Signage will be going up shortly. If you see any stray dogs loose on the property during non school hours, please contact the school so we can follow up with the people who are allowing their dogs to regularly 'soil' our grounds.



### **WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?**

PLEASE HEAD TO OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE VIA THIS LINK  
<https://www.stjosephk.school.nz/calendar/>

### **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Ko wai tenei?  
It is all in the whanau. Keryn, Ngahuaia, and Riki Salmond (with proud Dad looking on) all at the Aria sports day. Congratulations. The last young shearer we had at St Joseph's was Josh Balme. It was very exciting when the school went to watch him at the Te Kuiti Shearing champs.

Watch this space for Rikihana in the next few years!



### **THE FIRST SOD IS TURNED!**

Yesterday marked a very important day for Tē Kuiti. The first sod was turned for the new Te Kuiti Sports and Recreation stadium to begin. The whenua was blessed by Ngati Roa at a special ceremony. It is expected that the project will be completed in November.



## FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK ...

Kia Ora e te Whanau

The staff have taken the theme "Take Fresh Courage" for 2022. 'Take Fresh Courage' was used by Saint Mary MacKillop whose sisters started our school. 'Let us pray for the ever dear Will of our good God to be done, and in the end we shall see what peace and happiness will result from all our sorrows', she wrote. Let us all 'Take Fresh Courage' support each other and have faith in God's plan. Ask for help, welcome others help and speak the truth.



We warmly welcome to our school this year Mrs Rachael Laver. Rachael is teaching in the Rimu Learning Space (Year 2-4), and was appointed following Mrs Belinda Cammock and her family's relocation to Hamilton. We warmly welcome Rachael, her husband Max and their two children Eleanor and Louisa to St Joseph's. Rachael has made a fabulous start and hopefully many of you have said "Hello" to Rachael as she has been greeting the tamariki at the gate each morning.

Our deepest sympathy to Pam and Tony Boroevich and family on the death of Pam's Auntie Joyce. Only in December last year did Auntie Joyce turn 100.

Our deepest sympathy to Dianne and Mark Porter and family. Dianne's mother Hinewai Dodunski-Baker nee Nikora, died last week, her funeral is today.

May they Rest In peace, Amen



Mrs Rae Bennett (our piano teacher) has decided not to continue teaching piano. She has made contact with the families who were enrolled in her classes. I am always keen to have music taught at St Joseph's, so if any of you hear of other tutors wishing to teach an instrument, please let me know or ask the person to make contact with me.



Bishop Steve Lowe, leaves Hamilton this weekend to take up the position of Bishop of Auckland. We are all disappointed to see Bishop leave Hamilton, but know that he has answered the call to Tamaki Makaurau and their people in faith and love.

Thank you Bishop for your support of Catholic Education in our Diocese. We welcomed you into our school a number of times and the students all enjoyed their special time with you. The process of appointing a new Bishop has begun. Please pray for a new Bishop.

Stay Safe. Ma te wa  
Suzanne.







Sunday 13th February - 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus offers us the Beatitudes and shows us how to turn negatives (poverty, hunger, hatred) into opportunities to show the special love that God has for those who suffer and feel left behind. This message of love is for all people, and is a call for action to help others. But we need to understand that there are many different kinds of poverty, hunger and hatred.

What can we do today to share God's love with those who really need it? Can we identify a hunger that someone is suffering from, and this may be a hunger due to isolation or loneliness? Can we help someone who may be suffering from spiritual hunger, by using the gifts that God has given us?

# Religious Education



## The Sermon on the Plain



"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. Luke 6:23 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 6:17-26 (NIV).

J L K U Q G K C O M F O R T P  
 S H E Z D W C Q U M O U R N C  
 A U V P J S E B D W O V H J J  
 T N I S O Q O E O A L E O Q C  
 I G L E W O T D P N P E V M V  
 S E L K O C R K I N G D O M Q  
 F R W A E U P Y G R E A T R B  
 I I G J U T G R R E W A R D L  
 E D E J F G E P W R G E K T E  
 D R W M O D H E E I B G L C S  
 V S L T U Y A N F C V U I R S  
 H Z O L Z Y G X R H S O A V E  
 X A C S Y C L G A N J F C L D  
 B X T I N E G X I E K C Z I M  
 E U F E Y Z O P R B A S S I O

blessed	exclude	evil	insult	comfort
reject	joy	satisfied	hunger	woe
reward	rich	great	kingdom	hate
weep	poor	rejoice	mourn	laugh

**First Reading**

**Jeremiah 17:5-8**

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.  
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:  
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,  
with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalm 1: 1-4,6**

**R: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

**Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20**

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached,  
how can some of you be saying that there is no  
resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised,  
Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been  
raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious,  
all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in  
Christ has been for this life only, we are the most  
unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the  
first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

*The word of the Lord*

**Gospel**

**Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece  
of level ground where there was a large gathering of his  
disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of  
Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of  
Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:  
'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of  
God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse  
you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the  
Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for  
joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was  
the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your  
consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was  
the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**'Alas for you when the world  
speaks well of you!'**



**Readings for next week:**

*First reading* 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

*Second Reading* 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

*Psalm* 102 (103):1-4,8,12-13

*Gospel* Luke 6:27-38