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HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER 2022

Please assist us with this fundraising effort. It was very popular last year, and we hope to raise funds to assist our students in their learning this year.

Please follow this link to our website if you need another form to complete

[Hot Cross Buns 2022](#)

The forms need to be returned to school by Friday 1 April 2022.



WINTER SPORT REGISTRATION FORMS

Please remember to complete your students' Winter Sports Registration form for 2022. These Forms need to be in by tomorrow, 25 March 2022.

If you're able to coach or manage a team it would be much appreciated. Please contact Shelley Matthews if you are available.



COVID 19 - ISOLATING ON A FARM? RURAL SUPPORT

Follow this link to our website for more information for help through Rural Support.

[Rural Support: Isolating on a Farm?](#)

WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

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

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

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

We would like to welcome Joandra Sijo to our school. Joandra is the daughter of Ann Francis and Sijo Devassy.

We hope you will enjoy learning with us!



NKCJ RUGBY TACKLE CLINIC

A Tackle Clinic is offered at Waitete. Please click on this link to see more information regarding time and place.

[Tackle Clinic](#)

COVID 19 - LATEST UPDATE

In the light of the latest COVID update we wish to highlight that from 11:59 pm on Monday 4 April, 2022 all workers in Early Learning Services, Schools and Kura will no longer be required to be vaccinated to work with children or students, or to work on site where children and young people may be present. Volunteer workers will also no longer be required to be vaccinated.





“TAKE FRESH COURAGE”

Kia Ora e te Whanau Lent Wiki Tuatoru - THEME: Week 3 - WAITING for HOPE

When things are bad, it is easy to lose hope. We can be drawn to the difficulties and feel like there is no way out. It is important to focus on what we have and what can be achieved with God's help. Sometimes time and changing circumstances provide a fresh perspective.

Is there someone you know who could do with some support at the moment?
What practical things could you do to provide them with hope?

“God is always waiting for us. He never grows tired. Jesus shows us this merciful patience of God so that we can regain confidence and hope — always!” – Pope Francis, 2013

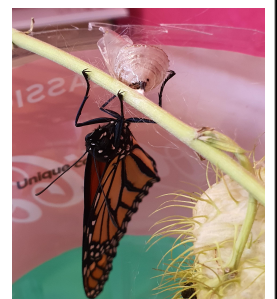
Literacy: Youthtown and Bike Week have provided a wonderful shared experience for writing throughout the school. The Year 7/8 's have been exploring key words and phrases across all curriculum areas. From the Bike Week key words and phrases they have written Haiku poems.

Mrs Laver and Rimu have written letters to the Youthtown team. I have included some of them in our newsletter this week. Follow this link to read them on Rimu's page on our website.

[Thank you letters to Youth Town](#) Haiku poems - next week!

Bringing Community into our Learning Spaces:

Zoe found a Kiwi shaped potato and shared that with us. Braedyn went to RDA and had a wonderful time. He shared this with the school at our hui on Monday. Finding a praying mantis, giant beans and watching a monarch butterfly emerge from a chrysalis has inspired our seniors to connect with their environment - and explore a little deeper their understandings. Here are some photos!



Ma Te Wa
Suzanne



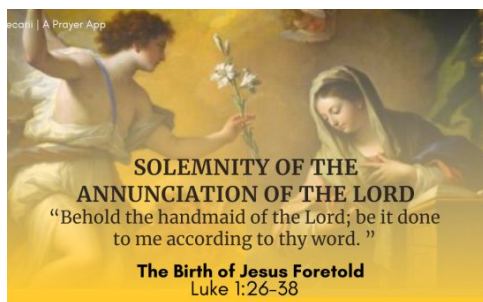
Religious Education

Sunday 27th March Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jesus gives us the parable of the Prodigal Son to show us a picture of the steadfast love of God. We see how our heavenly father would appear in human form. When he welcomes back his lost son with tears of delight and rejoicing, it is not to please other people, but to give expression to his own overwhelming pleasure that his child has come home. Our heavenly father delights in each one of us and desires none to be lost.

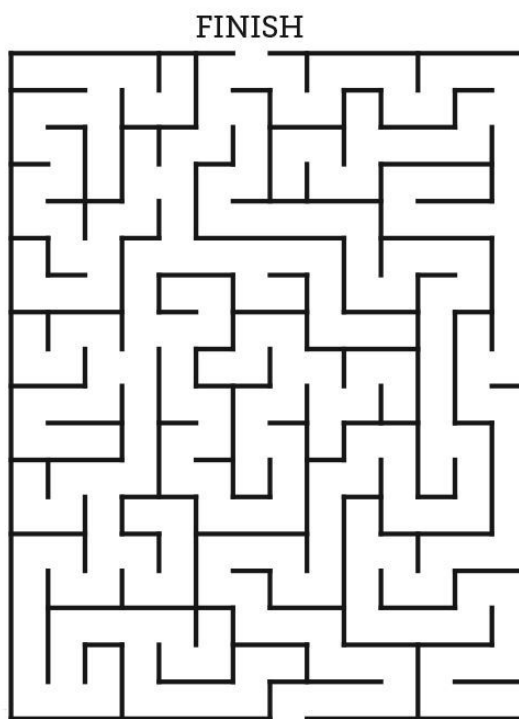
March 25th Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

The announcement by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive a son by the power of the Holy Spirit to be called Jesus



THE PRODIGAL SON

Lead the son to his loving father.



Laetare Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called **Laetare Sunday**, from the first words of the Introit at Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" ('Rejoice, O Jerusalem').

Like Gaudete Sunday midway through Advent, Laetare reminds us of the event we look forward to at the end of the penitential season and the joy in anticipation of the Resurrection. The vestments for this day will be rose, as they are on Gaudete Sunday in Advent.

Catholic Fortress



PARISH NEWS

Pope Francis seeks Kiwi feedback on direction of the Catholic Church

The bishops are using a direct papal message to invite people – Catholic or not – to take part in a survey for the ongoing international synod on the future direction of the Church. They have issued a statement about the survey, which is attached, along with a logo from the survey. The statement is also online:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-feedback/>

The survey itself is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NZCBCSynod>

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 33(34): 2-7

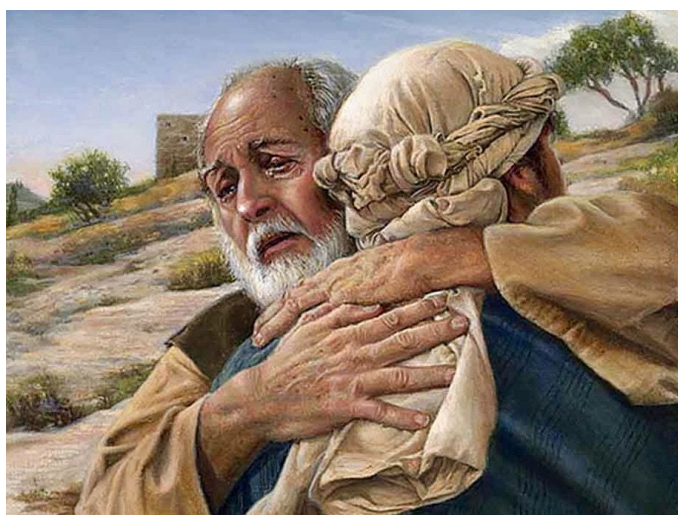
R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord



Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord

Readings for next week: 5th Sunday of Lent

First reading Isaiah 43: 16-21

Second Reading Philipians 3: 8-14

Psalm 126 (127): 1-6

Gospel John 8:1-11

