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Community Newsletter

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THANK YOU

*To Elmarie Senger, Sharon Mason and Rebecca Were for their help in the kitchen yesterday,
*Michael Grainger for his help earlier in the morning setting the section to rights and helping with the gazebo,
*To the students who helped get the food ready, get the basement sorted for lunch, distributed tea and coffee to our guests and helped with the clean up afterwards.

We appreciate your help very much!



PUBLIC HOLIDAY - 26 SEPTEMBER 2022

Please take note that **Monday, 26 September 2022 has been declared a public holiday in New Zealand** to accommodate the memorial services to be held with regards to the passing of our Queen, Elizabeth II. **There will be no school on Monday.**

We would like to advise that our Year 7 & 8 group will leave for their camp on Monday, 26 September as was previously decided.



WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

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

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

FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK THIS WEEK

Kia Ora Koutou e te Whanau

Grandparents Day:

We are back!! Yesterday was such a special day as we welcomed our Grandparents/Kaumatua back into our school. The school was able to honour them and share with them how loved and special they are to their own grandchildren but also to our whole school community.

We began with Mass, our most sacred prayer. Thank you Father Joseph. Father's homily based on the child Jesus in the Temple noted the role of his grandparents had loving their daughter and teaching her how to in turn love Jesus.

"Part of Me" by Drew Lane, was the title of the song we sang to the Grandparents. Here are the lyrics to reflect on.



*I see a part of me when I look in your eyes
It's just like a mirror that's reflecting your smile
I see a part of you when I look at my hands
And when we're together
It's then that I understand that*

*You are a part of me And I am a part of you
Because you are there in the life that we share
These words they remain the truth
And no matter what comes
No matter the things we'll go through
I am a part of you*

*There'll come a moment when we say goodbye
It may be a short time or it may be awhile
And though we'll be parted and though I might cry
I know I can see you when I look in my parent's eyes*



Special Thank you to Mrs Pam Boroevich for her leadership of this day and the amazing collaborative team of teachers we had supporting her throughout the planning process.

It takes a special team to manage and coordinate the coherent, smooth running day it was.

I want to note here also the leaders of our school - our Year 7 and 8 students. They welcomed, walked, offered hospitality, made cups of tea and coffee, put up and down the gazebo, rolled up tarpaulins, organised the food onto the tables in the morning, supported our juniors, read, sang, operated the data projector competently. They noticed things that needed doing and volunteered to help. The staff and myself were not short of positive comments that were shared with us about their manaakitanga.

They were true to the saying "Never see a need without doing something about it"

It was a fine witness of our faith and how keeping expectations high whilst building relationships and trust with each other does bear fruit in the hearts of our young ones.

Year 7/8 Camp next week

Next Monday the Year 7/8 students go to Totara Springs Christian Camp. We have combined with Rangitoto and Te Kuiti Primary to make a WAITOMO TEAM. Over the week they are eight other schools play 10 different sports, get well fed, meet for Christian values reflection and generally will mix and mingle and build new friendships. Thank you Mrs Erasmus for all the hard work behind the scenes to organise team's and co-ordinate this trip. This time we have no parent help volunteers, so we have adjusted internally at school for Mrs Matthews to accompany the trip.

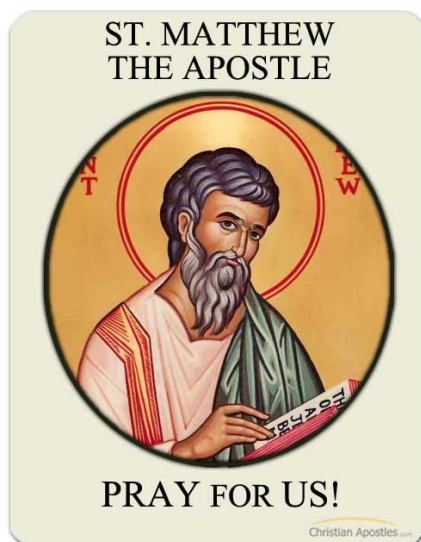
Ma te wa.

Enjoy the Queen's holiday on Monday.





Religious Education



Sunday 25th September 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

What is Jesus teaching with the parable of the rich man and Lazarus? It is not that the rich man did not believe or was in any way an evil person. He found himself in torment because of the way he treated others. As St James also writes 'If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also, faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.' Let us ask ourselves today 'who is Lazarus at my gate?' And be ready to make a difference.

21st September St Matthew the Evangelist

One of Jesus' first disciples and an apostle. A tax collector who left everything to follow Jesus. He wrote the first book of the new testament which bears his name. He was one of the first evangelisers being one of those Jesus sent out in pairs. A witness to Jesus life, death and resurrection.

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 SORES ANGELS TORMENT
 BOSOM FLAMES AGONY
 BROTHERS WARNING DEAD



PARISH NEWS

Journey to the Holy Land | 5th March 2023 with Bishop Steve Lowe

Information sheet at the back of the church. Or email Anastasia James info@harvestjourneys.com for more information.

Diaconate News - New intake in 2023

The diocese is seeking expressions of interest from those discerning a vocation to the Diaconate. For further information or to request an enquiry form please contact either
 The Diaconate Director, Fr Aidan Mulholland, 07 863 8998, or office@waihicatholic.org.nz
 The Diaconate Office at Chanel Centre, 07 856 6989, or peter@cdh.org.nz



PLEASE TAKE NOTE

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

We have 10 families coming along to this programme each Tuesday night at 6.30pm.

If you would still like to join please contact

Father Joseph on 07 878 6417 or Mrs Downey

on 021877861 for further dates and times. The next session will be September 27th at 6.30pm in the school basement. We break for the holidays.



Anointing



Baptism



Communion



Confirmation



Holy Orders



Marriage



Reconciliation

AGRICULTURAL DAY 2022

The due date for entries for our Ag Day is set for 30th September 2022 (last day of Term 3), but the children can get their animals at any time and we will take registrations up until the 20th October. We set the due date at 30 September as we just need an indication of numbers to plan the day.

The **Ag Day Demo Day** will be held at St Joseph's School on **Thursday, 29 September 2022**. The demo will start at 1:20pm. The person responsible for the demo, will bring an animals and we will hand out booklets regarding care for your student's animal.

Please take note of the following dates:

28 October - Waikato A&P (Pre rego calves) 10 am start

2 November - Otorohanga Group Day



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please remember our school lunch order form is available on our school website.

Follow this link to print one off. **Lunches can be ordered on Tuesdays and Fridays.** [School lunch order form](#)



YUMMY STICKERS

The stickers and labels need to go to the Yummy Fruit Company at the end of the term.

Please send your stickers / labels or sticker charts to school. The amount available to us to use to get sports gear depends on the number of stickers and labels we've collected.

The more stickers and labels we have, the more sports gear we get to order! Thank you for your sterling effort this year!!!



ATTENDANCE

Thank you very much for contacting the school in the case of your child being absent. Please continue to do so if your child is not going to be at school for **ANY REASON**, please call 878 8190 and choose from the available options - please leave a message, email the office, text on 027 878 8190 or send through an absence notice from the website.



GRANDPARENTS DAY



Grandparents
Are So Easy To Operate
Even a Child Can Do It

First Reading

Amos 6:1,4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria, those famous men of this first of nations to whom the House of Israel goes as client.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 145 (146):7-10

R: Praise the Lord my soul

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

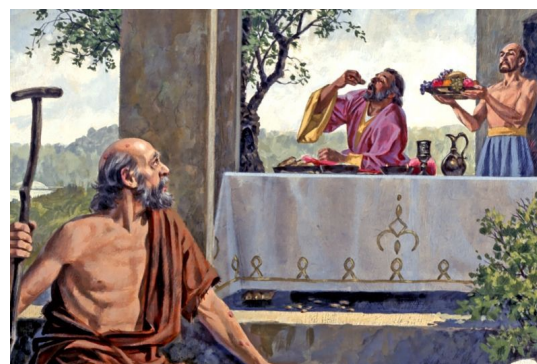
Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord

'between us and you a great gulf has been fixed'



Readings for next week: 27th September

First reading Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

Psalm 94 (146): 1-2,6-9

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Gospel Luke 17:5-9

