

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## St. George's Parish Community Newsletter

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### MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.



### WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

We would like to welcome the following new students:

- \*Georgia van der Poel joined Mrs. Kearins in Nikau. Georgia is the daughter of Angela and Peter van der Poel and younger sister to Thomas in Rimu,
- \*Maddox Rickit also joined our group in Nikau and he is the son of Sasha and Jason Rickit and younger brother to Brayden in Rimu,
- \*Akshita Sharma started in Rimu this week. Akshita is the daughter of Meenu Rajput and Vikram Sharma.

We hope you will enjoy learning with us!!



### DATES TO ADD TO YOUR DIARY!

PLEASE KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OUR SCHOOL BY HEADING TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE: [St Joseph's Calendar](#)

## FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK THIS WEEK

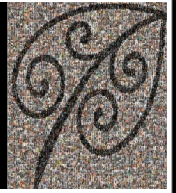
Kia Ora Koutou e te Whanau. Talofa, Kumasta

WHAKAKĀHORETIA TE KAIKIRI.  
KOTAHI ANŌ TĀTOU I ROTO I TE KARAITI.

**SAY NO TO RACISM.  
WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST.**



SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK  
TE MĀTAIAHO  
4-10 SEPTEMBER  
www.caritas.org.nz



The Easter Season continues as the focus is on what Jesus did during the time between his resurrection and ascent into heaven. The Gospels of Luke and John provide extra detail and describe Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances to his followers. Jesus appearance to doubting Thomas and the encounter on the road to Emmaus as Jesus appears in disguise to a pair of his followers - mid confused rumors of the empty tomb that were still spreading.

This week Jesus continues to prepare his disciples for his Ascension with the words "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me"

### **Curriculum Refresh Snippets -**

**These snippets are intended to help our school community understand the background, why and how of the Refresh. It is true that Ministry have slowed down the implementation.**

Why is the 2007 curriculum being refreshed?

There has been a dialogue called Kōrero Mātauranga going between the NZ community and the Ministry of Education for some time about the vision for the future of *The New Zealand Curriculum*. The message has been clear; change is needed to ensure it gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and is inclusive, easy to use and clear about the learning that matters most for our ākonga/students.

The Refreshed Curriculum is called **Te Mātaiaho**. Based on the this document every individual school in New Zealand is expected to, with their community, identify interests and learning experiences of their school communities that can be woven around what students need to Understand, Know and Do as outlined in the Refreshed Curriculum Te Mātaiaho.

### **New Enrolments**

We have welcomed three new enrolments this week to Nikau and Rimu.

### **Enrolment Process**

This process is outlined on our website:

If you wish to apply for enrolment either:

(a)download and fill in the application for enrolment form and return it to the school office along with a copy of your child's birth certificate/passport, baptism certificate (if applying for preference).

(b)arrange to meet with Father Rico 07 8786417 to sign the preference card or discuss further options for enrolment.

It is important to make contact with myself or Father Rico in person as each application for preference or non-preference can be considered through a number of criteria.

### **Baptism of your child/ren**

I invite you to consider baptism of your children particularly if you had attended classes prior to Covid. We understand your intention and would like to walk alongside you to offer your child this opportunity to be welcomed into God's Family. I am available at anytime to discuss the process with you.

**Ma to Wa - Suzanne Downey - Principal**



# Religious Education

## ST. JOSEPH, THE WORKER

May 1



Remember us, O Blessed  
**ST. JOSEPH**  
 and by your assisting  
 prayers, intercede  
 on our behalf with  
 your Foster-Son,  
**JESUS CHRIST. Amen.**

## 6th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

Everything that Jesus did was through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is astounding that the Father gives us this same Holy Spirit so that we can do the works that Jesus did. As Saint Paul said, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). Jesus is the first born of the new creation - the Holy Spirit inspired community. In our lives through surrendering to the gift of his Spirit we are called to become his body and are destined to do great things.

## 1st May St Joseph The Worker

This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring for the Virgin Mary and Jesus and now cares and watches over the church and is an example to all of the dignity of human work.

## 3 May Sts Philip and James

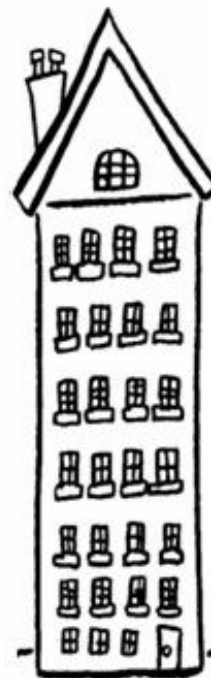
Not much is known about these two disciples only that Jesus chose them to be among his apostles.

Honoring Mary  
 During the  
 Month of May

Pray the  
 Rosary



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HEARTS  
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 TRUST  
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## PARISH NEWS

### PARISH ROLL

We are currently updating the Parish Roll records. In the next couple of Sundays we will be handing out forms to fill out and also sending out an email. Please provide relevant information. Your assistance is appreciated.

## **PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

### **BAPTISM:**

There are a number of children in our school who were planning to be Baptised when Covid struck. Some of our parents even attended the classes, but did not get around to making a date for the Baptism to happen due to Covid restrictions. This situation needs attention.

It needs attention next term before the Sacramental Programme of First Holy Communion and Confirmation gets underway in Term 3.

If your wish is to have your child Baptised, or you would like to know more, please contact myself via [suzanne@stjosephk.school](mailto:suzanne@stjosephk.school) or Father Rico at the presbytery - phone 07 878 6417. (Leave a message)



### **FUNDRAISING - RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE!!**

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

**PLEASE PROMOTE OUR FUNDRAISER WITH YOUR FAMILY**

**AND FRIENDS!**

**LAST DAY TO BUY TICKETS WILL BE TOMORROW -**

**FRIDAY 5 MAY 2023!**



### **PHOTOLIFE**

Photolife will be at our school to take the individual and class photos next week Friday, 5th May. Please ensure that your student/s are wearing the correct winter school uniform. We would like to have our photos look smart and tidy. Thank you

# PhotoLife

### **UNIFORMS**

Students are wearing winter uniform now. Winter uniform is the same as the summer uniform with a change to grey socks with maroon stripes in the fold over, for sale from Elizabeth Michael, and leather shoes available from the Warehouse.

Please follow this link to our website and instructions on how to order uniforms. If the rural delivery is too expensive, you are welcome to use the school street address for delivery (26 Seddon Street. Te Kuiti). Please follow this link [School Uniform](#) to order your uniform needs. Thank you

ElizabethMichael  
UNIFORMS

### **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

Just a reminder that 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](#)



### **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, speak to someone in the office, email the office, text on 027 878 8190 or send through an absence notice from the website or from the KS app.



**SPORTS PAGE**

**REMINDER: CROSS COUNTRY ON  
MONDAY, 8 MAY 2023!**



**Sevens Tournament**

The year 5&6's and year 7&8's joined up with Rangitoto and Otorohanga to play in the seven's tournament on Friday the 26th April We had amazing weather for this day and the children had great fun. The Year 5&6 team made it into the semi-finals and placed 4th overall. A huge thank you to our parents and staff who coached and managed the teams on the day. Sam Duder, Sarah Fagan and Brett Kirkland.



*Please send  
1 or 2 sports photos' to  
kirsten@stjosephk.school.nz*



**WINTER  
SPORTS**



We enjoy hearing children share about their games every week, during assembly. It would be appreciated if the coaches could nominate a different person or 2 to write a sports report for us to add to our page every week. .



**First Reading**

**Acts 6:1-7**

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalm 32 (33):1-2,4-5,18-19**

**R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you**

**Second Reading**

**1 Peter 2:4-9**

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

*The word of the Lord*

**Gospel**

**John 14:1-12**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;

if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be

satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said

Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,

so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**"I am the way,  
the truth,  
and the life"**



**Readings for next week:**

*First reading Acts 8:5-8,14-17*

*Psalm 65 (66):1-7,16,20*

*Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18*

*Gospel John 17:1-11*