



St Mary's
Catholic School
Tauranga

newsletter

ISSUE 2: 19 February 2020

Welcome Liturgy Tuesday 18 February



Our People Our Place

be. informed

oxforddictionaries.com / informed.

adj: having or showing knowledge of a subject or situation.

Message from the Principal

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:17-37

I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The first 2 weeks of school have flown by and it is great to see all the children engaged in their learning and forging strong relationships with each other and their Whanau teachers.

If there are any concerns throughout the year with your child please contact the teacher first. The teacher is the first contact and where necessary it is best to meet face to face. If you are not satisfied then it is good to contact the Team leader then make a time to come in and see myself or a member of the Senior Leadership team.

Welcome to new children and families

Yesterday 42 new students, Father Arnold Punzalan and myself were officially welcomed to St Mary's School. We ask God's grace and blessing on all those welcomed.

Celebration Hui

At our first Celebration Hui I was talking to the children about questions parents and adults can ask them at the end of the day when you want to discuss things that have happened at school. Some positive questions to ask: what were you proud of today? What learning from today can you take to tomorrow?

This will enable you and your child to

positively discuss some things that have happened and work through problems together without necessarily fixing the problem. This will encourage the notion that we all have learning, we all make mistakes, it is how we learn and interact from them that makes us grow as an individual within our St Mary's community.

Ayn Harris

Congratulations to Ayn Harris who has won the position of DP at Oropi School. Ayn will be finishing at St Marys on Friday 3rd April. We will thank Ayn more formally closer to the time but we thank her for her commitment and dedication to St Mary's School.

Lisa Walter

Congratulations to Lisa Walters who is expecting her second child. Lisa will finish up at the end of Term 1 and all going well back for Term 4. We will be advertising the job shortly and will inform you of who will be taking that class for Terms 2/3.

Steve Finlayson

Our School Sports Coordinator is finishing up during this Term. Steve is going to concentrate on his studies. Thank-you very much for your dedication to our ever growing sports environment Steve. We are working on a replacement for Steve and will let you know in due course.



13th Avenue, Tauranga, New Zealand

E office@stmarystga.school.nz

T 07 578 8066

www.stmarystga.school.nz

2020 Term Dates

Thursday 20 February

- Aroha Swimming Sports 9am
- Class Mass Whanau Vincent & Strange 9am

Monday 24 February

HTB Nissenko Hitachi Technical High School visit

Tuesday 25 February

- Catch up with James Murray 9am in the staff room
- Aroha Swimming Sports postponement date 9am

Wednesday 26 February

Ash Wednesday liturgy 10am - BAMJC

Thursday 27 February

- Whakapono Beach Ed at Omanu - Whanau Vincent/Strange & Yorke

Friday 28 February

- Whakapono Beach Ed at Omanu - Whanau Tanner, Rood & Wood
- Celebration Hui 11.30am

Tuesday 3 March

- Catch up with James Murray 9am in the staff room the staff room
- Board of Trustee Meeting 6pm

Thursday 5 March

Whanau Rush Class Mass 9am

Monday 9 March

Aroha Art Gallery 12.30pm

Tuesday 10 March

- Catch up with James Murray 9am in the staff room
- Art Gallery 12.30pm
- PTA Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 11 March

Aroha Art Gallery 12.30pm

Thursday 12 March

- Whanau Akkerman Mass 9am
- Art Gallery 12.30pm
- New Entrant Meeting 3.15pm

Thursday 13 March

PTA Outdoor Adventure Day

Tuesday 17 March

- Catch up with James Murray 9am in the staff room
- South Cluster Swimming 9am

Wednesday 18 March

Aroha Art Gallery 12.30pm

Thursday 19 March

Whole School Mass - St Joseph at 9.30am - all students and staff travel to and from St Mary Immaculate by bus

School will be closed on these Teacher Only Days. Please put these dates in your diary.

* Friday 27 March

* Friday 29 May

be.
Christ-like

be.
reflective

be.
creative

Catch up every Tuesday this term

Every Tuesday at 9am for this Term I will be in the staffroom to meet family members, welcome them and ask and answer questions that you have. This is an opportunity to build strong relationships and for me to meet as many of the St Mary's community as possible.

Please be prompt to pick your children up after school

We have an ever increasing amount of children remaining at school after the bell playing. Could you please make sure children are collected before 3.15pm. If your child is here later than 3.15pm they should be enrolled in after school care.

James Murray, Principal.

Special Character

E te whanau, tena koutou katoa.

Students are currently learning about Ash Wednesday and Lent. On Monday 24th Feb, 9am, we will have a Promise Liturgy. Students in class this week are writing promises that they aim to keep during Lent. These promises will be brought up during the Liturgy and will be on the altar at each Liturgical event during Lent to help us remember our promises to become more Christlike.

Congratulations and Prayers

We keep Bishop Steve in our prayers, he celebrated his 5th Anniversary as our Bishop last week. May God Bless him always.

Sacramental Programme 2020

The online enrolment form is now live on the Parish website.



The Sacramental Programme is for children who are in Year 5 and above.

The sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist lessons will be held on Monday afternoons, 4pm - 5.30pm at St Mary Immaculate Church.

For more information visit the parish website > Sacramental Life > Sacramental Programme 2020, or contact Margie Cooper in the parish office 5786209.

Ash Wednesday, 26th February at 10am

A group of students will attend the 8am Parish Mass on Ash Wednesday where the school will be gifted with ashes to use at our School Liturgy in the BAMJC at 10am. Whanau are most welcome to join us.

Ash Wednesday Gospel, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

In our Ash Wednesday Gospel Jesus teaches how to pray, fast and give. We pray because we love God, we fast because it helps us reflect and we give because we love others. These are the reasons to pray, fast and give not to show off and big note ourselves. These things we do because we love and for no other selfish reason. It is only God who knows that your motivation is love.



Pope Francis prayer for February Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

"Human trafficking is one of the most heinous crimes on Earth. Right now traffickers are robbing a staggering 24.9 million people of their freedom and basic human dignity." June 2019 Michael R. Pompeo US Secretary of State (Other sources estimate the number is millions higher!) Teresa Rush, DRS.



Allergy NZ.

Allergies are very common and affect about one in three New Zealanders at some time in their lives.

There are many different causes of allergy, and symptoms range from very mild to potentially life threatening. We have many children with various allergies and we are learning to identify and support them during their time at St Marys. I have placed a website for parents to look at and gain knowledge around this. Over a number of newsletters I will be introducing you to some processes that we here at St Marys will need to understand about allergies.

<http://www.allergy.org.nz/>

Allergy Awareness Week 10 May - 16 May 2020

AROHA NEWS

Me - My People - Our Place

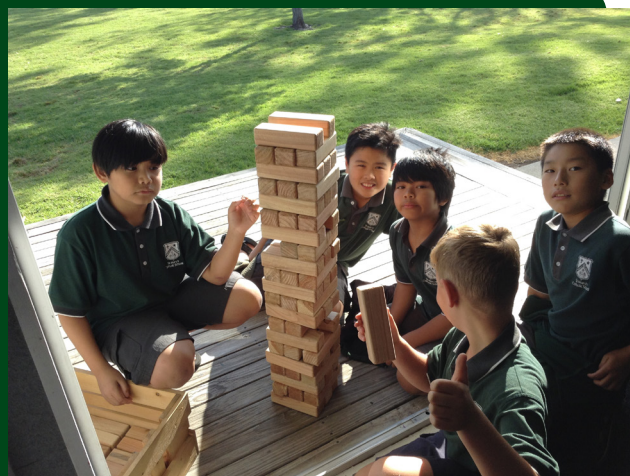
In Aroha students and teachers have been focusing on building relationships with each other as well as researching our Pepeha. We have learned that a Pepeha not only tells others who we are and where we come from, it also explains how our family is connected to our local environment.

Estuary Monitoring

Whanau Walter will be having the first of our 'Estuary Monitoring Days' this Wednesday where students will be learning about the health of our local estuary and reporting their findings to local scientists. This was a very successful learning activity in 2019 and we are excited that we have the same opportunity this year.

Swimming Sports

We are looking forward to our Swimming Sports on Thursday at Memorial Pools and we thank all the parents who are able to join us for this event.



Student Leaders

Finally, we'd like to congratulate the students who have been appointed leadership roles for Term's 1 & 2 and were acknowledged at our first school Hui last Friday.

Strengthening Teens Against Anxiety

An Evening for Parents and
Whanau of Adolescents

With International Speaker & Author
Psychologist

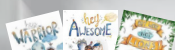
Karen Young

Her Transformational session
will provide parents and
whanau with the essential
information and powerful,
practical strategies to help their
teens thrive through anxiety.

2nd April > 7pm > Koha to help cover costs

John Paul College > Whitworth Road > Rotorua

Event open to the wider Rotorua community



Buy a sushi lunch

Thursday is Sushi day - A selection of very popular sushi rolls, teriyaki chicken on rice and juice is available. Order form envelopes are now available from the school office.

Orders must be at the office no later than 9am Wednesday morning.

Celebrate success

If you have performed well at sport or the arts then please do not hesitate to share your achievements so that we can celebrate your success as a community.

Check out Areta, Khalia and Loimata (below) who have done so well and shared their story.

Congratulations

The annual Maori National Basketball tournament was held at the end of January 2020 in Rotorua. Loimata, Areta and Khalia represented Te Maru o Mauao Tauranga Moana in this tournament in an under 11 Kotiro team.

They played 6 games (including the final) and went through undefeated winning the gold medal.

An awesome result as they have been playing together representing Tauranga Moana in the Maori National basketball tournament for the last 3 years (coming in 3rd last year). Congratulations girls! Keep up the great work!



We encourage
you to support
our **Gold Group**
Sponsors



be.
thankful

JEREMY PRYOR

Sales Associate - Sotheby's Realty

M. +64 27 280 2121
E. jeremy.pryor@nzslr.com

New Zealand **Sotheby's**
INTERNATIONAL REALTY

tasman

plumbing contractors ●

specialists in commercial & residential plumbing

www.tpc.net.nz

Phone 075432481 Email admin@tpc.net.nz

EARTH MOVING CONTRACTORS

PAGE
EARTHWORKS LTD

578 2887

www.pageearthworks.co.nz

Abernethy Broatch Law

BARRISTERS & SOLICITORS

PROPERTY | ESTATES | COMMERCIAL | CONTRACTS | COMPANY | TRUSTS

Ross Abernethy & Paul Broatch | 07 574 8752
admin@ablaw.co.nz www.ablaw.co.nz



IT'S THE TEAM
APPROACH
THAT WINS!

07 578 5416

Providing confidence
to succeed in business

Little Sweethearts
Montessori

Beginners Nest, Preschool & Atrium - from 12 months - 6 years

at 159 Seventeenth Avenue 07 578 7447
www.littlesweethearts.co.nz

Please contact the school office to
talk to us about becoming a
Gold Group Sponsor



CERTIFIED
FINISHERS
plaster & paint

Shane Wisnewski | info@certifiedfinishers.co.nz
www.certifiedfinishers.co.nz | 021 672 275

WAZZA'S FLOORING

Carpets, Vinyl, Floor Preparation
Commercial and Residential

Phone: 021 0220 3829
warrenmarsters@gmail.com

RICOH
imagine. change.

MULTI-FUNCTIONAL DEVICES PRINTERS
3D PRINTERS DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PRODUCTION PRINT
VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS WIDE FORMAT SOFTWARE

14 Marsh Street, Tauranga

5780155

Contact us to discuss our
special offer for St Mary's families



Tammy Francis
027 632 2349

Rod Sampson
021 110 3900

Licensed Salesperson
REAA2008



Kaimai Real Estate Ltd
Licensed Agent REAA2008

 **Bay Radiology**

Medical Imaging Services to
the Bay of Plenty for over 25 years

www.bayradiology.co.nz

RAYE
ELECTRICIANS

Ray Young 07 543 2999 or 027 2755615