



St Mary's  
Catholic School  
Tauranga

## newsletter

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Our People Our Place

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[oxforddictionaries.com / informed.](https://oxforddictionaries.com/informed)

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

## Message from the Principal

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Sunday, July 5, 2020

#### Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

*Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.*

#### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus' first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.



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creative

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I want to take this opportunity firstly to say thank-you to our school community for your support during this very long Term. I want to wish you all the very best for the school holidays and hopefully continue on with creating some wonderful family memories.

### Term 3 starts back on Monday 20th July.

With the pandemic through most of the first half of this year the Ministry has informed us that our school finishing date will be 2 days earlier than what you were informed of from the beginning of the year. Our school will finish on **Monday 14th December at 12pm** rather than Wednesday 16th as first mentioned. This is due to COVID 19. We will operate a holiday programme with Shelley who is the After School Care Coordinator, for 7 days after school finishes. More details around this will happen closer to the time.

### St Mary's School Holiday Programme 13 - 17th July

This Term during the second week of the school holidays Shelley will be operating a holiday programme. Enrolment forms are in the office or you can contact Shelley directly. 027 3102090.  
[afterschoolcare@stmarystga.school.nz](mailto:afterschoolcare@stmarystga.school.nz)

### Cellphones

If your child requires a cellphone at school we ask that you write a note stating the reason and we ask that the phone be dropped off at the office at the beginning of the day and collected from the office at the end. There is no reason any child requires this during school time. This also applies to some of the smart watches, they should not be used to communicate with parents during the day. If your child requires you, your child's teacher or the office will make contact. We ask that you please support us with this initiative as we move forward into Term 3.

### Parking reminder

We have been asked by the local residents for our school community to be mindful about parking on and over driveways and lawns. Could we please take care and patience around our school so that it is completely safe for our children.

### Cross Country

Thank you to parents, whanau, friends, students from Aquinas College and staff who helped make today a wonderful day. Thank you also to our students who tried their very best. Well done!

**James Murray**  
Principal

## TERM DATES

**Monday 13 July - Friday 17 July**  
St Mary's Holiday Programme  
8am - 5.30pm

### Monday 20 July

- Term 3 starts
- Aquinas College 2021 Enrolments Open

### Tuesday 28 July

Board of Trustee Meeting 6pm

### Wednesday 29 July

Aquinas College Open Day  
9.00am - 10.30am and 11.15am - 12.45pm

### Monday 10 August

Teacher Only Day - school is closed

### Tuesday 11 August

- BoP Rugby 7's Tournament
- PTA Meeting 7pm

### Thursday 13 August

BoP Rugby 7's Tournament pp date

### Friday 14 August

Whole School Mass at St Mary  
Immaculate 9.30am

### Friday 21 August

Aquinas College 2021 Enrolments close

### Tuesday 25 August

Board of Trustee Meeting 6pm

### Thursday 27 August

New Entrant Meeting 3.15pm

### Friday 28 August

Novice Jump Jam Competition

### Wednesday 2 September

Maui the Magnificent Production

### Thursday 3 September

Maui the Magnificent Production

### Tuesday 8 September

PTA Meeting 7pm

### Thursday 10 September

Exposition & Benediction

### Sunday 13 September

Parish School Mass at St Mary  
Immaculate 10.30am

### Monday 14 September

- Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori - Māori Language Week
- Catholic Character Review

### Friday 25 September

- Sports / Cultural Exchange (Catholic Schools)
- Term 3 ends

## St Mary's Cross Country Results

Yr 6	Girls	Boys
1st	Areta Kahura	Sydney Orchard
2nd	Indie Scholes	Cormac Gardiner
3rd	Niamh O'Connor	Oliver Laurie

Yr 3	Girls	Boys
1st	Kaitlin Cope	Jono Dalton
2nd	Olivia Lilly	Ethan Lowe
3rd	Zainab Syed	Flynn Gardiner

Yr 5	Girls	Boys
1st	Phoebe Kirk	Lachlan Murray
2nd	Greer Sander	Matthew Rogers
3rd	Eva Phizaacklea	Samuel Farrelly

Yr 2	Girls	Boys
1st	Lucija Walker	Gabriel Lewis
2nd	Cassidy Dobbs	Eli Murie
3rd	Mieka Sander	Rory Bell

Yr 4	Girls	Boys
1st	Zara Willers	Coen Bint
2nd	Holly Young	Kale Bint
3rd	Maya Perrett	James Hartman

Yr O/I	Girls	Boys
1st	Summer Champness	Oliver Dalton
2nd	Florence Smith	James Gardiner
3rd	Livie Walker	Flynn McMahon





New End of Year  
New Date  
Monday 14th  
December at 12pm

# Special Character

**Blessed Anne-Marie Javouhey**  
**Feast Day Friday July 15th**

Imagine a Mother Teresa in the France of Napoleon's day and you will have a picture of Anne-Marie Javouhey. Nanette, as she was called, was a "velvet brick," a thin layer of gentleness covering her determined core. A competent leader, Nanette dominated every scene in her adventurous life.

In 1800, she tested her vocation with the Sisters of Charity at Besançon. One night she heard a voice say, "You will accomplish great things for me." A few nights later, St. Teresa of Ávila with black, brown, and bronze children appeared to her. "God wants you to found a congregation to care for these children," said the saint.



In 1801, Nanette and her three natural sisters opened a school for poor children near Chamblanc. In 1812 she founded the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny.

In 1817, Mother Javouhey sent sisters to the African island of Reunion to open her first missionary outpost. It wasn't long before she had sisters serving black, brown, and bronze people at remote places in Africa at Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Gambia, and in South America at French Guiana. With faith the sisters battled extreme hardship everywhere.

At the government's request, Mother Javouhey undertook some very unusual tasks. For example, she spent four years supervising the establishment of a colony for blacks at Mana, French Guiana. Then in 1834 she accepted the most remarkable assignment of her life. Six hundred slaves were to be liberated in Guiana, and she was asked to prepare them for emancipation by training them in the ways of religion and civilized society. As each family was ready to be freed,

Mother Javouhey arranged for them to have money, some land, and a cottage.

Anne-Marie Javouhey spent the last years of her life in France directing the work of her burgeoning congregation. When she died in 1851, her sisters were in thirty-two countries and colonies.

(Loyola Press)

## Whanau Mayall

This term, Whanau Mayall have made candle holders for prayer time. As part of our ako (learning), we have learned that prayer is an opportunity to talk to Te Atua (God). We give thanks to Te Atua for our friends and family during our morning prayer times. We are learning that the Holy Spirit is with us when we pray and helps us understand stories in the Bible so we can be followers of Jesus.



## Prayers

Please pray for the Adults who will be accepted into the Church this weekend at the 5.00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass. May God Bless them and their families.



Sophia was baptised on Saturday the 20th of June at St Thomas More Church. Sophia's family were all there to be with her on this very special day. Sophia, we pray you continue to grow in the love, light and joy of Jesus Christ.



Use the holidays to organise and register your child's Bee Card. Buses will still be free during the school free travel period to and from school but all students using Bayhopper school buses will need a Bee Card.



**YOUR NEW BUS  
CARD IS COMING  
FROM  
27TH JULY 2020**

# BUS BETTER WITH Bee SCHOOL STUDENTS

## Tauranga Students

Bee Card, your new electronic smart card for using the bus is launching on the **27th July** when fare charging resumes.

The Bee Card makes boarding faster, and easier for you. Just tag on by holding your card to the Bee Card reader as you board the bus, and tag off when you leave.

If you already have an existing bus card you will need to replace it with a registered Bee Card. For a limited time, getting a Bee Card is free.

The easiest way to get your new Bee Card is to go online at [beecard.co.nz](http://beecard.co.nz) and have it posted to you free of charge (could take up to 10 working days).

Alternatively, pick up your Bee Card from a bus driver and register the card online at [Beecard.co.nz](http://Beecard.co.nz), or pick up from a Bay of Plenty Regional Council office at:

➤ **Regional House, 1 Elizabeth Street Tauranga**

Find out more at [baybus.co.nz/beecard](http://baybus.co.nz/beecard)



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# Bee READY

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## How does the Bee Card affect school students?

If school students travel on the blue dedicated Bayhopper school buses, they will get free travel and will not need to use a Bee Card. However, if a student uses the yellow Bayhopper buses in Tauranga at any time, including the school free travel period before 9am and between 2:30 and 6pm, they will need a Bee Card. If they don't have a Bee Card students will not get free travel during the school free travel period.

The Bee Card needs to be registered for a child concession (a cheaper fare) to apply outside the school free travel period. If the child concession is not applied to the Bee Card, the student will be charged an adult fare.

The easiest way to get the concession is to go to the Bee Card website [beecard.co.nz](http://beecard.co.nz) or to go to a Regional Council Office.

## Multiple Bee Cards on one account

With the Bee Card you can have multiple Bee Cards attached to one account. This means the whole family, even extended family can be associated to the one account. So before setting up an account, check if the family already has an account setup.

## Balance transfers

Got unused credit on your old Smartride card? Starting from July 6th until the end of October 2020, you will be able to transfer your balance from your old Smartride to a registered Bee Card. Closer to the time, we will let you know the different transfer methods available.

In the meantime, get a Bee Card, make sure it is registered, then you will be all set to get a balance transfer done when they become available.

For more information go to [Baybus.co.nz/beecard](http://Baybus.co.nz/beecard)

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