



St Mary's  
Catholic School  
Tauranga

## Newsletter

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EPRO8 recently held at Tauranga Intermediate. Both our teams worked brilliantly together and we came 1st and 8th. Well done everyone.



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

## Message from the Principal

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Sunday, August 2, 2020

#### Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:21-28



Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.

#### Background on the Gospel Reading

On Sunday we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.



**be.**  
Christ-like

**be.**  
reflective

**be.**  
creative

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Well, how things can change. All through lockdown and Alert Level 4 I was thinking this is once in a lifetime happening. Now, I may have to rethink my wording.

I want to thank-you the community for your unprecedented support and understanding as we continue to navigate our daily lives through COVID 19.

I also want you to know that we are in constant communication with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and fellow schools when making decisions around events and how to manage these through the various Alert levels. We understand the massive disruption this causes and we hope you appreciate that our main priority is the welfare of our children, and our Catholic community.

Below is a reminder of our current Alert Level 2 protocols. Thank-you very much for adhering to these guidelines.

**So we ask that if you do come onto the school site that...**

1. you are onsite for less than 15 minutes (morning or afternoon)
2. you do not enter the classroom under any circumstance
3. you maintain a safe distance from other people within the school grounds
4. also follow the necessary hygiene protocols around handwashing and use of sanitiser pre and post being on the school site
5. You must sign in using our school app which has been updated currently. This will trace the number of people coming in and out of the school grounds.
6. All children bring their own water bottle.

### Parent / teacher conferences

We were extremely disappointed that we were unable to hold these last week as it was going to be the opportunity to share the new system and have some conversations with you about your child's learning. We are wanting to make sure these happen. We have set aside a date for this to happen. The new date is **Thursday, 10 September** from 12.30pm-7pm.

If we are on Alert Level 2/3 on this day, school will be closing at 12:30pm for all students, so please make arrangements to collect your child at this time. There will be no bus service or After School Care available on this day. If we are in Alert Level 1 we will be able to accommodate the children in the centre. We want to create some certainty in this uncertain time.

We will require your support and patience with this. This will be reviewed next Wednesday when further decisions will be made on any changes to Alert Levels. We hope you understand that we are placing high importance on wanting to connect with our families in regards to the HERO report.

### Police Vetting

We are required to Police Vet all volunteers that come into school who coach, manage, work, assist with children. This is also required for support with transport, trips, camps etc. We are updating our register and we require all those who have not completed one to please do so. If you have completed one through your work you will just need to photocopy it and hand it into the office. Thank-you for supporting us through this process.

### Sponsors

Thank-you to our Gold sponsors for their support during this pandemic. We really appreciate their commitment to supporting our school. They all do work for St Mary's that helps to maintain our wonderful buildings.

**James Murray**  
Principal

**Maui the Magnificent** - Tickets for our show 'Maui the Magnificent' are now on sale!

To purchase tickets please see the latest notification in HERO or alternatively you can visit [eventbrite.co.nz](http://eventbrite.co.nz) and search 'Maui the Magnificent'. Shows will be held at the Bethlehem Performing Arts Centre at the following times:

**Wed 2nd September - 7pm**

**Thurs 3rd September - 12:30pm (Seniors, Caregivers and Under 5's only)**

**Thurs 3rd September - 5:30pm**

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE:** If Tauranga is still in Alert Level 2 or higher on the show dates, the show will be postponed to a later date and all tickets will be transferred to this date.

## TERM DATES

**Thursday 20 August**

Class Mass Whānau Robbie 9am

**Friday 21 August**

Aquinas College 2021 Enrolments close

**Tuesday 25 August**

Board of Trustee Meeting 6pm

**Wednesday 26 August**

Mr Murray & Mrs MacKinnon available for HERO help 9am

**Thursday 27 August**

Whānau Cochrane & Broadmore Girls Mass 9am

**Friday 28 August**

Novice Jump Jam Competition

**Wednesday 2 September**

Māui the Magnificent Production 7pm

**Thursday 3 September**

Māui the Magnificent Production  
12.30pm & 5.30pm

**Tuesday 8 September**

PTA Meeting 7pm

**Thursday 10 September**

- Class Mass Whānau Akkerman 9am
- Parent Teacher Conferences  
12.30pm-7pm

**Sunday 13 September**

Parish School Mass at St Mary  
Immaculate 10.30am (to be confirmed)

**Monday 14 September**

- Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori - Māori Language Week
- Aquinas College Interviews held at St Mary's School 10am-4pm
- Catholic Character Review

**Tuesday 15 September**

- Gallery & Library Exchange  
Whānau Piceno & some Whānau  
Broadmore students 9.30am-11am.  
Whānau Cochrane & some Whānau  
Broadmore students 11am-12.30pm
- Aquinas College Interviews held at St Mary's School 10am-4pm

**Wednesday 16 September**

- Gallery & Library Exchange  
Whānau Mayall 9.30am-11am.  
Whānau Oates 11am-12.30pm

**Thursday 17 September**

- Korean Family & Friends Mass
- Gallery & Library Exchange  
Whānau Goldsmith 9.30-11am.  
Whānau Fraser 11am-12.30pm
- Aroha Camp Meeting 5pm and  
5.30pm for parent helpers





Mauni the Magnificent tickets are on sale now.

# Special Character Term 3

## Sacramental Programme

Unfortunately, the Confirmation for this coming weekend has been postponed. The Sacramental programme classes will still continue and our students will be all prepared for when we are able to reschedule. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Maramatanga and Tika

Maramatanga and Tika teachers have been very busy creating Bible learning through play kits for students. They have created hands-on experiences for students to reenact the Bible stories, with them they have word finds, match games, videos and quizzes about the Bible stories.

These are being launched at prayer time and students are enjoying learning more about the Bible stories.



Parable of the sower



Noah's Ark



The Lost Sheep



The Paralyse Man

Every Friday some Aroha students are going and leading prayers in Maramatanga and Tika team. They prepare a short prayer session, set up an altar and lead prayers. They have also now had other opportunities to go and assist with Class liturgies as well on a Monday due to COVID level 2.

It is building great relationships with all students. The Aroha students are really enjoying this leadership role and they have commented on how cool it is the younger students coming up and saying Hi to them in the playground.

## Prayer leader reflections:

**Emma Page:** I like leading the little kid's prayers, it is a nice way to show them how to pray to God and Jesus.

**Freddie Gleaves:** It is nice to be a part of their prayers and hearing the little kids pray to God. It is good to show them how to pray respectfully. We get to make up the prayer slides and be leaders in the school.

## Class Masses Level 2

We are very fortunate that we are still be able to celebrate Class Masses during Level 2. However, we will be guided by school, church and government protocol to be able to do this safely.

Therefore the Mass will only include the Priest, students and staff members. We will unfortunately not be able to have any Parents/ Caregivers and Parishioners attend the school Mass. It is our hope to be able to live stream the Mass or record it and put it onto the school Facebook page for those who wish to continue to pray with us. Due to being in Level 2 these following school protocols will be in place:

1. Only students and school staff will be present at the Mass. (no parents, grandparents, parishioners or caregivers to attend)
2. Only communion under one kind – Body of Christ. Students who would like to receive communion will need parental permission.
3. No Holy Water will be in the font
4. There will be no shared morning tea after the Mass for the class.
5. The Mass will be live-streamed (or videoed) for viewing online.

## Information from the Parish

<http://taurangamoanacatholic.nz/index.php>. Please see the Parish Website for information about Masses in the Parish.

## Catholic Family Support Services (CFSS)

Here to support families / The CFSS offers free and confidential services around family on financial mentoring, personal or family issues, or needs on food assistance. Please contact: 078563760 or 0800211211.

Teresa Rush  
DRS





# Congratulations to our new House Leaders



**Pompallier:** Oliver Laurie, Niamh O'Connor, Jahren Ralia. **Ryan:** Charlotte Devoy, Ollie Jacobs, Mia Lowe. **Cluny:** Mandy Levis, Jude Tarr, Ivy Barret-Hodgson. **Viard:** Alana Kenny, Sidney Orchard. Hazra Syed.

## Sporty News from Rachel Parry

### Year 3 and 4 Miniball World Cup

We had one team play in the Year 3 and 4 Miniball World Cup. They lost the semi final match, then lost 3rd and 4th play off. 4th out of 16 teams which is an awesome effort. Thank you to coach Richard Peeters and manager Rebecca Page.



### Year 5 and 6 Miniball World Cup

Well done to our Year 5/6 Basketball teams who played in the World Cup at Baypark today. Our Year 6 team (Poland) placed an amazing 1st Place and the Year 5 team (England) placed 8th out of 24 teams. So fantastic effort for them both. Special mention to Loimata Paaka and Areta Kahura who were picked in the 'All Stars' team. Thank you to Wayne Fausett, Dot Paaka and Mike and Amy Rogers for all their efforts to make today possible.



### Netball

We are lucky enough to have two Year 6 netball teams this 2020 season. One of the teams is called St Mary's Rebels and is coached by Dot Paaka. After a tough few games in the first week, they have really worked hard on all aspects of their game.

A few words from the coach after their last game;  
*"They went down 20-16 to TKK but their effort and never give up attitude pulled them back from what might have been to what the end result was. Super proud."*

Keep it up girls, can't wait to hear more results!





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Now 12 years on, we have two beautiful children (pictured in the digger), Indie in year 3 and Gussie starting in the 4th term of this year! With one of our Tradesmen, also having a daughter in year 2 at St Mary's. We thoroughly enjoy being part of the St Mary's community and support the school in any way possible. It is very important to us that our children get a great education, to pave the way for their futures.

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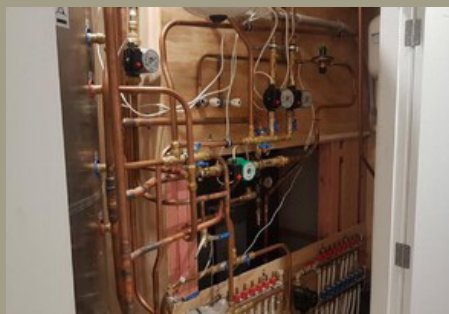
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Congratulations to all St Mary's students who recently competed in the Tough Kid Challenge at Bay Park.



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