



St Mary's
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South Cluster Speech Finals



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

Message from the Principal

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Sunday's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

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 and search 'Maui the Magnificent'.

Shows will be held at the Bethlehem Performing Arts Centre at the following times:

Wed 23rd September - 7pm

Thurs 24th September - 12:30pm

(Seniors, Caregivers and Under 5's only)

Thurs 24th 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. In the unlikely event that the show is cancelled, a full refund will be given.



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Christ-like

be.
reflective

be.
creative

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As you will have heard we are currently still in Alert Level 2 and I have continued to share our protocols around this below. Thank-you for all you do to ensure the safety of our St Mary's community.

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.

Staffing

I want to congratulate Ms Rood for winning a permanent position at Suzanne Aubert School in Papamoa. This is very exciting for her and we will be sad to see Ms Rood leave. Ms Rood will leave us at the end of Term 3. I will inform you of the new teacher after we have been through the appointment process.

We will also be welcoming back Mrs Armstrong who will be working in Rm 4 with a New entrant class.

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.

Catholic Character Review

St Marys has a Catholic Character review on 14/15/16 September. We will have 3 people completing the review at this stage. I will inform you of who the people are and if it is still happening.

Parent / teacher conferences

As you are aware the new date for our parent conferences is **Thursday, 10 September from 12.00pm-7pm**. Make you interview time at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the new event code **peu7w**.

School will be closing at 12:30pm for all students, so please make arrangements to collect your child at this time. All children will be in the hall from 12pm so the teachers can start their interviews. There will be no bus service or After School Care available on this day. We want to create some certainty in this uncertain time.

We are also very keen to share the new learning stories and reporting format with you. Mrs MacKinnon and I will be available in the staffroom throughout the conferences so if you have any questions, concerns please come in and see us.

We hope you understand that we are placing high importance on wanting to connect with our families in regards to the HERO report.

End of Day

End of day pick ups. We are asking children that wait for parents at the front of school to wait outside the chapel steps. They are not allowed to run around on the grass at the front as this is a health and safety concern. The children have been asked and we will have a teacher there to monitor. Thank-you for helping us make this area safe.

Holiday programme

During the second week of the Term 3 holidays we will be operating a Holiday programme like we did in the previous holidays.

If you have any queries or questions please email Shelley: Shelley's email is afterschoolcare@stmarystga.school

Sickness

Thank-you to our families who are continuing to follow our Alert Level 2 protocols when children are unwell that they are kept at home. If children are away from school for more than 2-3 days we require a medical certificate to support the absence. Please bring to the school office.

We also have a number of children that are continuously late to school. Please make sure your child is at school on time.

James Murray
Principal

TERM DATES

Tuesday 8 September

- New Entrant Meeting 9.30am
- PTA Meeting 7pm

Thursday 10 September

- Class Mass Whānau Akkerman 9am
- Parent Teacher Conferences 12.00pm-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 9.30am-11am Whānau Cochrane 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 Broadmore 11am-12.30pm
- Aroha Camp Meeting 5pm and 5.30pm for parent helpers

Wednesday 23 September

Maui the Magnificent Production 7pm

Thursday 24 September

Maui the Magnificent Production Matinee 12.30pm and 5.30pm

Friday 25 September

- Sports / Cultural Exchange (Catholic Schools)
- Term 3 ends at 2.55pm

Monday 12 October

Term 4 starts

Wednesday 14 October

Aroha are away on camp until Friday

Thursday 15 October

Class Mass Whānau Vincent/Strange

Wednesday 21 October

Book Fair until Friday



Mauni the Magnificent tickets are on sale now.

Special Character Term 3

*With God, we strive to Be our best, Be prepared for the world;
And Be true to our Catholic faith, to others and to ourselves.*

Sacramental Programme

Please keep these children, and their families, in your prayers as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Happy Fathers Day

We wish all our Father's a very Blessed Day this coming Sunday.

Father's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son, Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom,

Tenderness and patience

Support them in the work they have to do,

Protecting those who look to them,

As we look to You for love and salvation,

Through Jesus Christ our rock and defender,

In union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

St Joseph, Pray for all our Fathers. Amen.

Pope Francis prayer intention for September

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful

Caritas Social Justice Week

Each year the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand set aside a week in September for Social Justice Week, inviting us to reflect and take action on a current social justice issue. The title of the Caritas resources for 2020 is As Easy as CST: Unlocking the Church's Potential. (CST Catholic Social Teaching).

Social Justice Week 2020 takes place from 6-12 September. The theme of our Social Justice Week resources is "Easy as CST: Unlocking the Church's Potential" / "Māmā Noa, Pēnei i te CST: Te Tuku i ngā Pūmanawa o te Hāhi kia Whai Hua." They focus on Catholic social teaching (CST), which provides a moral framework to guide our decisions and actions.

**Mā te whiriwhiri tahi ka puāwai ngā pūmanawa o te tangata
Together weaving the realisation of potential**

In 1891, at the height of the industrial revolution in Europe, there was a great and growing gap between rich and poor. At this time, Pope Leo XIII wrote a letter, **Rerum Novarum**, that focused on the condition of workers and just wages. He emphasised the importance of working for the common good and the role of the state to ensure the wellbeing of all, especially the poorest.

Teresa Rush
DRS



**Easy as CST:
Unlocking
the Church's
Potential**

Te Wiki o te Whai Tika



**Māmā Noa, Pēnei
i te CST:
Te Tuku i ngā
Pūmanawa o te
Hāhi kia Whai Hua**

Social Justice Week

Parish News

I hope you are all safe and keeping well under the alert Level 2. Let us continue praying to the Lord for the safety and health of everyone battling this pandemic. May I ask you to pray in a special way for the members of our community who are sick with different illnesses and all those who have lost their jobs and livelihood. (Fr Arnold)

Baptism Course: Coming up this Thursday, 3rd September. Please contact the Parish office to register, thank you.

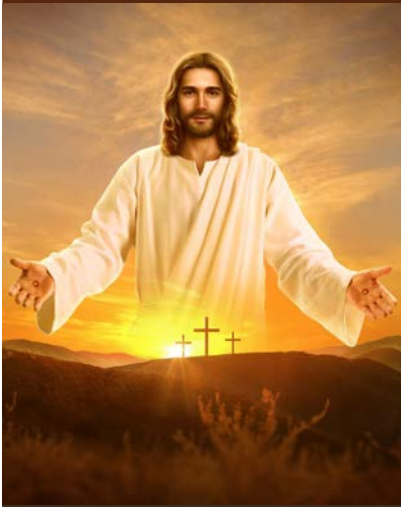
Parish Youth Choir: Year 5 & 6 join the Parish Youth Choir with Sally Washer sign up here <http://taurangamoanacatholic.nz/our-place/youth/>

Study with the Catholic Theological College: "What Catholics Believe" starting Friday, 25 September, Tauranga. Come and explore the concepts and beliefs that provide a background to understanding Catholic faith and identity. Contact: c.piper@ctc.ac.nz or call 0800217411.

Aroha Character Sketches: Jesus - Hehu Karaiti

Aroha students have been writing character sketches so that the reader has a strong mental image of the person's traits and characteristics. Last week we wrote a character sketch about Jesus to coincide with our RE teaching focus Jesus - Hehu Karaiti.

Here are some examples from each whanau class



Jesus was an incredible man who did many things.

He had long, brown hair, deep brown eyes and a beard. He wore a light coloured robe and some old fashioned sandals. Jesus had olive type skin, and he performed many miracles.

Jesus was kind, caring, loving and forgiving. He was very patient too.

He loves and cares for everyone equally he looks after you and looks out for you.

Some people don't believe in God or anything but Jesus will still love you.

Jesus never sinned in his life just like his mother Mary, Jesus never sinned because he was the Son of God, and he would never go against his father in heaven.

Jesus died for us to free our sins. Jesus knew he would die but didn't stop it from happening. This shows Jesus was an amazing person.

Eva Phizacklea

Jesus is an amazing man who lived in a small house in Nazareth with his mother Mary and father Joseph.

He has long, brown hair and brown eyes and olive skin. He also wears long, light coloured robes and light, brown sandals.

Jesus is a kind and caring person and loves everyone for who they are.

He healed the sick and blind and died on the cross to save our sins.

Our saviour Jesus Christ is a very loving person and will do anything for anyone.



Intro

Jesus looked like a man who was calm and loving, and he was. He loves all people, he is brave, he heals people that are sick, and he is very peaceful. Also, he is God's only son.

Jesus's External Traits

Jesus has long brown hair and a pair of kind-looking eyes that makes you feel welcome. He has a short brown beard, and when he smiles, you can see his white teeth shining by the sunlight. Jesus dresses simply - usually long and light-coloured robes and a light blue slash. His skin including his thin hands are the colour of olive. Jesus doesn't wear any kind of jewels and on his feet, he wears a pair of sandals to protect his feet from stepping into something sharp and hurting his feet.

Jesus's Internal Traits

Jesus was very kind, gentle, forgiving and a wise man. He has many traits but one of them is bravery. The bravest thing he has done, as far as I know, is to have himself sacrificed and die on a cross. Another one of his traits is his kindness. Jesus showed his kindness by healing people that are sick. He is also a very humble person. Jesus doesn't brag about anything and he is grateful about what he got. He has many other traits, but if that is going to be in here, it will go never-endingly long. So I will just put an end to this.

Gyulyn Kim

Jesus - Hehu Karaiti

Jesus was a holy, kind and a generous man, he had twelve close friends, they were called the Apostles or known as the Disciples. He was born around the year 4BC, his parents were Mary and Joseph, Jesus then had the Last Supper with the apostles because Jesus knew he was going to die soon but didn't tell the Apostles. Some people didn't believe Jesus was the son of God, so they wanted the soldiers to crucify Jesus, the generals told the soldiers to crucify Jesus, so they did.

Jesus then died on the cross. Jesus died on the cross to forgive the sins that us humans had done, but God said to Jesus "After you die I will raise you from the dead on the third day." That is why Jesus has holes around his body. After Mary and Joseph died they both became Saints. Jesus Christ also healed the sick, like the blind man and he performed miracles but that does not mean Jesus is not human he is human because he slept, ate, cried, walked but also he was divine because a normal person couldn't turn water into wine and walk on water. He is a great role model for people, even today.

I believe Jesus has long brown wavy hair and warm brown eyes but some people say Jesus has blazing red eyes, and in pictures of Jesus he has icy blue eyes. Jesus in my belief has tanned or a dark olive skin colour, he also has a short brown silky beard, Jesus also wears a long white robe with a light sky blue sash and he wears dark brown sandals to protect his feet from stones on the hard floor, he is also 5.6 meters tall like a normal full grown man.

Jesus was forgiving and Christlike, he cared for nature and animals. Jesus was a forgiving man even though the generals crucified Jesus and he had to carry the 40 pound wooden cross, he was in pain but he forgave them.

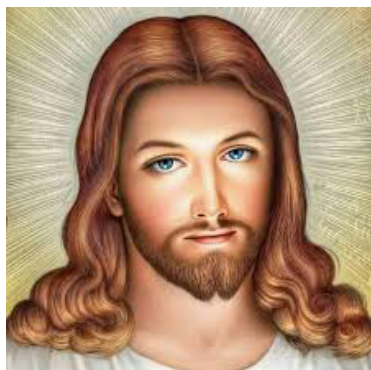
Jesus was fully human and divine. He always took care of the sick and gave advice to people who needed it. He listened to his father, God, and loved everyone especially his family.

Jesus has the Holy Spirit working in him all the time and is loyal and loving.

"Love your Neighbour as love yourself"

-Jesus Christ

Elena



Aroha Speech Finals

Congratulations to all our Year 5 & 6 speech finalists who presented their speeches recently.

Year 5: 1st Kiana Schoeser
2nd Maebh Manning
3rd Tom Mason
Highly Commended Milli Banbury

Year 6: 1st India-Rose Scholes
2nd George Hopkins
3rd Jack Mear
Highly Commended Ivy Barrett-Hodgson,
Cormac Gardiner & Hazra Syed.

The top two from each year group represented St Mary's at the South Cluster Competition with all four students placing either second or third.

Congratulations to;

Year 5: 2nd Maebh Manning
3rd Kiana Schoeser

Year 6: 2nd George Hopkins
3rd India-Rose Scholes.



REMINDER:

School closes at 12.30pm on Thursday 10th September for Parent Teacher Conferences

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