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Catholic School
Tauranga

Our People Our Place

Newsletter

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

Message from the Principal

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14 (shorter form Matthew 22:1-10)

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone has had a fantastic break and we are ready for a very busy 9 weeks of Term.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience, commitment and understanding around everything that we have undertaken so far this year. It has certainly been the beginnings of some wonderful partnerships all for the growth of our children and our Catholic community.

I want to thank all those involved with our Māui production, staff, parents and our wider community. It was a wonderful end to term 3.

This Term we welcome back Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Washer into Room 4, Mrs Walters has replaced Ms Rood in Room 9. We also welcome Mr Josh McCabe to Aroha hub. We know our community will welcome and enjoy the new staff.

Next week we will also welcome Mr Aden Turner who will be our new caretaker. Aden comes to us with a wonderful skill set and an ability to forge strong relationships. We are really looking forward to Aden starting next Wednesday.

End of year date

This year we finish on **MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER** at 12pm and we are having an **ACCORD TEACHER ONLY DAY** on Tuesday 15th December.

Start of year date

The start of 2021 will begin on Thursday 4th February with our Rā Whānau Mai and Friday 5th being the first full day of school for 2021.

If you have any enrolments for 2021 could you please let the office know so we can begin our planning for 2021.

After School Care

We will run after school care on Monday 14th December from mid-day to 5.30pm and the holiday programme from Tuesday 15th through to Wednesday 23rd December.

Our January 2021 Holiday Program will run from Mon 18th – Fri 22nd January, Mon 25th – Fri 29th January. After school Care will start the first day back to school; Thursday 4th Feb 2021. For any more information please email Shelley at: afterschoolcare@stmarysga.school.nz

I know we have had some parents enquire about a before school care programme and we will begin to look at the viability of this alongside our School Board of Trustees. If you would be interested in this could you please email me and let me know the rough times. We are just beginning some initial discussions and looking into this. My email is:

jmurray@stmarysga.school.nz

Uniform

As we are into Term 4 we require the children to wear their hats. NO HAT NO PLAY rule will apply immediately. If your child requires any alterations to the uniform could you please write a note to your child's teacher explaining.

Travel safe parent survey

Next week via HERO and hard copy we will send out a link for a parent survey around travel safety. You will be able to complete the survey online or hard copy. Thank-you in advance. If you would like to complete the survey you can also use this link.

<https://forms.gle/E4eV5xoL9tB6HEn77>

James Murray

Principal

TERM DATES

Wednesday 14 October

Aroha are away on camp until Friday

Thursday 15 October

Class Mass Whanau Vincent/Strange

Friday 16 October

Pink Shirt Mufti Day

Tuesday 20 October

PTA AGM 7pm

Wednesday 21 - 23 October

Book Fair until Friday

Thursday 22 October

Class Mass Whanau Yorke 9am

Monday 26 October

Labour Day - school is closed

Tuesday 27 October

New children and new families liturgy
10am (new date)

Thursday 29 October

School Photos

Friday 30 October

Whole School Mass St Mary Immaculate
9.30am

Sunday 1 November

Confirmation at St Mary Immaculate 2pm

Monday 2 November

Speech & Drama concert 11.15am &
1.30pm

Wednesday 4 November

WBoP Cricket Junior Carnival

Thursday 5 November

- Aroha Athletics
- Class Mass Whanau Walter 9am

Friday 6 November

- Aroha Athletics pp day
- WBoP Cricket Junior Carnival pp day

Sunday 8 November

Parish School Mass 10.30am

Tuesday 10 November

- South Cluster Athletics
- PTA Meeting 7pm

Thursday 12 November

- Class Mass Whanau Tanner 9am
- Year 6 Aquinas Orientation Evening 7pm

Tuesday 17 November

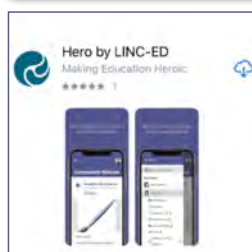
Grandparents and Grandfriends liturgy 10am

Thursday 19 November

- Class Mass Whanau Wood 9am
- New Entrant Meeting for all

To set your password and log into HERO for the first time:

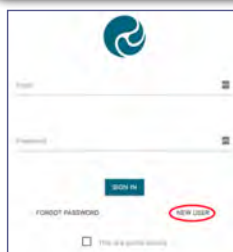
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Note: use the keywords Hero LINC-ED when searching for the app.



2. Click NEW USER



3. Enter the email address you have provided the school and click REQUEST PASSWORD LINK





Check out Maui photos on our Facebook page

Special Character Term 4

*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.*

Welcome to Term 4.

We have an exciting term of Liturgical events ahead. Please add to your calendar the many dates.

Grandparents/Grandfriends Day

This year due to the ever growing number who attend the Grandparents/ Grandfriends Liturgy we have made a small change. The Liturgy aspect will now be held in the Church; St Mary Immaculate Church Tuesday 17th November at 9:30am. This will allow us to safely host the Liturgy. Following the Liturgy Grandparents/ Grandfriends and whanau are invited to Morning tea at BAMJC (School) will be served and visitors will have a chance to visit classrooms. At 12:00 noon we will have a short concert for Grandparents and Grandfriends in the BAMJC.

Sacramental Programme new dates

Please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Confirmation

Sunday 1st November 2020, 2pm at St Mary Immaculate Church with Bishop Steve Lowe
(All Saints Day)

First Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

This will be the weekend of 21st/22nd November (Feast of Christ the King).

St Teresa of Avila

15th October St Theresa of Jesus Feast Day. St Theresa is an important Saint in our Cluny Charism. St. Teresa of Ávila was the founder of the Discalced Carmelites, which was a reform movement within the Carmelite Order. In her work of reform, she worked very closely with St. John of the Cross. She wrote several important works, including her autobiography, Life of Teresa of Avila, and her most influential work, The Interior Castle, in which she talks about the mystical life in terms of seven mansions. These mansions show the growth in intimacy between the believer and God. St. Teresa was the first woman ever to be declared a Doctor of the Church (1970).



World Mission Sunday

It's the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together to support mission. And every single donation from these worldwide Masses goes to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Every Catholic community, in every country, sends a powerful message of faith, hope and love on this special day. This is our chance to show love and solidarity to our global Church family. Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere in spreading the Good News. And by donating we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

Teresa Rush - DRS

Parish News

This week marks the beginning of the final school term for the year. Let us pray; "send Your Spirit Lord upon these children and their teachers, fill them with wisdom and blessings".

Fr. Arnold

Level 1 - Catholic Church Guidelines - Bishop Steve (Shortened version) 30 September 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

2020 has been a challenging year and it continues to be so. We continue to live in a world where the pandemic is still lurking and there is ever the possibility of us descending in Levels of what we are and not allowed to do. I am sure that you join with me in delighting that we are back at Level 1. But Level 1 is not Level 0. We are not back to normal, we are not free of the pandemic, we must be prudent as we have seen how quickly, silently and easily the virus can be passed on.

- No Holy Water in the fonts
 - Sign of Peace - Bow to each other
 - Priest and Ministers - Sanitize hands
 - No Holy Communion from Chalice (Blood of Christ)
 - Holy Communion to be distributed in the hands only
 - Priests and Ministers should not to touch heads during blessing
- May we bear with these restrictions and one another charitably, so we might indeed be worthy of receiving the Lord's great sacrament of communion and charity.
- Yours sincerely in Christ the Good Shepherd
Steve Lowe BISHOP OF HAMILTON

Family Weekend

6-8 November 2020 at Lake Taupo. Register here

<https://www.cdh.org.nz/family-weekend>

Accommodation required / Do you have a holiday home in Taupo that you would be willing to hire out for free or a discounted cost? We have families who want to come to Family Weekend but our discounted accommodation is all full! Please get in touch with Brigid ph: 07 856 6989 m: 027 736 5514
e: events@cdh.or.nz

“Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!”

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to celebrate diversity and promote positive social relationships.

It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of age, gender identity, ability, or cultural background.

Pink Shirt Day 2020 will be held this Friday 16th October. Wear pink or mufti, and bring a gold coin donation.

By celebrating Pink Shirt Day and raising money to support our school we will be part of a powerful movement spreading aroha and kindness. Every dollar raised will help the NZ Mental Health Foundation provide free Pink Shirt Day activities, resources, merchandise and workshops to help make our schools safe and inclusive for everyone.

Books make great Christmas gifts

Come to our **BOOK FAIR**, a special time for our entire school and community.



**When: Wednesday, 21 October
to Friday 23 October 2020**

Time: 8.30am to 3.30pm.

**Where: St Mary's School Library
(now called Te Kopuha Hapori / The Community Bach)**

Exciting range of popular titles supplied by Scholastic.

Dress Up Day Wednesday 21 October 2020

As part of the book fair we are having a dress up fun day on Wednesday 21 October. Children (and staff) will have a chance to dress up as their favourite "Book Character". There will be a costume parade in the BAMJC at 9.15am.

Parents welcome. (Alert Level 1 allowing)

Help Needed

If you can help offering some assistance with book fair sales during peak times please email me. The times I need help are;

Wednesday & Thursday : 8.30am–9.30am, 12.30pm-1.30pm, and 3.00-3.30pm

Friday: 8.30-9.30am

Please contact Debbie in the Library or email dnowell@stmarystga.school.nz



Many Thanks

Debbie Nowell
Librarian



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DUE DATE FOR ALL ORDERS – Monday Oct 19

Professional Videography

We are thrilled to announce that a professional videographer captured the entire musical on Thursday September 23, 5:30pm as it unfolded on stage. No need to fret about missing that 'special moment.' The professionals all took care of it.

DVD - \$20

USB - \$25

Brand New Gobsmacked Black T-shirts

\$35

Kids sizes (6/8/10/12/14/16)



Gobsmacked Banking Details

Account Name: Gobsmacked Productions Ltd

Account Number: 02-0466-0401340-000

Reference: Students full name and class (eg. JenWestR8dvd/usb/t-shirt6/7/8/10/12/14 etc)

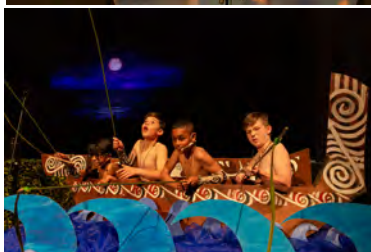
www.gobsmacked.co.nz 0800 gSmack (476225)



October is the month of the Rosary

We have been learning that the Rosary is a prayer to remind us that Jesus loved us so much that he died for us on the cross. We know that we repeat prayers, such as the Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary, while we think about important events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. Mary listens to our prayers and takes our prayers to her Son Jesus.

In Tika and Māramatanga we made our own special rosary beads to use when we pray one decade of the Rosary.



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