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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

Quotes from APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD

- *"Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy."*
- *"Thanks be to God, throughout the history of the church it has always been clear that a person's perfection is measured not by the information or knowledge they possess, but by the depth of their charity."*
- *"We need to think of ourselves as an army of the forgiven. All of us have been looked upon with divine compassion."*
- *"The saints do not waste energy complaining about the failings of others; they can hold their tongue before the faults of their brothers and sisters and avoid the verbal violence that demeans and mistreats others."*
- *"I do not believe in holiness without prayer, even though that prayer need not be lengthy or involve intense emotions."*
- *"Let us listen once more to Jesus, with all the love and respect that the Master deserves. Let us allow his words to unsettle us, to challenge us and to demand a real change in the way we live. Otherwise, holiness will remain no more than an empty word."*

CLASS PROGRAMMES

Room	Strand	Title	Liturgical Year	Prayer Module
1	The Holy Spirit God	God the Holy Spirit God is Creator	Ascension 13 May Pentecost 20 May	Traditional and Devotional Prayer
2	God The Holy Spirit	God is Creator God the Holy Spirit		
3	The Holy Spirit God	The Holy Spirit in People's Lives Our Gracious God		
4	God The Holy Spirit	God is Present in the World The Fruits of the Holy Spirit		
5	The Holy Spirit Church	Pentecost Called to Service		
6	The Holy Spirit Church	Titles and Symbols of the Holy Spirit The Church Celebrates		
7	The Holy Spirit Church	Baptism and the Holy Spirit The Church as a Pilgrim People		
9	The Holy Spirit Church	The Holy Spirit in Scripture The Teaching Church		
8	The Holy Spirit Church	The Mission of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in the World The Living Church		

Roster of Class Masses with the Parish

HAPPENINGS	
8 May	Young Leaders' Day
15 May	First Reconciliation
16 May	Michael Mangan Concert
20 May	Parish/School Mass
20 May	Presentation of Starting School Booklets
12 - 15 June	Catholic Convention
17 June	First Holy Communion
25 - 29 June	Religious Education Home Sharing
4 July	Mufti Day
Catholic Special Character Internal Review	
Catholic Special Character Poster	

YOUNG LEADERS' DAY

On Tuesday 8 May, Year 7 and 8 students from catholic schools in South Canterbury facilitated and participated in prayer, workshops and seminars around leadership. St Joseph's School Timaru hosted this day of reflection and formation, with many of our students taking leadership roles.

Please pray for all students who attend catholic schools, that they may experience true encounter with the risen Lord and become authentic examples of servant leadership.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

On Tuesday 15 May, students enrolled in the First Communion programme will make their First Reconciliation. This celebration of God's loving mercy and forgiveness is at 6.00 pm at St Thomas' Church.

Please continue to pray for these students and their whanau as they prepare to receive their First Communion on 17 June at the 10.30 am Mass at St Thomas' Church.

MICHAEL MANGAN CONCERT

On Wednesday 16 May, students in Years 0 - 6 will attend a concert by Michael Mangan.

Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher, and music liturgist who is based in Brisbane, Australia. A former specialist music teacher, he has composed over 250 pieces which are widely used in Liturgy and Religious Education programmes in schools and parishes throughout Australia New Zealand, Canada and the USA.

Michael's music is frequently used in our prayer and liturgies at St Joseph's School.

We look forward to Michael's visit, his energetic presentation, and uplifting music.

PARISH/SCHOOL MASS

The Holy Family Parish and St Joseph's School community gather on **Sunday 20 May**, (Pentecost Sunday) at St Thomas' Church at 10.30 am for this term's parish/school mass.

Our students have many roles in this eucharistic celebration. Students and staff spend considerable time preparing for this, and it is always gratifying to have the support from, and witness of parents/whanau.

STARTING SCHOOL BOOKLETS

The students starting at St Joseph's School as new entrants this term will be presented with a Starting School Booklet at the parish/school mass on Sunday 20 May. We welcome - *Harry Sinclair-Quinn, Oliver Murray, Jacob Hills, Kyra Wallis,*

Blake Webber, Brylee Hayes, Harlan Westaway, Mackenzie Bell, and Nixon Harris.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CONVENTION 2018

St Joseph School leaders are to attend the above convention from 12 - 15 June.

This Convention brings together Catholic educators, Bishops, priests, school trustees, and a range of others associated with the national Catholic education system.

Catholic schools make up 8.4% of the total schooling provision for New Zealand children. They provide education for 66,000 students. The catholic education system is a high achieving sector, closely aligned with the mission of the Church. At the Convention, attendees have the opportunity to be strengthened by a sense of community and renewed in a sense of mission.

The theme of the Convention is -

Te karanga ta te Karaiti: kia arohaina, kia ora, ki tina
Christ's call: to love, to be, to do.

International and national speakers will support and challenge. Meeting and sharing with colleagues from other schools completes the Convention experience.

HOME SHARING OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEARNING

During the week of 25 - 29 June, students will share their Religious Education learning with their families. The purpose of this is to inform parents and prompt students to talk about, or demonstrate, their learning. Thank you for taking the time to engage with, and encourage, your children through your discussions and comments.

[The Family Whanau Book](#) has some helpful suggestions around ways parents can be involved in, and support, their child's learning in Religious Education.

MUFTI DAY

Term Two's Mufti Day is on **Wednesday 4 July**. Students donate a gold coin to wear mufti clothing to school on this day.

The money raised will be donated to *Mufti Mania*.

Each year since 2007, the New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals' Association (NZCPPA) have partnered with CARITAS to run a Mufti Mania day to build solidarity by raising money for poor and vulnerable communities.

During this time, Catholic schools across New Zealand have raised more than

\$100,000 to support schools in the Pacific.

This year's Mufti Mania project is Apifo'ou College in Nuku'alofa in Tonga.

In February, Cyclone Gita caused widespread damage throughout Tonga.

Apifo'ou College was one of the worst affected schools.

We join all the Catholic primary schools around New Zealand, the NZCPPA, and CARITAS to raise money to help the school -

- repair school classrooms and labs
- replace lost teaching resources
- improve water access
- fix sanitation systems.

CATHOLIC SPECIAL CHARACTER INTERNAL REVIEW

The major review focus for 2018 is Religious Education - *Growth in Knowledge*.

Your responses to review statements/questions, along with the views of students and staff, will assist us to review our commitment to ensuring that our Religious Education programmes, *'enable children to understand and appreciate how people live, pray, and celebrate [in the Catholic tradition] and how they can respond freely to God, according to the gift of faith.'*

Your participation in the review process is important as it helps identify strengths and areas for future development.

CATHOLIC SPECIAL CHARACTER FOCUS 2018

The concept of *Te Wa* is the Catholic Special Character focus for 2018.

The Whakatauki "*He waka eke noa*" translated as "*A canoe which we are all in with no exception*" or in student speak, "*We are all in this together*" expresses the spirit and heart of belonging, support, interdependence, tolerance, cooperation and collaboration, with the common good as a theme.

An image to support this focus is being developed and will be shared when completed.

Attached for your information -

- God Strand - Summary of Theological Focus

Links for your information

- [Holy Spirit Strand - Year Level Focus Summary](#)
- [The Ascension](#)

- > [Pentecost](#)
- > [Roncalli College Open Day information](#)

E Toru Nga Mea

E toru nga mea
Nga mea nūnui
E ki ana
Te Paipera
Whakapono
Tumanako
Ko te mea nui
Ko te aroha

There are three
Great things
That are spoken of
In the Bible
Faith
Hope
And the greatest of all
Love
1 Corinthians 1:13

Blessing:

May the God who holds
us tenderly in the palm of Her/His hand,
Comfort us.

May the God who
feeds us tenderly,
Direct us.

May the God who loves
us tenderly,
Bless us,

Creator, Redeemer
and Sustainer.

Amen

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GOD - TE ATUA STRAND

Summary of Theological Focus

GOD - TE ATUA

- is mystery
- is first person of the Trinity
- chose to come among us, calling us into a loving relationship as a people
- is made known through divine revelation.
- INCARNATION is God with us as a human being - Jesus
- Through the life, death and resurrection of Christ we know truth about GOD
- Scriptures and Tradition contain images which help our understanding of God
- as Creator, is a most important doctrine
- is faithful to the covenant with Israel
- is present in nature and events.