

22 September

Focus For the Week: Gospel Luke 1: 1-13 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The gospel reading is about how we should use money. The choice is stark-either choose God or make money your god. It is not possible to serve both. Yet the advertising media would have us believe that money, ever more money, is the key to eternal happiness. The liturgy invites us to reflect on who our God is. Which master claims our time and energies? By what standard will our life be measured? By our material wealth and possessions or how we behave as followers of Jesus.

Value Focus: Honesty – Week 10

Integrity and honesty, to be of any worth, must be within us. Sure, we can take our lead from any number of honest role models that touch our lives – our parents, teachers, friends - indeed to associate with the right people has a positive influence on our lives. However, if we do not examine ourselves, in our actions, thoughts and words and look to understand what it means to be honest, then we are just blindly following. The key test is how honest we are when no one is watching. If we are truly honest, we will resist temptation, and stand up to those who might convince us that we can get away with it when no one is watching. It takes courage, but to be true to this core value we need to say, if only to ourselves, "I am honest, and honest people don't do that".

"There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience." ~French Proverb

"Your life may be the only Bible some people read." ~Author Unknown

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform: Baden Hilton, our BoT chairperson has made contact with Mr Gerry Hassan, the Chairperson of St Paul's School in Christchurch.

Mr Hassan is appreciative of the support from Catholic schools and asks that our students write to their students to let them know they are thinking of them. He advised that it is the little tangible things such as letters, cards, and prayers that keep them positive and gives them strength to carry on. They are all grieving and the children are finding it hard having lost their physical school buildings.

The realities of the quake are still taking a toll on the staff and the community. Approximately 20% of Staff and 25% of the students are without homes with almost all of the rest still without sewerage. The school is moving temporarily to the Cathedral College grounds and it is fortunate that their insurance will cover rebuilding the school buildings but unfortunately not playgrounds.

Most of the school resources were able to be salvaged and one classroom may not need to be demolished. The damaged buildings are likely to be bulldozed in the next few days and it is understandably a very emotional time for the community, having also lost their priest the week before and also their church in the quake.

This year at least half of the money raised at our Mission Day next term will go to St Paul's to help them rebuild their playgrounds.

Term 3 ends this week with **Term 4** beginning on Monday 11th of October. The school office will be open on Friday 8th October between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families; Manaia Steele (Rm 7a), and Jack Fraser-Jones (Rm5).

Mass: There will be a full school Mass tomorrow (Thursday) at 9:45am. All welcome.

Wearable Arts Evening - TONIGHT:

Next Stop Paris! Milan! Who Knows? Year 7 & 8 Wearable Arts Fashion Night is TONIGHT, 22 September in the Sacred Heart Hall at 7.00pm. Tickets \$5.00 Secondary Students and Adult and \$2.00 children.

This will be a fun night showcasing the talent of the students' in Team 4

**Team 2 presents "The Music**

Machine" To be held at 6:30pm in the Sacred Heart Boarders Hall, tomorrow (Thursday) at 6:30pm. Please park in the Cathedral car park. Gold Coin donation

Marian School Calendars

This year Team ONE and Team TWO are running the Calendar fundraisers to contribute funds to their individual teams (rather than a PTFA fundraiser). An order form will be sent out the first week of Term four. These unique calendars are a perfect present and a great way to support the team that your child is in. Please look out for order forms and more information at the beginning of Term 4!

Marian School ASC Holiday Programme: We are running a Holiday Programme for the second week of the school holidays from 4 – 8 October. 8am – 5pm. Bookings to Marian please or let Maree Coman know. Cost is \$30.00 per day. Please email Maree Coman for more details mcoman@marian.school.nz

ASC Fees: Due to GST increase, can all fees be paid in full by the last day of term.

Term 4 Fees will increase to:

\$10.00 per day for the first child and \$6.00 per day for second and subsequent children if they stay until 5pm. If they stay until 4:15pm, the first child rate will increase to \$7.00 per child per day and second and subsequent children to \$5.00 per day.

Celebrating Success: Congratulations to the following students for their achievements this year:

- ICAS Computer exam Results:

Year 4 Samantha Brown – Credit

Year 5 Alexander Deo – Credit

Joseph Dean – Credit

William Muldowney – Credit

Year 6

Nathan Carrasco – Credit

Chelsea Lin – Credit

Eric Tang – Credit

Angelique TuiSamoa - Credit

Jenna Tuioti – Distinction

Year 7

Christie Burborough – Credit

Jacob Cheatley – Credit

Michael Lamb – High Distinction

Year 8

Victoria Chan – Credit

Lorena Scarpa – Credit

Sequoia Short – Credit

Anna Westerbeke – Credit

- Interschool Cross Country Results

Yr 6 Boys – Liam Steffert 2nd

Yr 6 Girls – Sarah Krystman 1st

Yr 5 Boys – Ryan Campbell – 2nd

Yr 5 Girls – Olive Arlidge – 4th

Yr 4 Boys – Cameron Steffert 1st

Yr 4 Girls – Brenna Leong 1st, Olivia

McLennan 3rd

- Congratulations to **Hannah Smith** who came 2nd in U12 girls full contact division at the NZ Kyokushin Karate Nationals held at Boys High School last weekend.

Lost:

- A pair of brown high-tech boots 'Mountain Runners' named either Bob or Brodnax on the inside. Please return to Rm14.

- A school jersey named Anneliese Brebner – please return to Rm9

Free – 2 sets of Living Room curtains, free. Please see Martha before the end of this week.

4Front School of Guitar is running guitar lessons through Marian Primary School. They will be held in Te Whare on Mondays and will be in small groups of 2-4 students. The lessons include a workbook, CD and a free VIP card for MusicWorks. If you have a child interested in starting guitar lessons next term please contact Dave Murray on 027 248 4827 or email david@schoolofguitar.co.nz. Or for more information on 4Front School of Guitar lessons visit www.schoolofguitar.co.nz

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$1.00 per sausage.

God Bless You and have a safe and happy holiday

John Coulam
Principal

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LUNCH ORDERS - Price Increase effective Term 4

- **Filled roll – \$3.20 (ham, chicken, vege)**
- Wholegrain sandwich – \$3.20 (ham, chicken, vege)
- Pizza Bread - \$2.20
- St Dalfour Meals \$4.00
Ready to Eat (Gluten Free)

Hot meals

- Chicken and Rice \$4
- Beef and Rice \$4
- Salmon and Rice \$4
- **Sushi -4 pack \$5, or 6 pack \$7**
Chicken, Seafood, Mixed or Vegetarian
- **Muffin - \$1.50**
Chocolate Chip or Fruit
- **Cookie - \$1.00**
- **Zing Flavoured Water \$1.80**
- **CalciYum Milk - \$1.50**
Chocolate
Caramel
Strawberry
- **Fresh fruit - .50c**
- Popcorn - .50c