



Newsletter 9, Term 2

Date 24 June 2020

Focus for the Week

Gospel Reflection: Do Not Be Afraid

Matthew 10: 26-33

In Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus encourages his disciples by telling them not to be afraid. He knew that he would soon be leaving them and that they would have a difficult mission ahead, spreading the word and continuing Jesus's work. They would face many challenges, ranging from indifference to verbal abuse, even physical threats, and would need courage to stand by what they believed. Jesus reassured them by saying that the Father loved them and that their reward would be great in heaven. In today's world, we can face challenges with our faith too. We are often confronted by behaviour that we know is against the teachings of the Church, and it can be difficult to stand up for what we believe is right. It can take courage to stick to our principles and 'do the right thing'.



This week, we are focusing on allowing the Holy Spirit to come and **wake us** and **make us shine!** Shine in our lives and the lives of those around us.

How do we recognise the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives? The fruits of peace, love, joy, faith, patience, goodness and self-control. Every time we **show** these gifts to those around us, we are allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us.

So, let your lights shine. The light of Love, the Light of patience, the Light of joy, the Light of goodness, the light of peace.... If we allow the spirit to work through us, we are truly **Living Faith**. Being the hands, face and voice of Jesus, so as our school motto says: we can ***Bring Christ into the World.***

Charism Focus for the Week

Our Charism focus for this term is LIVE FAITH. Several weeks ago we celebrated Pentecost, the birthday of



the church- the coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives. **We** are the church - our presence here and **how** we live our lives with others brings the Kingdom of God alive.

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Tena koutou katoa ma te Atua koutou e manaaki

LC3 Soup

An absolute highlight last week was joining LC3 for delicious vegetable soup on Friday. There was a greater representation of this on our Facebook. I spoke to the children about their gardening and they were so proud of the weeding and new garden beds Mr Johnson will repair and rebuild for them. On Saturday I was inspired to dig up my overgrown strawberry bed and replant them with chives and flowers - as the children had talked to me about Companion Planting. Thank you so much LC 3.

Trialling new formats for our weekly newsletters.

With the update to a HERO (Mobile friendly APP) we need to deliver a mobile friendly newsletter. Over the next few weeks we will send out two versions of the



newsletter - the usual PDF through HERO and a Mobile friendly option. We welcome your feedback.

Keeping well

While we celebrated our successful move to Alert Level One we were warned to not be too complacent. With the increase of New Zealanders returning to New Zealand we now have 9 cases. These new cases are contained within quarantine facilities.

This is a timely reminder to continue to follow good hygiene practices and to act with caution for anyone who is showing new onset or worsening symptoms of one or more of the following:

- Cough
- Fever
- Sore Throat
- Runny Nose
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Temporary loss of smell

Anyone with these symptoms should ring Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or their GP. They will advise on testing for COVID-19.

School Operations through the Alert Levels

This term we have transitioned from Full Lockdown, to Alert Level Three, to Alert Level Two and now in Alert Level One. In order to adjust and respond to the transition through the Alert levels we were faced with having to either adapt, postpone or cancel many school events. One of these events is our Gold Card Assemblies which have been adapted for Term One and Two.

Our Term Two Gold Card recipients will be presented their certificates at the Monday Liturgy on 29th June. The presentation will take place at 9:30am

New Classroom Room 25

This year we are in the enviable position of having a large intake of New Entrants. Next term we will be starting an additional class. This class will work in the Afterschool Lounge and half the Hall area. Our afterschool care programme will run as normal. We are blessed with our range of school facilities and scheduled activities in the Hall will be run in the Gerry Sullivan Events Centre. If anyone is interested in seeing the class set up, you are most welcome to contact Mrs Toni Walters-Freke to make a time.

Ngā mihi nui
Debra White
PRINCIPAL

DRS News

St John the Baptist

Today is the Feast day of St John the Baptist. John called people to turn to God and to prepare for the coming of Jesus. John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. John was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, who was Mary's cousin.

SCHOOL MASS

Next Thursday 2nd July at 9.15am we will celebrate our first School MASS this term. We welcome school families and members of the Parish to join us for this special celebration.

Sacramental Programmes

If your child is aged 8 years or over and is baptised, they are eligible to join the programme for Confirmation, First Communion and Reconciliation that runs through the Parish. Andrea from the Parish office is the person to contact for this. She has the enrolment forms for you to complete (andrea@cathedral.cdh.nz).

Meetings will begin in Term 3. A full list of dates will be given at the First Parent Input session on Sunday **2 August at 7.15pm**. The date of the ceremony will be **22 November at 10.30 am**, in the Cathedral.

God Bless,
Nicki Whyte DRS

Welcome

We warmly welcome into our school community Nora Khong (Rm4) and her family.

PTFA – Annual General Meeting

All Parents are invited to attend our AGM to be held **tonight in the staffroom at 7:30pm**

First Communion/Confirmation Programme

Children aged 8 and over (Year 4) who are already Baptised are eligible to join the First Communion / Confirmation Programme.

The date for the ceremony is 22 November at the 10.30am Mass.

The first parent input meeting will be Sunday 2 August, 7.15pm in the Cathedral.



Email Andrea for enrolment –
andrea@cathedral.cdh.nz

Marian School Holiday Programme

We are running a holiday programme the first week of July holidays.

Hours are 8 - 5 pm.

Cost is \$32 per day.

We supply morning and afternoon tea. Just bring a packed lunch.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Please register with Mrs Coman at the Hall after 3pm or email... mcoman@marian.school.nz

Volunteers wanted

Volunteers are required to help run the Uniform Shop.

The shop is open on Fridays from 2pm – 2:45pm.

Ideally at least 2 more people to help would be great.

Contact the school office 856 7515 if you are interested.

New Enrolments 2021

If you have a child ready to start school next year, please come and fill out an enrolment form if you have not already done so.

Enrolments for next year close approximately 15 September.

Saints United Basketball

Saints United Basketball (year 7 & 8 students)

Term 3 (dates 28 July - 18 September)

Games are Tuesday nights.

Price per child/term is \$50.00

Please let me know if your child would like to play basketball for Saints in term 3.

Coaches and Managers will be needed.

To register email: jmcintyre@marian.school.nz with your child's name and contact information.

Please let me know before Monday 30th June if they would like to play.

Liturgy Group

The Liturgy Group will practice this Thursday 25 June at 8:15am, in the School Hall

For Sale

Marian School Jacket

One of our staff has purchased a new jacket but it is unfortunately a little large.

It is an adult size "S" - Price is \$70.00.

Please see Jardine McIntyre at the office.

Dates to Remember

TONIGHT	PTFA - AGM
29 June	Gold Card 9:30 after Monday Liturgy
2 July	Full school Mass
3 July	End of Term 2
20 July	First day of Term 3
2 August	First Communion Parent Input mtg

Sport Notices

Marian Catholic School Sports Notice Wednesday 24 June 2020

HOCKEY

Friday 26 June

Saints United 1st vs FIS Nitro @ 4pm @ GHC 2HC

Saints United 2nd vs BNMS C @ 5pm @ GCH 1HC

Saints United Red vs Gordonton Anchor @ 7pm @ GHC 1HC

Saturday 27 June

Marian Strikers vs Tamahere Green Sticks @ 10.30am @ GHC 1QC

WINTER SPORTS FEES DUE

Please ensure you have paid your sports fees to the office or via internet, details are as follows:

Marian School 12 3152 0132786 00

Quote pupils 'name' and sport they are playing eg 'netball' and 'Term3'

Netball Fees

\$35 per player

Hockey Fees

Y1&2 = \$30 per player

Y3-6 = \$\$45 per player

Basketball Fees

\$55 per player

Melissa Nelson

sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz



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