

8 November

This Week's Focus: 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time**Matthew 23: 1-12**

The gospel this week reminds us about the importance of serving, and not dominating one another. Matthew tells us that we should seek to proclaim the word of God in the way we live and relate to others. To be the face, voice and hands of Jesus.

The more humble we become, the more possible it is for God's word and God's presence to be known by others. Our challenge is not to judge others nor to tell others what to do. Our challenge is to live the word of God in such a way that others are drawn to God.

Value Focus: Love of God, Self and Others – Week 4

Loyalty and faithfulness go hand in hand. For us to show loyalty we must be sure in what our beliefs and values are. Once these are established it allows us to remain truthful to who we really are and less likely to be swayed by whims, popular fashion and people who try to convince us to do things which run counter to our beliefs. Positively, it allows us to identify and strengthen the bonds with those who share our beliefs.

At Marian Catholic School a collective commitment to upholding our mission and striving to make real our vision and values allows us to demonstrate loyalty. Being faithful to our motto of "Bring Christ into the World" in our thoughts, words and actions acknowledges a living connection to the Catholic Church and the ideals proclaimed in the gospel.

"Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart"
Proverbs 3:3

Maori Language Phrase: Hei āpopo

See you tomorrow

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Markets at Marian – TONIGHT Bring the whole family to a fun evening! A huge range of market products for sale!

Date: **Tonight - November 8th**Time: **6pm – 8pm**Venue: **Gerry Sullivan Event Centre**Entry: **Gold Coin Donation**

All are welcome, so bring your friends and family, grab some crafty gifts for Xmas and have a night off cooking with American hot dogs (\$4) and burgers (\$6) available.

Cash only. There is truly something for everyone with hand crafted jewellery and toys, Christmas cakes and cards, slime, plants, candy, body scrubs and lotions etc. We will even have the latest graphic novel by a local author available - get a signed copy!

Principal's Reflection:

"Be who God wants you to be and you will set the world on fire" - Catherine of Sienna

New Administration Steps

Entering our school office is now an uplifting experience with the installation of the *Fruits of the Holy Spirit* signage. Using the colours of the rainbow to great effect, the importance of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit are celebrated by every visitor to our school. I would like to acknowledge Mrs Carol Berry, who retired last year, and instigated this lovely religious artwork for our school. I would like to thank Paul Martin for his creativity and help installing the signage.



Today there are many pressures on our young people as they grow and develop. I believe having clear sign posts of behaviour and how to treat others is now more important than ever. Here at Marian Catholic School we are so fortunate to be able to promote these important Gospel values in all that we do.

I found this lovely Fruits of the Holy Spirit prayer you may like to pray with your families:

Father,

However I am treated by other people – I pray that Your love may shine forth in me. Whatever happens in my life – I ask that Your peace and joy would abide within. No matter what difficulties I may encounter in life, teach me to be patient and kind in all my dealings with others and manifest the goodness and grace in me that only comes from You.

Lord, however hard times may become I pray that I may be gentle and self-controlled in my actions and attitudes and Father that I may be a good and faithful servant ... but Lord I thank You, that no matter what happens - even when I step away from You...You remain faithful...

Lord I know that I cannot develop the fruit of Your Holy Spirit through my own effort or will – but only as I rest in Christ.
Help me to abide in You I pray.... Amen

Remembrance Wall

During the month of November, we think especially of those people who have died. In the School Office a special Remembrance Wall has been created. We welcome anyone from our school and parish community to come into the Office and fill in a heart with the name of a loved family member or friend who has died.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Children's Christmas Choir:

Any students interested in singing in the Children's Choir at the Children's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass are invited to practise with Mr Malcolm Barr on Tuesdays at 12:50pm in the school Hall.

The Mass will be at 6pm on Sunday 24th December

Children to Meet Mr Barr on

Tuesday 14th at 12:50pm (straight after eating their lunch).



Christmas Ham Orders: We have been given the opportunity through Bidvest, to order Medallian brand (gluten free) half-hams, cooked on the bone. Cost is \$50.00 each with \$2.05 per ham going to the Welfare Fund. Please see order sheets for information.

Teams 3 and 4 Athletics on Monday 13th November.

Students who are being dropped directly to Porritt Stadium on Monday morning, please be there by 8.45am, with PE gear on, sneakers, sunhat, sunscreen, lunch and water. On arrival, Team 3 students are to make their way to the stands and Team 4 students are to gather under the trees to the left of the stand.

If you have indicated on the return slip and paid \$3, your child will travel to and from the stadium by bus, they need to be at school by 8.45am. Team 3 to the hall and team 4 to the atrium.

Students will be able to purchase a frozen juicie on the day for \$1.

If the weather is not good- check Facebook and the school website for the cancellation notice from 8am.

Late permission slips need to be returned ASAP to the classroom teacher. If the notice has been misplaced, go to www@marian.school.nz / Classrooms/Team 4/Newsletters and download from there.

Thanks, Team 3 and 4 Teachers.

Team 4 Camp, 2018: Parents hoping to attend camp as a helper, please collect or request the information pack. The last date to return the forms to the office is November 17th. Payment of \$160 for student fees can be paid at any time, into the School Account: **ASB 12 3152-0132786-00**. Please include "Camp Team 4" and your child's name in the windows provided. If you wish to discuss payment options, this can be done by contacting the school bursar Jeanette Stephens, JStephens@marian.school.nz

Juices: The Young Vinnies are organising juices to be sold for \$1.00 in week's 5-8. Teams 1 & 2 can buy their juices in the Hall and Teams 3 & 4 in the Atrium. All proceeds will go to a charity which is yet to be decided.

Team 1 and 2 Disco Thursday 23rd November, \$2 per child. Permission slips will come home next week. Snacks and glow sticks available on the night all proceeds to team 1 and 2. Great opportunity to meet other parents by volunteering to help out. Get in touch if you can help by contacting marianptfa@gmail.com

PTFA Calendars: All calendar orders need to be in with payment, by Nov 20 please. There are spare order forms in by the PTFA box in the office foyer.

Lost:

- A pair of black sandals named Fletcher Bruce on the side. Please return to Rm7a.
- A pair of black sandals named 'YJK'. Please return to Yeonjoon Kim Rm9.
- A left foot Roman Sandal (*Titan* brand) size 5L un-named and new. Please return to Jesse McNamara Rm21
- A PE Top named Jesse McNamara – please return to Rm21

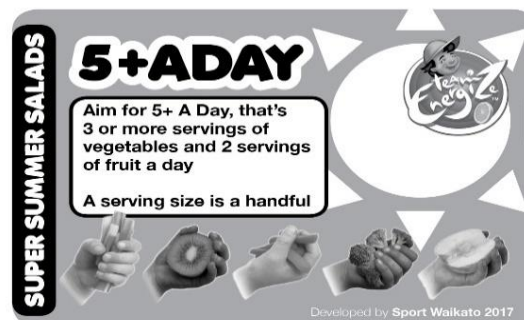
Found: A Left foot Roman (*Cambridge* Brand) is at the school office. Owner may have accidently taken Jesse's

Gifts for First Holy Communion: 'Rosa Mystica', the Catholic Shop at the Cathedral has lots of lovely gifts available. Open Thursday and Friday 8am to 4pm and every Sunday morning throughout Advent.

New stock arriving weekly.

Children will make their First Communion/Confirmation on Sunday 26 November at the 10:30am Mass.

Health Nugget for the Week:



Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$2.00 each

God Bless You

Debra A White
Principal

Flyers:

- Sport
- Ham Order