



Newsletter 3, Term 4

Date 30 October 2019

Focus for the Week

Gospel Reflection: Luke 18: 9-14

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Sunday's gospel we are given guidance in how we should pray in the parable of two men who are praying in the temple. The Pharisee in the parable is a good man who was devoted to the Church, fasted frequently, was generous with his contributions to charity and faithful to his marriage. He stood at the front of the temple with his head held high listing the many sacrifices he had made for the Lord. The tax collector stood towards the back of the temple with his head and eyes bowed, acknowledging his sinfulness and begging God's mercy.

We are told that the second man will be exalted and the first will be humbled. Real humility recognises that it is not our work but God's. A humble person says, 'There but for the grace of God, go I.' We thank and praise God, not for what we have become, but for his grace which has made all things possible.

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Welcome to week three and I trust you had an enjoyable Labour Week end. The beautiful weather on Sunday made me think of long summer evenings enjoying a BBQ with family and friends. Roll on our summer holidays.

Congratulations to all our teachers

"The success or failure of my students is about what I do. I am a change agent"

John Hattie

This week our teachers shared their 'Teaching Inquiries'. The fundamental purpose of teacher inquiry

is to achieve improved outcomes for all students. Each teacher completes a teaching inquiry as part of our appraisal system. A teaching inquiry involves each teacher researching effective ways of teaching, trialling different resources and interventions, identifying barriers to learning, developing positive partnerships, reflecting on their teaching practice, and raising student achievement. Teachers may choose to work collaboratively on their inquiries within their Learning Communities. I would like to congratulate all the teachers on their work with these inquiries which represents over two terms work.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Shannon Dons for winning a permanent tagged teaching position in our school. Mrs Dons has worked in our school for the past three years in part time and fixed term positions. It is fantastic to have you as a permanent member of staff.

Farewell

It is with regret I announce the resignation of Mrs Alison Hepburn. Mrs Hepburn is our Out of School Music Co-ordinator, and violin and orchestra teacher. Mrs Hepburn has worked part time in our school for the past twelve years. Mrs Hepburn leaves us to take up a position at the Northern Health School.

On behalf of the school community and the many music students I would like to acknowledge the huge contribution Mrs Hepburn has made to the music education in our school and local community. This Thursday, 31st October we will be having our annual Out of School Music concert which will be Mrs Hepburn's last concert.

We wish Mrs Hepburn all the very best in her new position and may you always feel the love and



belonging of the Marian Catholic School community. May God bless you always.

Mission Day acknowledgement

Last week I received a beautiful letter from the Marist Brothers Community, Kiribati thanking us for our donation we raised on our Mission Day.

"On behalf of the Marist Brothers in Kiribati I extend our deep gratitude for the recent fundraising effort by your Marian School in Hamilton. As Sister Anne Sklenars RNDM informs me, through the amazing efforts of your teachers and children, you have raised around \$3,000. What a wonderful spirit it shows in your school.

These funds that have been raised will be made available to three Champagnat Marist Pre-schools which we are supporting as part of our Marist mission here on the Atoll of Tarawa in Kiribati. Pre-school education is still largely in its early stages in Kiribati. We Marist Brothers, with the support of our Mission Stewardship team, comprised of five Lay Champagnat Marists and two Brothers, are overseeing and supporting the Catholic, Marist and professional development our three pre-schools and ensuring they meet Catholic Education Office and Government requirements." Brother Barry Burns

Once again thank you all for your generosity and as you can read above is making a huge difference in the lives of the children and teachers in Kiribati.

DIWALI

Our Teacher-Aide, Mrs Florence Chatelier shares her culture and the special festival with our students.

Diwali is an important Hindu festival also known as the 'Festival of Lights'. During Diwali people light lamps called 'diyas' in their homes which symbolises the victory of light over darkness, or good over evil.

Diwali is five days long – each day having a different significance and different prayer rituals. On the first day, it is considered auspicious to buy gold jewellery.

On the second day, people light lamps and decorate the entrance to their homes with colourful 'Rangolis'.

On the third day, which is Diwali, people wear new clothes and give gifts to their family and friends. A lot of Indian sweets and savoury dishes are prepared and shared with family and friends. Children light firecrackers too. The fourth day is the beginning of the new year. The fifth day is a day when brothers visit their married sisters who welcome them with a meal.

Diwali is celebrated around the globe and many countries hold multicultural events to mark this day. Rangolis signify showering of good luck and prosperity



on the house and family. At Marian Catholic School, Diwali was celebrated by drawing of colourful Rangolis by our Indian Cultural Club at various places in the school. All students of the school joined with

them as one community in creating these colourful patterns and celebrating together. We would like to wish all our Marian Catholic School community a very Happy Diwali!

Ngā mihi nui
Debra White
PRINCIPAL



D.R.S. Corner



Special Dates

1 November: All Saints Day

2 November : All Souls Day

Our heavenly family – Those men and women of virtue and faith who lead lives of holiness, courage and generosity and are now saints in heaven. Their heroic lives inspire us and provide excellent role models for our children. Some families like to pray the 'Litany of the Saints', calling on favourite saints to "pray for us".

Our deceased family member – This is a good time to recall fond memories of our loved ones, go through



old photo albums, visit their grave sites, and of course, pray for them. Children enjoy lighting candles and saying prayers for loved ones.

Our living family – We shy away from talking about death, but really, death is the surest reality of our lives. This feast reminds us to reflect on our priorities and make the most of every opportunity to express our love and affection for those close to us. Use this time to affirm a saintly quality or virtue that you see in each family member.

From <https://cathfamily.org/author/cathfamily/>

School Mass

This *Thursday 31st October*, we will celebrate our Saints Day Mass beginning at 9.10am. Learning Community 5 (LC5), will be taking responsibility for different roles in this Mass. A special welcome to any parents and parishioners who are able to attend.



Parish School MASS

This Sunday we have our **Parish / School Mass on Sunday 2nd November at 10.30am** in the Cathedral. All students are invited to attend with LC1 and 2 taking responsibility for different roles in this Mass. We ask that all students attending this Mass *wear their school uniform* so that the parishioners are able to recognise the students from their Parish School.

MISSION DAY

It was lovely to receive the email from Br Barry, Marist brother from Kiribati, acknowledging the donation of \$3,000 from our Mission Day. (refer to Mrs White's Principal message) .

God Bless,
Nicki Whyte DRS

Welcome

We warmly welcome into our school, the following students and their families; Mikhayel Nelvalle Joseph (Rm 2), Olive Mooney (Rm2), Noah Gomez Krebs (Rm2). May you enjoy your time here at Marian Catholic School and make many friends.

You are highly recommended to attend...

WE NEED YOU!

The BOT urgently needs your attendance at a 30-min meeting regarding the Ministry of Education's School Donation Scheme for 2020. This scheme will affect the quality of education and extra-curricular activities available to your child at Marian School.

The BOT has investigated the Scheme and its implications and would like to share their views and receive your input.

The government has provided a very short time frame for our decision, which has to be made by November the 14th.

We strongly urge everyone to attend one of the two meeting times on **Monday 4th. November at 2.30-3pm** (in the Staffroom) and **7-7.30pm** (in the GSEC).

We encourage 100% attendance.

Thank you!

Marian Catholic School Board of Trustees

PTFA Notices

Honey orders

Last day for honey orders. All orders need to be in by 9.00am Thursday 31st October. Paper forms are available from the office, alternatively contact marianptfa@gmail.com

Save the Date - Friday 13th December

Carols by Twilight will be held on Friday 13th December at Marian school. This is a family and community event showcasing performances by all our students with groups from our wider community also performing. Families can bring a picnic and enjoy the entertainment.

The PTFA are planning on having food trucks so if you have a food truck and would like to be involved please contact marianptfa@gmail.com

Next PTFA Meeting

Wednesday 13th November at 7.00pm. All welcome.



Bereavement

- We offer our deepest sympathies to Sr Ann Sklenars whose much loved brother, Brian Sklenars passed away last Friday.
 - We also send our sympathies to Caleb, Connor and Megan Giles, whose much loved great-grandmother passed away.
- May they rest in peace.

Celebrating Success

- Antonia Cuthers** made the Cook Islands under 12 girls touch team for the upcoming Pacific Cup. She will play against NZ Maori, Samoa and Niue.

Dates to Remember

31 Oct	All Saints Mass
31 Oct	Last day for Honey Orders 9am
31 Oct	Twilight Concert
1 Nov	Last day for Calendar orders
4 Nov	MOE School Donation Scheme
8 Nov	LC4 tee ball
11 Nov	LC4/LC5/8yr olds Athletics
18 Nov	CIS Athletics (LC5)
20 Nov	Solo Singing Comp – LC5
21 Nov	Vision & Hearing
27 Nov	WFPA Athletics (LC%5)

This Week's Health Nugget

BE SIZE WISE

Snacks are a mini meal to get us through to the next main meal, so watch your portion sizes and keep snacks small.

LUNCH

SNACK

1/2 Sandwich + small handful of nuts

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Sausage Sizzle this week

This Friday - \$2.00 per sausage.

Sport Notices

Marian Catholic School Sports Notice Wednesday 30 October 2019

FUTSAL

Friday 1 November

Marian Y7&8 vs Titans Futsal @ 7.30pm @ Hillcrest High 2
Marian Colts vs Predators @ Waikato Dio
Marian Brumbies vs Northern Utd U9 Panthers @ 5.15pm @ The Peak Crt 3



White 6.00pm

<http://www.waipopfootball.co.nz/FUTSAL/Leagues/Waikato-Junior-DrawsResults>

WATERPOLO

Sunday 3 November

Marian Sharks vs Berkley Green @ 2.50pm @ Waterworld Te Rapa



FLIPPABALL

Sunday 3 November

Marian Dolphins – draw unavailable at time of publishing

TOUCH

Monday 4 November

Draw unavailable at time of publishing



<https://www.sporty.co.nz/steeleparkjunrtouch/>

SUMMER HOCKEY

Monday 4 November

Marian Y3&4 vs Aberdeen Swords @ 4.45pm @ Water 1 QB

https://drawsresults.sportsrunner.net/?org=WKH&sport=SI&output=&gradenumber=5&switchgrade=1&date_from=1571050800000&date_to=1571655599000

CRICKET

Friday 1 November

Marian Heat vs Matangi School @ 5.30pm @ Matangi School
Marian Blasters vs St Peter Chanel Caps @ 5.30pm @ Marian Catholic School



Saturday 2 November

Saints United Premis vs Southwell 1st XI @ 10.00am
@ Waikato Uni – 3
Saints United Development vs Morrinsville Piako 2nds
Blue @ 9.00am @ Morrinsville Rec - 2
Marian Titans vs Maeroa Int Falcons @ 9.00am @
Maeroa Intermediate - 1
Marian Knights vs Waitomo Wolves @ 9.00am @ Te
Kuiti Domain 1
Marian Wizards vs Pirongia Pacers @ 9.00am @
Waikato Uni - 4

Draws can be found at:

<https://www.hamiltoncricket.co.nz/primary-intermediate/>

Junior Team of Two (8-10 years): Swim 100m, Cycle 4km, Run 1.5km

Senior Team of Two (11-15 years): Swim 150m, Cycle 8km, Run 1.5km

Click the link below to register under our Marian School Group

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35575&G=99860>

Melissa Nelson

sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz

LACROSSE

Saturday 2 November

Saints United Storm vs Berkley Falcons
@ 2.00pm @ Tamahere Park – Field 4



WEETBIX TRYATHLON

DATE: Morning of Sunday, 16 February 2020

LOCATION: Waikato University Fields, Hamilton East, Waikato

ENTRY AGE: Entry is open to all 6 to 15 year olds
(Based on age on event day)

ENTRY OPTIONS

Splash&Dash 6 years
Individual TRYathlon 7 – 15 years
Junior Team 7 – 10 years
Senior Team 11- 15 years



Both team members must meet age requirements.
Teams can be mixed gender (i.e boy / girl). One team member completes the swim, one team member completes the cycle and both complete the run.

EVENT DISTANCES

Individual Age Group

6 years: Swim 50m, Run 1.5km

7 years: Swim 50m, Cycle 4km, Run 1.5km

8-10 years: Swim 100m, Cycle 4km, Run 1.5km

11-15 years: Swim 150m, Cycle 8km, Run 1.5km

Teams - Age Group

Junior Team of Two (7 years): Swim 50m, Cycle 4km, Run 1.5km



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