



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Virtue for this term is: **JUSTICE**



Mr Brian Belczacki

We continue to keep Mr Belczacki in our thoughts and pray for his speedy recovery.

"..May God be with you and Bless you always.."



What is Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.



Palm Sunday is known as such because palms are used to participate in the re-enactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey while the townspeople threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of respect. Palm branches are widely recognized as a symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace. A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter.



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TERM DIARY

Wk 10	Friday 7 th Apr: Whole School Assembly, 2.15-2.45pm, Hall. First Reconciliation, 6pm @ Church. Sun 9 th Apr: PALM SUNDAY
Wk 11	Mon 10 th Apr: HOLY WEEK Prayer Ass 8.55am Virtue: JUSTICE Thurs 13 th Apr: Holy Thursday Easter Liturgy in church@1.30pm Fri 14 th Apr: GOOD FRIDAY – END OF TERM 1
EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
Wk 1	Mon 1 st May: Term 2 Commences Prayer Ass 8.55am Virtue:

Please check the online version of the school calendar by following the link: http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1/embedded_items/1-school-calendar as this is updated as events or changes come.

A quote from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

'Never let anyone, any duty, any place, any thing, take the place that God so justly covets in our poor hearts'.



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St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

...Pray for us

Please join us for our Easter Liturgy led by the children in the church at 1.30pm on Thursday 13th April.
Children may go home with parents after Mass.

WARNING... Parents and Caregivers are urged to be aware and vigilant around the Te awamutu district after a male from a grey Toyota Cynos has approached children waiting for their bus. Let's take a sensible but cautious approach to this, and keep our children safe in their travels to and from school, eg walking with a buddy etc, The number plate is: **YT1713**

Our Vision: 'To provide 21st century learning in a Catholic environment which empowers children to strive for excellence'.

Pumpkin carnival...

On Sunday Luis and Jamie entered the Great Pumpkin Carnival at Hamilton Gardens. Luis won first place for decorating a pumpkin to look like a fish in the Best Pumpkin Creation



category. Luis and Jamie came second and third for their pumpkin scones with white chocolate and dates. Rob Waddell gave out the certificates and prizes. Jamie's creation, the sunbathing ninja was awesome. Luis made a carved pumpkin into a magic magician and a walking hog. Later that night we all had 'walking hog' soup. Yummy!

Sick Children at School... We are experiencing a high number of students being sent to school unwell. If your child is feeling unwell in the morning please keep them at home to avoid spreading infections and viruses. The number of children coming to us repeating messages from their parents re their health is causing us concern.

R 10 Ceiling... This morning we arrived at school to discover that part of the R 10 ceiling had collapsed overnight. There is obviously an issue with a leaking roof that has apparently been leaking for a while. We have checked that there is no asbestos involved but have had to move the class out because there is a mould issue. We are having a meeting with the Catholic Integrated Schools Office this afternoon and decisions will be made from there. We will keep you informed.

Good News BYOSD Devices... Cyclone have informed us that there is a new strategy for putting security onto the windows devices. Microsoft have just developed intune which is FREE and will help us manage those windows devices within our google curriculum. It will take a few weeks next term to install intune onto those devices. PLEASE ensure that your children purchase Chromebooks for school as NO windows devices will be accepted from now on.

Devices...

We are currently disposing of our old computers, monitors etc. Marcus Gower has sourced an outlet in Auckland that will take them. If you have any old technology devices you would like to get rid of, gather them up over the holidays. We will collect them early in Term 2 and dispose of them for \$10.00 per item.

Lucky Book Club - Orders for Issue 2 are to be in to the school office no later than Friday 7 April.

Uniform Shop... We have purchased the remaining stock from Uniformity and will be selling this and second hand uniforms from school on Wednesday mornings from 8.15am. Thank you very much to Lynlee Karl who has

spent several hours unpacking and organising the stock and has volunteered to run the uniform shop. If you need to purchase uniform items please try our shop first and we will suggest where you can find items we do not have.

Secondhand uniforms... Most items \$10. Please call Susanne 027 571 4176.

Winter Uniform Reminder...

Remember, that we change into winter uniform in Term 2 and 3. This usually is 'no hats' but while the sun is still quite high in the sky we will continue with these. Please ensure 'proper' school shoes are worn, these are to be leather, non-high or low heel for safety. Fashion and sports shoes are not acceptable. The girls are to wear navy blue (below the knee) socks and the boys are to wear navy socks with maroon stripe.



Remember our correct footwear...

Regulation Shoes

Plain black with no extra colour, decoration or labelling.

Shoes must be able to be polished.



Non Regulation Shoes

The following assortment of shoes are NOT compliant with our school uniform regulations.





Lost Property... Blake Haora has misplaced his P.E top size 6. Please check your child's bag and any items of clothing to ensure they have not accidentally taken someone else's belongings. If found please return to Blake in room 2.

- Adam Chapman's phone has gone missing from school, a white iPhone 4s, black fold over case with two cards inside. It was signed in to the office on Monday 3rd April and was taken. If you have mistakenly taken the phone please return it to the office.

Wanted... Newspapers needed for art in the senior classes. If you have any old but clean newspapers, please take them to room 10.

Sacramental Programme Dates – 2017

These classes commenced last Sunday. Our date for the Confirmation and First Holy Communion **Sunday 2nd July at 10.30am Mass.**

The First Reconciliation will be held this Friday April 6th at 6pm in the church. The Programme will resume in Term 2 with the Confirmation and Eucharist/First Holy Communion components. Sessions will be held on Sundays 7th, 14th, and 21st May (For Confirmation) and 28th May, 11th and 18th June (Focusing on the Eucharist). On Sunday 25th June is the practice for the Confirmation/First Holy Communion Mass. Meetings for parents; 2nd April, 7th May, and 11th June.

PTA NEWS

Silene Wine Fundraiser

Please keep the orders coming through. We have until tomorrow Friday 7th April, and then delivery the following week in time for the school holidays. Even a single bottle order is very welcome. For very twelve bottles we sell we receive \$40 back to the school!

Contact Person

Please feel free to contact Tania 0275360492 / tania.penliz@gmail.com anytime if you have anything that you would like to chat about regarding the PTA.

SPORTS NEWS

Fred Amess... Reminder this tournament is this Sunday 9th April at 8.30am at Sherwin Park, Te Awamutu. Please be there rain, hail or shine.

Top Schools... Reminder this competition is this Sunday 9th April in Te Kowhai at the school and will continue rain, hail or shine.

God Bless

C. M. Sutton

Cass Sutton
Acting Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

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Mass Times

Palm Sunday 9th April 2017

(Sat Vigil) 5pm St Patrick's Te Awamutu

Sunday Masses

9:30am St George's Te Kuiti

10:30am St Patrick's Te Awamutu

11:30am Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Otorohanga

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE (Year A)

Tuesday 11th April, Mass of Chrism, 6pm@Cathedral Grey st, Hamilton.

Wednesday 12th April, Mass 9.15am@ Te Awamutu;
11am Te Kuiti

HOLY THURSDAY 13th April

Mass 7pm, Te Awamutu, Otorohanga, Te Kuiti

Time of watching and waiting – "Stay with Me" – following Mass

GOOD FRIDAY 14th April

9am Otorohanga – Stations of the Cross

10am Te Awamutu – Procession of Witnesses

HOLY SATURDAY 15th April

Easter vigil Te Awamutu 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY 16th April

Te Awamutu 10am

Sunday's Gospel Reading: 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!.' Matt 21:1-11.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Just a reminder that the ceremony where the children will make their First Confession is tomorrow at 6pm.

Children are to be at the church at 5:50pm. The three reconciliation lessons must be completed and children need to bring their books on Friday evening so we can collect them and keep them safe until our confirmation lessons begin on 7th May.

It is important that you keep up your commitment to the programme by attending Sunday mass during our break in lessons.



The events of Holy Week

Next week is Holy Week, one of the most important times in the Church's Liturgical calendar. Holy Week is the last week of Lent, when we follow Jesus from the events of Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion, to his death on the Cross on Good Friday and finally to his Resurrection from the Dead on Easter Sunday.

Sunday

Palm Sunday 9th April 2017

In the time of Jesus...

Jesus enters Jerusalem on a colt accompanied by his disciples. The crowds were overjoyed to see him and covered the streets ahead of him with cloaks and palms.



For us in 2017...

At Mass this **Sunday 9th April @ 10:30am**, We re-enact the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem by starting our Mass outside of the church. Palms are blessed and we all process into church. We listen to the Gospel account of the Passion of Jesus which sets the scene for the week.



Monday

Monday 10th April 2017

In the time of Jesus...

Jesus chases the money-changers out of the temple saying that the temple is his Father's house of prayer.



For us in 2017...

We are on Monday of Holy Week, how has our Lenten observance gone? Have we become people of fasting, prayer and almsgiving?

Tuesday & Wednesday

Tuesday & Wednesday 11th & 12th April 2017

In the time of Jesus...

Jesus preached and taught in the temple in Jerusalem while the Chief Priests plotted on how they could capture Jesus.



For us in 2017...

During this week, a **Chrism Mass** (or the Mass of the Oils) is celebrated in every Cathedral throughout the world when the Bishop of the Diocese blesses the Oils to be used by Parishes for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders for the coming year. In our Diocese this is celebrated at the Cathedral in Hamilton **@ 6pm on Tuesday 11th April 2017**. Members of our parish and students from the school will attend this Mass and bring back the Oils to our community. All priests are expected to attend this celebration with their Bishop who leads them in a re-commitment of their priestly vocation.



Thursday – Feast of the Passover.

Holy Thursday 13th April 2017

In the time of Jesus...

Jesus calls his disciples together to celebrate the Jewish Feast called the 'Passover' and washes their feet. He later eats with them instituting the Sacrament of Holy Communion/Eucharist as he says the words, **'This is my body.. This is my Blood'.**



Later Jesus takes his closest apostles into the Garden of Gethsemane where He goes to pray. It is here that Jesus is arrested. He is taken before Chief Priests in the Jewish court, the Sanhedrin. Peter follows and is questioned whether he is a follower of Jesus by various people. Peter denies ever knowing Jesus as Jesus had foretold... "By the time the cock crows you will have denied me three times." Peter remembers these words and scripture records Peter as, "Going away and weeping bitterly." **Jesus' persecution has begun....**

For us in 2017...

Today the school will have an Easter Liturgy when we recall the Passion & Resurrection of Jesus by re-enacting these events in the church at 1:45pm.

Later as a parish community, we celebrate the Mass of the Last Supper (**at 7pm**) at which time Fr Joe re-enacts Jesus' actions of washing the feet of disciples (in our case some parishioners).



We celebrate the 'last' Eucharist and as the Mass concludes the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the church as we too enter into the time of remembrance of Jesus' persecution.

After this service, we are encouraged to

'stay awhile and pray.'

(until 10pm)

Friday – the eve of the Sabbath

Good Friday 14th April 2017

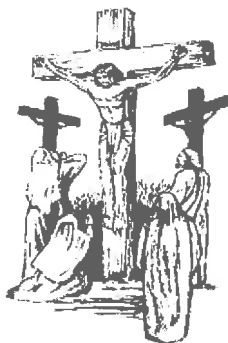
In the time of Jesus...

Jesus is taken to the Roman Court, before Pontius Pilate. He is questioned closely, **"Who are you?"** asks Pontius Pilate. He is



whipped and scourged and taken by Pontius Pilate out before the people. The crowds reply is, **'Crucify Him! Crucify Him!'**.

Jesus takes up his cross and is taken through the streets of Jerusalem and out to the place of the skull – Golgotha. There he is



crucified.

After three hours nailed to a cross

Jesus dies.

Later in the day, as it is almost the day of the Sabbath, Jesus' body is removed from the cross and placed in a tomb nearby with a large stone covering the entrance.

A sentry is placed at the entrance so that Jesus' body is not stolen and the story spread that Jesus had risen from the dead (as he had foretold he would).

For us in 2017...

Good Friday is a **day of fast** and abstinence where Catholics abstain and modify their food intake where Catholics are to abstain from meat.

There is an ecumenical 'Procession of Witness' @ **10am** starting at St Patrick's Church and finishing at St John's Anglican Church.

We commemorate the Passion of Jesus at a service that starts at **3pm on Friday 14th April** in the church.

This ceremony has the following parts:

1. The Reading of the Passion of Jesus
2. Solemn Prayers of the Faithful
3. Veneration of the Cross
4. Holy Communion



Saturday – The Sabbath Day.

Saturday 15th April 2017

In the time of Jesus....



As this day is the day of the Sabbath, Jesus' body is left to lie in the tomb to be attended to and prepared for a proper burial on the next day.

For us in 2017...

The church is bare of cloths and the tabernacle is empty and open. On this day we remember and pray with Jesus in the tomb. There are no church services during the day, on this day.

IN STILLNESS
EARTH AWAITS
THE RESURRECTION

Sunday

Easter Sunday 16th April 2017

In the time of Jesus...

It is very late on Saturday evening / early Sunday morning when the sentry guarding the tomb flee the area and are too frightened to even speak of what they saw.....

It is early morning and the women arrive at the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. They see that the stone is rolled back from the entrance. They enter the tomb and are told that Jesus has risen from the dead. They rush off to tell the Apostles.



"Who are you looking for?

The man you are looking for is not here, for He has Risen!"



For us in 2017...

Our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection begins with the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening....

Easter Vigil

The Vigil Mass is divided into four parts:

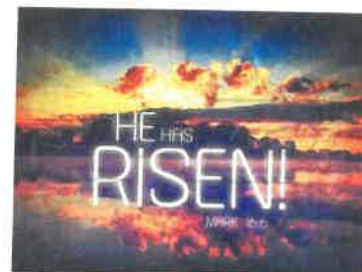
1. Service of light – the Pascal Candle is lit
2. Liturgy of the Word.
3. Liturgy of Baptism – Renewal of Baptismal promises.
4. Liturgy of the Eucharist.

In our church this begins on **Saturday 15th April @ 7pm.**



Mass of the Resurrection

We celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord with a special Easter Sunday Mass @ **10:30am on Sunday 16th April 2017**



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