



In Faith, Hope and Love
Together

Religious Education Newsletter

Term 2 - 2018



For all who exalt themselves will be humbled,
and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Luke 14:11



This Term's Virtue is *Humility*.

"I show humility when I am myself and don't worry about impressing other people. I am aware of my ability and desire to be a better person. When I do something wonderful, humility reminds me to be thankful rather than boastful."

What is Humility?

When you are humble you don't act as if you are more important than other people. You are happy to serve others and think other people's needs are important. You don't expect yourself or others to be perfect and you don't criticise others or yourself. You admit mistakes and learn from them - sometimes mistakes are our best teachers!

Why practise it?

With humility, instead of comparing ourselves to others, we are grateful for what we can do. Humility helps us to treat others as equals, different yet equal.

How do you practise it?

To practise humility, don't worry about impressing other people - just be yourself and do your best.
Instead of worrying about mistakes, be eager to learn from them. Ask for help when you need it.

When you are wrong, admit it, and then change your behaviour.

Strive to be a little bit better today than you were yesterday.

When you do something wonderful, humility remind you to be thankful instead of boastful.

Dear Parents/Caregivers



Sunday Mass: This term we are celebrating Mass with Holy Trinity Parish at 9am, Sunday 27 May. This is the Feast of the Holy Trinity, our parish Feast Day.

School Mass: Our school Mass this Term is at 9am Friday 8 June to celebrate the Feast of The Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents not simply Jesus' physical heart but His love for all people. Our devotion to the Sacred Heart is an expression of our faith in His mercy.

In June Mr Atherton and I will be attending the Catholic Education Convention, which brings together Catholic educators, Bishops, priests, school trustees and others associated with our national Catholic education system. The theme of the Convention is

Te karanga ta te Karaiti: kia arohaina, kia ora, kia tina
Christ's call: to love, to be, to do.



God bless,

Catherine Quinn, DRS



Pope Francis @Pontifex · 24h

Convert our hearts, Lord, so that love may spread here on earth.



Pope Francis @Pontifex · Apr 22

God calls each one of us, and each call is a gift that should fill us with joy.

School Masses and Liturgical Celebrations

Sunday 27 May	9am	School Parish ~ Mass Feast of Holy Trinity
Friday 8 June	9am	School Mass ~ Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus
Friday 6 July	2:30pm	Benediction

Classes will be attending 9am Mass on Fridays:

Week 2: Room 3	Week 3: Rooms 1 & 2	Week 4: Room 5	Week 5: Room 4
Week 6: School Mass	Week 7: Room 3	Week 8: Rooms 1 & 2	Week 9: Room 5
Week 10: Room 4			

The following is a brief summary of the Holy Spirit/*Te Wairua Tapu* Strand and the God/*Te Atua* Strand to be covered by each class:

Year	Holy Spirit Strand Summary	God Strand Summary
1	God the Holy Spirit The Holy Spirit is God - the third person of the Trinity. We use symbols like fire and wind for the action of the power of the Holy Spirit, and we can see signs of the Holy Spirit at work in people's lives. Family/Whanau Book: Pg 18	God is Creator God is the creator of all that is and keeps it in being. Each person is God's unique creation made in love for love. We praise God for all the good gifts of creation, both seen and unseen. Family/Whanau Book: Pg 17
2	The Holy Spirit in People's Lives We can respond to the Holy Spirit at work in our lives in many ways. Two important ways the Holy Spirit is at work in the church, the people of God - is through prayer and the Eucharist. Family/Whanau Book: Pg 21	Our Gracious God God's gifts to people are a sign of God's love. God's greatest gift is Jesus who showed us God is a loving and forgiving Father. People are called to appreciate God's gifts and be grateful for them. Family/Whanau Book: Pg 20
3	Fruits of the Spirit The fruits of the Holy Spirit are traditionally listed as: love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. It is God's work through the Holy Spirit which enables people to exercise their mana and bear these fruits. It is again the Holy Spirit who helps us to recognise when we have violated tapu and have sinned. Through the Holy Spirit we can learn to forgive and be forgiven. Family/Whanau Book: Pg 24	God is Present in the World God is present in the world, in creation, and ' speaks to people through the Scriptures, especially when they are proclaimed in the church. God is active through people who accept his gift of grace and God's activity in the world is expressed through different cultures. Family/Whanau Book: Pg 23
4	Pentecost The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost revealed the Trinity to the Church, and enables people to live like Jesus, and to know the Father. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus fulfilled his promise to be with his followers, through CHURCH, WORD and SACRAMENT. Family/Whanau Book: Pg 27	God is Love God is the mystery of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. People show love and respect the gift of God's creation because it is tapu. God's love expressed through the Ten Commandments. Family/Whanau Book: Pg 26
5/6	Titles and Symbols of the Holy Spirit We gain appreciation of the role of the Holy Spirit through a knowledge and understanding of the titles and symbols for the Holy Spirit found in Scripture and the tradition of the Church. Family/Whanau Book: Pg 30	God is Faithful God is always faithful. This is one of the basic messages in the Scriptures. God calls people into a relationship sealed with a covenant. People may go back on their word and so awful things can happen, but God's love is constant. In the new covenant of Jesus, we are called to trust in God and to build up God's Kingdom or reign on earth. Family/Whanau Book: Pg 29



The Family/Whanau Book can be viewed or downloaded as a PDF on Faith Alive website (<http://www.faithalive.org.nz/>) under the Families tab.



The Holy Spirit ~ Te Wairua Tapu



God, the Holy Spirit...

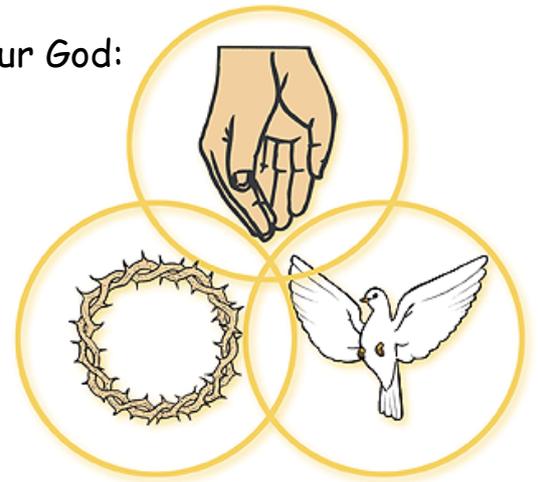
- ❖ gives life and help to all of creation.
- ❖ creates and inspires all human beings.
- ❖ is the power of God who inspires good works in people.
- ❖ is the Spirit of life, love and truth, to be freely shared with others.
- ❖ is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

The Holy Trinity

Whenever we make the Sign of the Cross we name our God:
"the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit".

This is an outward sign of our faith.

By this action we prepare ourselves to pray to our God, recognising that we pray to the Father who created us, the Son who walked among us, and to the Holy Spirit who guides us in our daily lives.



By this action we recall the unity and love between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and the invitation to each of us to share in that relationship.

The Sign of the Cross *Ko te Tohu o te Rīpeka*

In the name of the
Father,
Ki te ingoa o te Matua,
and of the Son,
o te Tamaiti,
and of the Holy Spirit.
o te Wairua Tapu.
Amen.



Our Prayer

God the Father, we thank you for creating us to live in this beautiful world.

God the Son, we thank you for being born of Mary, for dying and rising again for us.

God the Holy Spirit, we thank you for filling us with the new life of grace, making us strong in faith, hope and love.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, One God in Three Persons.