



Religious Education Newsletter

Term 3 - 2020



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,



Catholic Parish of
Christchurch North

On Monday Megan Stewart and Monique Kearns, our Parish's Schools' Coordinators, spent time at school meeting with students, staff and a few parents. Their role is to support the schools in our parish and strengthen and develop relationships between the schools and parish. We are looking forward to working with them.

School Mass: Our school Mass this Term is at 9am Friday 14 August. We will be having a Votive Mass for Mary, to mark the Feast of the Assumption.



First Holy Communion: Please pray for these Year 4 students who will be receiving Jesus for the first time at St Mathews Church, 16 August at 1pm.

Chin Lung, Claudia, Declan, Ella, Kaya, Samuel and Sophia.

10 Cent Tuesdays: On Tuesdays, the children are encouraged to bring 10 cent coins as a contribution to our fundraising efforts for Missionz and Caritas. Ideally, they will be generous with their own money or undertake extra chores at home.



God bless,

Catherine Quinn, DRS

School Masses and Liturgical Celebrations

Friday 14 August 9am School Mass

Sunday 16 August 1pm First Holy Communion

Wednesday 2 September 9:30am Opening and Blessing of the Chapel and Classrooms:

Saturday 5th 5pm and Sunday 6th September 10:30am Parish Mass "Celebrating Our New Parish"

Classes will be attending 9am Mass on Fridays:

Week 3: Room 3 **Week 4:** School **Week 5:** Rooms 1 & 2 **Week 6:** Room 5

Week 7: Room 4 **Week 8:** Room 3 **Week 9:** Rooms 1 & 2 **Week 10:** Room 5

The following is a brief summary of the Sacrament/*Hakarameta* Strand and the Church/*Te Whanau a Te Karaiti* Strand to be covered by each class:

Room	Sacrament Strand Summary	Church Strand Summary
1	<p>Holiness: People are reminded of the holiness of God through places, times, objects, and rituals. We can discover God in the world which he created and gifted to people to care for and enjoy. The Eucharist is a time to gather in worship and praise of God who is holy. Family/Whanau Book: Page 19</p>	<p>Belonging: We belong to, participate and celebrate in communities such as family, school and parish. The church is a community of Christ's followers called together by the Holy Spirit to carry on Christ's mission in life today. Family/Whanau Book: Page 18</p>
2	<p>Welcome: Baptism is a time in which we encounter Christ in a special way. In the Rite of Baptism with its rituals and symbols, people are welcomed into the Church, and given a share in the holiness and life of the Trinity. Family/Whanau Book: Page 22</p>	<p>Gathering, Celebrating, Living God's Presence: Our local parish, as it gathers, celebrates, lives and prays as a community; it is part the Church which Jesus founded, and is a sign which brings about God's presence and love in the world. Belonging to a parish is both a privilege and a responsibility. Family/Whanau Book: Page 21</p>
3	<p>Forgiveness: The Sacrament of Reconciliation restores our friendship with God. It is an experience of forgiving and healing, of taking responsibility for personal sin and expressing sorrow. Family/Whanau Book: Page 25</p>	<p>Called to be like Jesus: The Scriptures record how Jesus called his disciples and apostles to follow him. Those who have been initiated into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, are called to carry on the mission of Jesus. They do this by worshipping God, serving and loving others, and always acting with faith and justice. Family/Whanau Book: Page 24</p>
4	<p>Food for Life: Times for reflection are invitations to experience the sign of God's presence in the world. The greatest signs of God's presence are the sacraments whose symbols, rituals and celebrations paralleled those of daily life. Through the actions of the Holy Spirit, the Eucharist - bread/wine - becomes the body and blood of the Jesus. Family/Whanau Book: Page 28</p>	<p>Called to Serve: Through Baptism all are called to holiness and service, lived out through various vocations: single, married, religious life or priesthood. As members of the Church we are called to carry out its mission of service. Family/Whanau Book: Page 27</p>
5	<p>Healing: Each sacrament makes present its own special grace or gift from God. There are times in the lives of all people when they are in need of healing in body/soul. The Sacrament of Penance and the Anointing of the Sick, bring people the graces of reconciliation, healing, strength and peace. Family/Whanau Book: Page 31</p>	<p>The Church Celebrates: Central to the life of the church is worship of God through prayer, proclamation of the Word and celebration of sacraments. Central to this worship is the weekly celebration of the Eucharist on the Lord's day-Sunday. Family/Whanau Book: Page 30</p>



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.



Sacrament ~ Hakarameta



A Sacrament is a visible action of the Church where God is at work bringing grace.

Sacraments are sacred rituals of our Church that bring us God's grace and help us to celebrate God's work in us and in our community.

Our Catholic Church has seven Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage and Holy Orders.

Each Sacrament focuses on important times in our lives when we celebrate our relationship with God. At these times, we open ourselves to receive God's grace and to recognise it working within our lives..

The Feast of the Assumption



The 15th August is the day we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary's Assumption into heaven. By taking Mary body and soul to heaven, God is showing us how one day creation and people will again be made perfect and raised up like her. This day is also the patronal feast of Aotearoa because Mary Assumed into Heaven is the special Patron of New Zealand. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

As this date is on Saturday this year, it will be celebrated on Sunday the 16th.



Catholic Parish of
Christchurch North

Celebrating our new Parish

YOU ARE INVITED

On the weekend of Saturday 5th September and Sunday 6th September we will gather as the Catholic Parish of Christchurch North at St Bede's College gymnasium for Mass.

There will be just two Sunday Masses across the whole parish that weekend at St Bedes College.

Saturday, 5pm and Sunday, 10.30am

This will be a great chance to gather and farewell our old parishes and celebrate the beginning of our new parish.

Mark this weekend in your diaries.
further details will follow.